
Chapter 3

Methodology

The information contained in this Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice focuses on policies, procedures and practices within the jurisdiction that affect the location, availability and accessibility of housing, the current residential patterns, and other conditions related to fair housing choice. Impediments to fair housing include actions, omissions and decisions. In consideration of possible impediments, information was gathered from many different sources, including:

- ***Communication with people seeking fair housing***—Including clients of the Greenville County Human Relations Commission and attendants to the First Annual Affordable Housing Fair.
- ***Comments and information from public meetings, workshops and other public forums***—Including the proceedings of a housing luncheon with U.S. Representative Jim DeMint, City neighborhood meetings and Human Relations Commission outreach activities and workshops.
- ***Interaction and interviews with leaders, non-profit organizations and others***—Including formal and informal interviews with bankers, developers, realtors, planners, non-profit directors, housing counselors, lawyers, public officials and insurance agents.
- ***Neighborhood surveys***—Including comments from citizens in many parts of the County about types of housing they have and any impediments they have encountered.
- ***Survey of professionals in the housing industry***—Including qualitative surveys that were taken by property managers and landlords, realtors, insurers and lenders.
- ***Review of Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data***—Compilation and analysis of Home Mortgage Disclosure Act data from the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council for Greenville County.
- ***Review of public documents***—Including documents from the City of Greenville, the County of Greenville, the Appalachian Council of Governments, the U.S. Census Bureau, the South Carolina Office of Research and Statistics and others.