IPM Training in Public Housing

- The need for IPM in Public Housing Authorities (PHAs)
- Boston Housing Authority’s example
- The HUD-USDA Interagency Agreement
- What you can do

Who’s to blame for this?

- Corner of a bed bug infested mattress
- Back of a cockroach infested wall clock

www.StopPests.org
Who’s to blame for pests at a housing authority?

- Residents
- Housing Authority Staff
- Housing Authority Management
- Pest Control Company

Think like a pest...
Possibly involved: RFP and contract writers, inspectors, local health department, local university, non-profits…

The results of the team approach

- An inspection and monitoring system that finds pests
- A reporting system that identifies areas of improvement
- Units that are prepared to receive effective treatment
- Communication that empowers all
- Fewer pests
- A healthier environment
IPM works for public housing

“We do IPM because it is the right thing to do and because it works. Allowing our residents to live in a pest-free home is a basic service as well as a huge quality of life issue.”

—Gail Livingston
Director of Operations and Property Management
Boston Housing Authority

HUD-USDA IAA

Interagency Agreement between:

- U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (USDA-CSREES)
  - through the Northeastern IPM Center
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard Control Healthy Homes Initiative (HUD-OHHLHC)
Objectives

- Review and refine IPM training materials
- Develop, pilot, and deliver Train-the-Trainer Trainings (T4s)
- Develop, pilot, and deliver the IPM in Multifamily Housing Training for housing staff, contractors, and residents
- Develop a Resident’s Briefing
- Build the capacity of the Regional IPM Centers to support IPM training in housing

Delivery

- 4 T4 Trainings
- 12 IPM in Multifamily Housing Trainings throughout the 4 USDA Regions
- 1 Pilot Residents’ Briefing
Project Timeline

9/07
- Statement of work finalized
- Designed survey instrument
- Hired project coordinator

9/08
- Collaborated with EPA, CDC, NPMA, HUD, USDA, PA IPM, NCHH, NCEHS and the Regional IPM Centers to create “IPM in Multifamily Housing Training”
- Networked with housing authorities and IPM trainers

Project Timeline

9/09
- Make residents’ briefing video and IPM kit
- Design and deliver T4 training
- Deliver the IPM in Multifamily Housing Training at 5 housing authorities
**Project Timeline**

- **9/10**
  - Deliver the IPM in Multifamily Housing Training at housing authorities
  - Distribute IPM Kits and Residents’ Briefing videos
  - Support housing authorities in implementation efforts

**What you can do**

- Support IPM implementation efforts in affordable housing through funding
- Network programs who are helping implement IPM in affordable housing
For more information

- Wednesday 3:30pm: Building IPM in Affordable Housing through Strategic Partnerships
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