

Steps to Good Design

Good Design in Affordable Housing

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- *Involve target occupants and their goals for project*
- *Involve neighborhood and establish community-related design goals for project*
- *Analyze potential site (how it accommodates project requirements and provides access to amenities and services for residents)*
- *Analyze costs early in process and on-going*
- *Assemble quality project design team*
- *Consider operation and maintenance at all phases*
- *Identify and prioritize key design components (what will be the most effective to meet user needs, respond to context, and enhance the neighborhood)*

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- *Stress project's design quality in all funding and regulatory applications*
- *Identify and prioritize key construction materials, finishes, and systems that will ensure project life and long-term affordability*
- *Monitor bids and review any material, system, finish, hardware substitutions to ensure that design objectives, especially long-life, are not compromised*
- *Monitor construction to ensure that all key design, construction, and finish goals are met*
- *Create an operation and maintenance manual for project and determine an occupant training plan*