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 <u>bedbugworks@gmail.com</u> 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

