Conclusions and Next Steps

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Selling Points for IPM

- A system-wide approach to pest control that synergizes the efforts of maintenance, social workers, and pest control
- Has potential for great PR: partnerships, happy residents, higher inspection scores = more funding, "healthy", "sustainable", and "green"
- There is a business case: reduced transfer requests, reduced pest work orders, increased satisfaction with housing, cheaper in the long run
- IPM is a healthy and sustainable approach to reducing asthma triggers
- In the near future, IPM will be the required standard practice for pest control
- HUD webcast on IPM: www.hud.gov/webcasts/archive/multifamily.cfm
- It's not rocket science...it's cockroaches: take their food, water, shelter, and access points away
- NO ONE has to live with pests!
IPM is...

- An approach to pest control that uses the most economical means with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

- A healthy approach to pest control
  - Take measures to prevent infestations from growing
  - Eliminate the source of the problem while utilizing reduced risk pesticides if appropriate
  - Monitor and inspect regularly (in place of applying pesticides regularly) so that pest problems are dealt with quickly and efficiently
Next Steps

- Partner with local support organizations: faith-based, public health, asthma, universities, each other, and 🏛️
- Find resources that are already developed: pest factsheets, model RFPs, guidelines, training slides at stoppests.org, and 💡
Next Steps

Set up your "IPM Team:" property manager, maintenance staff, resident support services, pest control contractor, residents, and local support groups

- Encourage communication through documentation procedures
- Educate EVERYONE to think like a pest – know the enemy
- Focus efforts on accessing, inspecting, and getting resources to pest reservoirs
  - Trash handling areas
  - Homes of hoarders
  - Homes of the disabled
  - Homes in which illegal activities are occurring (privacy)

Communicate success stories by e-mailing aat25@cornell.edu
A SAMPLE of Resources

🔹 E-mail bedbugworks@gmail.com for bed bug recommendations report
  (will be released in the next 2 months)

🔹 Download training slides and resources from www.stoppests.org
  - T4: pdf notes for trainers
  - IPM in MFH: ppts and resources
  - Resident Briefing: video and IPM tools

🔹 Get more information from state IPM programs such as www.nysipm.cornell.edu/whats_bugging_you/default.asp
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