



## Market Assessment – 95 Vine Street Apartments (Hartford, CT)

### I. Description Of Property – MRD - Section 8 Program

***Subject Property Description & Location*** – The Subject Property (95 Vine Street Apts) is a 31-unit Family Housing complex located along Vine Street in the Upper Albany neighborhood of Hartford, CT. The complex features a mix of 2 and 3 bedroom units.

Parking at 95 Vine Street totals 35 spaces. Under the MRD Section 8 Housing Assistance Payment program applicable to this complex, rental subsidies to landlords cover the gap between the base rent and what the tenant is determined to be able to pay. According to program rules, rents are determined at 30% of adjusted income, 10% of Gross Income, of a Welfare Rent or \$25 minimum. However, at 95 Vine Street, eight residents pay no out of pocket rent, and two additional residents pay under the \$25 minimum.

Base rent ranges from \$920/m for the 2 bedroom, \$997/m for the three bedroom, while a utility allowance of \$129/ 2 bedroom and \$141/ 3 bedroom unit is provided. All of the the current tenants pay less than Base Rent.

Below is chart on unit mix.

#### 95 Vine Street

95 Vine St  
Hartford, CT 06112

Type	Property Type	Baths	# of units	Living Area SF	Base Rate
2 Bedroom	Apt	1	15	935 sf	\$920
3 Bedroom	Apt	1	16	1573 sf	\$997
<b>Total</b>			<b>31</b>		

#### Additional Property Info

<b>Property Type</b>	Family
<b>Program</b>	Family SH Moderate Rental Section 8
<b>Parking</b>	35
<b>Year Built</b>	1982
<b># of Buildings</b>	1
<b>Acres</b>	1
<b>Handicap Units</b>	4
<b>Vacancy</b>	1
<b>Waiting List</b>	12
<b>Owner</b>	Better Housing Associates

***Subject Property Features and Amenities –***

- Utilities Provided: *Tenant pays H&HW & Elec. (utility allowance provided)*
- Refrigerator: *Yes*
- Stove: *Yes*
- Microwave: *No*
- Laundry Room: *Yes*
- Hook-Up: *No*
- Community Room: *No*
- Elevators: *Yes*
- Other:

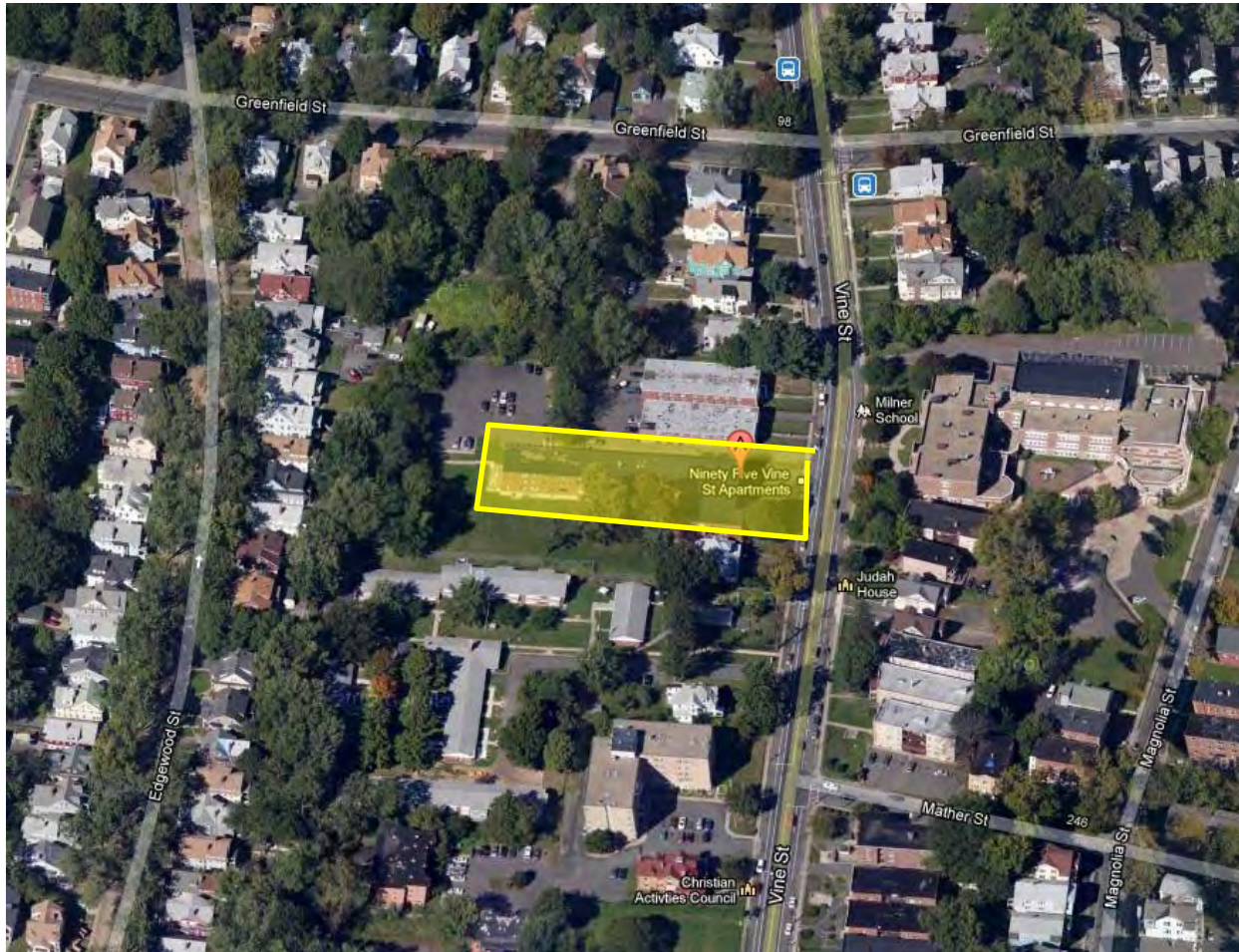
***95 Vine Street Apartments***



## II. Description of Site and Neighborhood

**Map of the Area** – Below is Exhibit 1: Site Locator Map identifying the Subject Property in relation to surrounding transportation corridors, land uses and physical features.

**Exhibit 1 – Subject Site Map**



**Neighborhood Description & Land Uses** – The Subject Property is located on Vine Street, just to the south of Keney Park, in Hartford's Upper Albany neighborhood. The complex is surrounded by other private and public residential apartment complexes. The property to the south is Mary Mahoney Village, a Hartford Housing Authority Senior Housing complex. Judah House, across the street provides supportive housing services to homeless young women and their children.

The complex is located across the street from Hartford Public Schools' Milner Elementary School. Since Fall 2012, the school has been run as Jumoke Academy at Milner, by the FUSE charter school program.

**Access** – The 95 Vine Street Apartments is well served by local transit connections. The number 46 bus provides service along Vine Street to Downtown Hartford, and runs on 20



minutes headways during weekdays. More robust bus service is available on Albany Avenue, a block and a half south of the complex. Albany Ave, Route 44 also provides good east west connections, including access to Route 84, 1 mile to the south.

***Delineation of Market Area*** – The primary **Source Market Area (SMA)** of demand for units at the Subject Property is defined as the Hartford Neighborhoods *that include Blue Hills, Upper Albany, North East, Clay-Arsenal Asylum Hill, West End, and North Meadows* – all found in the zip codes 06105, 06112, 06120.

The Competitive Trade Area is the geographic area within which we expect the majority of prospective households to consider affordable housing alternatives. Factors that are considered in the establishment of the Competitive Trade Area include consistency in housing options, access to housing options, distance from the subject property and character of neighborhood. For purpose of this analysis, we have defined the **Competitive Trade Area** to be predominantly the Hartford Neighborhoods of Upper Albany, and Clay/ Arsenal, and North East.

**Exhibit 2 – Competitive Trade Area Map**



### **III. Economics & Demographics of Market Area**

**[PLEASE REFER TO MARKET BRIEF IN THE APPENDIX ON TRENDS RELATED TO ECONOMIC AND DEMOGRAPHIC TRENDS FOR THE AREA]**

### **IV. Rental Survey**

#### ***Housing Rental Survey Summary Analysis –***

The Hartford rental market is very large and diverse, and offers many options for households at incomes at 50%-80% AMI or less. In order to provide a more accurate comparison of rental market options to the subject property, a survey focused mainly on rental units in the neighborhoods of Clay/ Arsenal, Upper Albany, and North East was conducted. These neighborhoods are predominantly filled with turn of the century, brick apartment buildings, that have 6-10 units. Closer to Keney Park, there are some traditional Victorian houses, divided into multi-family rental units. Units tend to be large, with 3 bedroom apartments a common unit type.

The management of apartment complexes in the neighborhoods of Clay/ Arsenal, Upper Albany, and North East is dominated by not-for-profit community housing groups, offering subsidized units, and by the Carabetta Management Company, which offers units in both historic apartment buildings and several newly constructed complexes. Both groups offer apartments that are good alternatives for families that make 50% to 80% AMI. This section offers and analysis of those units that are not subsidized, both in managed complexes, or in multi-family houses or small, single building apartment. Units in subsidized complexes are surveyed in the following section. Additionally, even if individual units are market-rate, many complexes have used public funds for construction or building rehabilitation and may have restrictions such as income restrictions or single adults only governing the units.

*Below is a summary of the results of the rental survey within the market area.*

#### **Summary of Rental Market Analysis**

A summary of the rental analysis indicates the following market factors:

- Four market rate apartment complexes were identified in the Trade Area reflecting the market rate environment for alternative rental housing. Each property identified represent a market alternative for units at the Subject Property based on pricing, unit configurations, features and amenities. These properties are listed in Table 1a.
- Average rent for a two bedroom and three bedrooms is \$719/m and \$898/m, respectively.
- Unit size averages 833 sf for the two bedroom and 1100 sf for the three bedroom.

- The surveyed complexes are all in fair to good condition from the outside, generally in better physical state than the surrounding buildings and neighborhoods.
- In addition twenty multi family or small apartment buildings were identified in the Trade Area reflecting the market rate environment for alternative rental housing. These properties are listed in Table 1b.
- Average rent for in multi-family or small apartment building units for two bedroom and three bedrooms is \$865/m and \$960/m, respectively, over one hundred dollars/ month more than in managed complexes.
- Unit size averages 936 sf for the two bedroom and 1189 sf for the three bedroom, much larger than in managed complexes. However the price/ square foot of these units averages less than in the managed complexes.
- Most of these units are in historic brick apartment building with 6-10 units per building depending on layout. The maintenance and level of amenities and upgrades varied from building to building, however certain block appear to attract more rehabilitation and therefore higher rents. Upgraded kitchens and heating systems appear to be the major upgrades that can earn higher rents.
- Vacancies were found at nearly all complexes and buildings.

*A summary of the analysis of rental data for apartment survey is provided in the table 1 below.*

**Table 1a**  
**Rental Survey Market Rate Apartment Alternatives– North East, Upper Albany, and Clay/ Arsenal Neighborhoods**

Property	Total Units	Prop. Type	Age	2 BR	2BR size	\$/sf	3 BR+	3BR size	\$/sf	Utilities
<b>Bedford Gardens</b> 131-133 Brook Street	88	Ranch	1960s	\$725	800	\$0.91	\$900			In Rent
<b>Sisson St. Apts</b> 145 Sisson St	50	Low Rise	1969	\$799	725					No
<b>NHAH Apartments</b> Martin & Nelson Streets		Garden	1980s	\$564	Varies	n/a				H/HW
<b>North End Gateway</b> 1450 Main street	57	Garden	2008	\$790	926	\$0.97	\$896	1100	\$0.97	No
<b>Average</b>				<b>\$719</b>	<b>833</b>	<b>\$0.86</b>	<b>\$898</b>	<b>1,100</b>	<b>\$0.97</b>	

Source: Property Managers, Internet

**Table 1b**  
**Rental Survey Market Rate Apartment Alternatives, Multi-Family– North East, Upper Albany, and Clay/ Arsenal Neighborhoods**

Property	Total Units	Prop. Type	Age	2 BR	2BR size	\$/sf	3 BR	3BR size	\$/sf	Utilities
<b>153-155 Magnolia Street</b>	6	MF	1926	\$850	850	\$1.00	\$950	950	\$1.00	<b>In Rent</b> H/HW
<b>117 Enfield Street</b>	3	MF	1921				\$700	1225	\$0.57	
<b>118-120 Magnolia</b>	2	MF	1924				\$900	1100	\$0.82	
<b>410 Garden Street</b>	6	MF	1928	\$795	820	\$0.97	\$1,000	1283	\$0.78	
<b>186-188 Brook St</b>	3	MF	1900				\$900	1650	\$0.55	
<b>168-170 Vine</b>	3	MF	1900	\$850	1685	\$0.50				
<b>22 Cabot Street</b>	3	MF	1988				\$950			
<b>17 Sterling St</b>	2	MF	1930				\$950	1100	\$0.86	
<b>250 Homestead Ave</b>	6	MF	1917	\$1,100	800	\$1.38				
<b>26-28 Martin Street</b>	6	MF	1900	\$1,100	800	\$1.38				
				\$750	800	\$0.94				
<b>45 Barbour Street</b>	24	Apt	1970	\$700 \$750						
<b>627-629 Garden Street</b>	3	MF	1924				\$1,050	998	\$1.05	
<b>135 Nelson Street</b>	12	Apt	1920	\$650						

## Rental Survey Market Rate Apartment Alternatives, Multi-Family– North East, Upper Albany, and Clay/ Arsenal Neighborhoods (Cont'd)

Property	Total Units	Prop. Type	Age	2 BR	2BR size	\$/sf	3 BR	3BR size	\$/sf	Utilities
129-131 Clark Street	6	MF	1910	\$1,100	800	\$1.38				
141 Clark Street	1	Condo	1987				\$1,200	1000	\$1.20	
671-673 Garden Street	3	MF	1924				\$1,150	997	\$1.15	
35-37 Winchester	3	MF	1925				\$950	1400	\$0.68	
20 Eastford Street	3	MF	1924				\$925	1350	\$0.69	
10 Stanford Street	10		1920				\$925	1200	\$0.77	
430 Barbour Street	3	MF	1989				\$900	1200	\$0.75	
<b>Average</b>				<b>\$865</b>	<b>936</b>	<b>\$0.92</b>	<b>\$960</b>	<b>1,1189</b>	<b>\$0.81</b>	

Source: Property Managers, Internet

**Survey of Affordable Housing–** In order to better understand the options for affordable housing in Hartford, a survey was undertaken of affordable family housing in the area. Hartford has thousands of units of family affordable housing, so to better understand the market for which these units exist, this survey focused only on units in the neighborhood of Clay/Arsenal and Upper Albany neighborhoods. Note that the units listed in this survey only represent those units that are open-age rentals and do not include units available in the trade area that are restricted to those over 62 or with permanent disability.

*Refer to Table 2 below for results of survey of affordable housing projects in Clay Arsenal and Upper Albany.*



Table 2  
**Survey of Affordable Family Housing—Hartford, Clay/Arsenal and Upper Albany Neighborhoods**

Property Name	Address	Owner/ Manager	Public Funder	Family Units
Chestnut Street Parador	90 Chestnut St	The House of Bread	CHFA	2
Clay Hill	1713 Main St	Sovereign Asset Mgmt	CHFA/DECD/HUD	156
Cooper Brothers Building	175 Albany Ave	CHFA	CHFA	10
Ed O'Neill House	107 Albany Ave	House of Bread	CHFA	27
Esquina Brillante	1739 Main St	Esquina Brillante	CHFA/DECD	8
Garden Street Apartments	343 Garden St	Reliant Property Mgmt	CHFA	98
Lower Garden Street	359 Garden St	Reliant Property Mgmt	HUD	49
Mary Shephard Place	15 Pavillion St	HHA	HUD	127
My Sister's Place II	102 Pliny St	My Sisters Place II	CHFA	30
Rose Garden	427 Garden St	Rose Garden Coop	CHFA	8
Sand Apartments (SANA)	1630 Main St	Carabetta	CHFA/DECD	256
Summers Square Cooperative	160 Wooster St	Summers Square Coop	CHFA	9
The Greens	306 Garden St		HUD	160
Upper Garden Street	451 Garden St	Reliant Property Mgmt	HUD	98
Villa Coqui	95 Chestnut St.		CHFA	12
Villa Coqui	73 Chestnut St	Westford Real Estate	CHFA	13
118-120 Adams Street	118 Adams St	HHA	HUD	3
<b>95 Vine Street*</b>	95 Vine St	NHPMN Mgmt	CHFA/DECD/HUD	31
Enfield-Magnolia	27 Enfield St	Konover Residential	CHFA	20
Rehoboth Place Cooperative	49 Vine St	Rehoboth Place Coop	CHFA	15
Vine Street Apartments	56 Vine St	Robert C White	HUD	42
Zezzo House	182 Homestead Av	Horace Bushnell Mgmt	HUD	18
<b>Total</b>				<b>1191</b>

Source: Internet, Property Owners/Managers

\* Subject Property

## V. Analysis of Current Tenant Base

### *Demographics-Economics-Rent Structure of Current Tenant Base:*

- Total Units: **31**
- Total Occupied Units: **30**
- Total Residents: **79**
- Total # of Children: **0**
- Average Age, Head HH: **37**
- % Minority: **93% (28 HH)**
- # of HH under 62: **28**
- % at Base Rent or below: **100% (30 HHs)**
  
- Income Below 25%AMI: **83% (25)**
- Income 25% at 50% AMI: **17% (5)**
- Income 50% AMI or greater: **0% (0)**
- Average Income: **\$10,360**
- Average Tenant Rent: **2BR/ \$93/m, 3 BR/ \$198**
  
- Waiting List: **12**

As noted above, the average rent being paid by current tenants is \$93 for a 2 bedroom, which based on the square footage of 935, computes to \$.10 per sq ft; the average rent is \$198 for a 3 bedroom, which based on the square footages of 924, computes to \$.21 per sq ft. Because of the nature of rental vouchers, it is also important to compare the base rent/ square foot to market rate comparable. Based on base rents of \$920 and \$997 per month for two and three bedroom units, respectively, the base rent price per square foot is \$.98 and \$.63. For comparison with market rate apartment alternatives, see Tables 1a and 1b.

#### **95 Vine Street Income Distribution**

<b>Resident HH Income</b>	<b>Rent Equivalent</b>	<b>% of HH</b>
< \$10,000	\$250	56%
\$10000-\$15000	\$250-\$375	20%
\$15000-\$20000	\$375-\$500	13%
\$20000-\$25000	\$500-\$625	0%
\$25000-\$30000	\$625-\$750	6%
>\$30000	>\$750	3%

## VI. Conclusions/Recommendations

### a. Rent Structure Opportunity

#### **Market & Property Factors**

##### Positives

- Open space on site, while limited, is attractive and well maintained
- Relatively new building; unit sizes comparable with market units
- Keney park proximity
- Nearby School provides neighborhood stability

##### Challenges

- Prevalence of assisted and supportive housing in neighborhood

*Below is a summary of data compiled on Subject Property and average rents identified within various market segments. **Considering the size, age, layout, amenities and neighborhood, a rental range of \$665 to \$715 for the 2BR, and \$775-\$850 for the 3BR, would be considered competitive with the area inventory involving properties with basic amenities.** (Disclaimer – this is not a projection of what could be achieved at the subject property, which would need to consider income eligibility parameters, target market and policy goals of the program, nor an “estimate of rent value”<sup>1</sup>, but a statement of possible rent ranges that have the potential of being competitive in the marketplace if no affordable housing restrictions were in place).*

Unit Type	Subject Property Contract Rent	Subject Property Avg Rent	Local Market Alternatives Avg Rent	Local Market Alternatives (MF) Avg Rent	Hartford MLS Condo Avg Rent	Hartford MLS MFamily Avg Rent	Hartford MLS Managed Apartments Avg Rent
2 BR	\$920	\$93	\$693	\$865	\$1,327	\$868	\$989
3 BR	\$997	\$198	\$793	\$990	\$2,593	\$969	\$1,108

#### **Tenant Base Trends**

- The tenant base at 95 Vine St has seen very little change in its income composition between 2003 and 2012 with the biggest change occurring in greater concentration at the lowest income brackets due to higher occupancy in 2012.

<sup>1</sup> Among Market Analysts and Appraisers the term “Estimate of Rent Value” has a distinct meaning calling for analytical process for determining value, typically requiring at a minimum a Rent Comparability Study. The “Estimate of Rent Value” study includes the use of a Rent Comparability Grid for valuing and documenting adjustments to comparables in order to calculate an “estimate of rent” for the Subject Property. The Market Assessment conducted herein is designed to offer a broad assessment of the market environment and a statement on possible rents for subject units potentially competitive within the marketplace, discounting any age or income restriction or other program parameter in affect at the subject property. These factors along with issues related to policy goals and market served would need to be considered as part of any final rent determination.

Resident HH Income	Year 2003	Year 2012
< 25%AMI	21	25
25-50% AMI	6	5
50%-80% AMI	0	0
Occupancy	90%	97%

### Market Depth

To evaluate the capacity for rent restructuring at the Subject property, we have performed a market penetration analysis. This type of analysis bases its assessment of potential market capture on the relationship between the size of the development and its target market, taking into consideration housing options likely to compete with the Subject Property.

The market penetration rate represents the share of eligible target market that the Subject Development must capture in order to achieve full/optimum occupancy, assuming all existing and planned facilities are operating at capacity.

As a first step in testing market depth for Rent Stratification, we must first estimate the number of renters from homeowners by income in the primary source market area (*in this case the Primary Source Market Area is defined as select Hartford neighborhoods that include Blue Hills, Upper Albany, NorthEast, Clay-Arsenal Asylum Hill, West End, and North Meadows – zip 06105, 06112, 06120*). We assume that most, if not all of the market for the available units will come from households renting homes, rather than from those who are homeowners. As this data is not available at town level for 2010, we start by using data from both 2010 Census and American Community Survey 2011 to arrive at distribution within the county, the lowest level for which current tenure HH data by income is available. Using that data, an adjustment factor was applied to better reflect the tenure base of the the Source Market Area (SMA)<sup>2</sup>.

	Hartford County Tenure Distribution		Adjustment Factor – North Hartford SMA (06105,06112,06120)	
Income Distribution	Rent	Own	Rent	Own
under 15,000	76%	24%	92%	8%
15000-25000	61%	39%	87%	13%
25000-35000	52%	48%	83%	17%
35000-50000	42%	58%	80%	20%

Source: US Census 2010, American Community Survey, 2011

The chart below reflects estimated distribution of family households in the North Hartford SMA by tenure and income. Based on our analysis of tenure by income, we estimate the

<sup>2</sup> The adjustment was determined based on the ratio of ownership in the SMA to County home ownership.



primary Source Market Area contains 12686 households whose incomes fall within the income threshold for the target market of which 11080 are renters. The chart also shows current distribution within the Subject Property of households by income

N. Hartford	Source Mkt HH 18-64			Subject
Income Distributio (Adj. Gross)	Total	Rent	Own	Property
under 15,000	5949	5458	491	23
15000-25000	2401	2079	322	4
25000-35000	2118	1768	350	3
35000-50000	2218	1775	443	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>12686</b>	<b>11080</b>	<b>1606</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Vacancy</b>				1
			<b>Total Units</b>	<b>31</b>

Source: US Census 2010, American Community Survey, 2011

### ***Other Factors for Determining Market Depth***

Other defining factors in determining market capacity of the source market for the proposed rental units of the Subject Property is overall rental turnover in the marketplace and expected absorption of units by source market renters.

- Based on discussions with area property managers and census data on mobility patterns, we have assumed a 30% turnover rate within the market place with respect to renters.
- Relative to market penetration, we have assumed that 80% of the units will be filled by residents in the defined North Hartford area. (zip codes 06105, 06112, 06120).

As a rule, for housing projects looking to capture very low income households , market penetration rates of 10 to 20% attest to the project's potential feasibility (and often higher depending on an areas housing availability at such income levels) assuming most or all existing housing options are operating at capacity. As you ratchet up the income brackets and come closer to a household's financial ability to find housing in the broader market, more conservative penetration rates are applied to test feasibility/potential depth of market. Thus at income brackets \$25,000-\$50,000 rates of 3 to 5% are being applied to test market depth.

To assist in determining potential for rent structuring, we looked at both market depth on an annual based on assumption of turnover per year in the marketplace as well as the potential demand overall among all households 18-64 within the source area in each bracket. Our analysis of potential demand annually was compared with estimate of senior households from source market currently in the property.

In the chart below are the results on the analysis for estimating demand on an annual basis. Not surprisingly more market depth is observed at the lower incomes levels \$25,000 and below. At incomes below \$25,000, source market potential shows 246 units. While above \$25,000, the potential market base is estimated at 34 units based on a 3 to 5% penetration of market.

N. Hartford SMA	Source Market - HH 18-64 Years				
Income Distribution (Adj. Gross)	Total	Rent	Turnover ratio	# Renters Moving	Current HH Tenants
under 15,000	5949	5458	30%	1637	23
15000-25000	2401	2079	30%	624	4
25000-35000	2118	1768	30%	530	3
35000-50000	2218	1775	30%	533	0
					30
Vacancy					1
Total	12686	11080	1606	3324	31
Potential capture rates:		Annual Potential Capture Rate	Current # HHs at Sub. Prop		
under 15,000	15%	196	23		
15000-25000	10%	50	4		
25000-35000	5%	21	3		
35000-50000	3%	13	0		
Total		280	30		

\* Formula = ( # Renters Moving X % from Source Mkt) X Potential Capture Rate

Source: US Census 2010, American Community Survey, 2011

In the chart below, we identify the capture potential for total number of households below the age 65 within the defined source market area at each income bracket without consideration to turnover.

N. Hartford SMA	HH 18-64		Aggregate Capture Potential Total HH	
Income Distribution	Total	HH Renters	Capture Rates	Total HH Capture Potential
under 15,000	5949	5458	15%	819
15000-25000	2401	2079	10%	208
25000-35000	2118	1768	5%	88
35000-50000	2218	1775	3%	53
Total	12686	11080		1168

Source: US Census 2010, American Community Survey, 2011

### ***b. Recommendations for Improving Marketability***

Based on a field inspection of the Subject Property, the grounds and exterior of 95 Vine Street Apartments appears to in fair to good condition. We believe, without the benefit of viewing units, that any needed steps for improving marketability at the Subject Property would be confined to interior improvements – including any upgrading kitchen appliances, new cabinets, ADA upgrades, etc.

### ***c. Redevelopment Scenario***

From a Market perspective, the Subject Property does not reflect a strong need for a redevelopment scenario.

## **APPENDIX**

**SUBJECT PHOTOS  
MARKET BRIEF**



95 Vine Street



Entrance and garden, 95 Vine Street





Street View, 95 Vine Street



Front entrance, 95 Vine Street



Neighborhood view, 95 Vine Street

## Connecticut Towns: Market Assessment Briefs

**Town:** *Hartford, CT*  
**County:** *Hartford County*

### 1. Economic Trends

#### Major Employers - Hartford

Employer
State of Connecticut
Aetna Life and Casualty
The Hartford
Travelers Co.
Hartford Hospital

Government, Insurance and health care essentially define Hartford's economy with Hartford the home of the state capital, two major hospitals, and numerous Insurance & financial service firms.

Source: CERC Town Profile

#### Key Economic Sectors - Hartford

Industry Sector - 2011	% Share of Jobs
Finance & Insurance	22.1%
Health Care	21.8%
Prof. & Technical Services	7.4%
Administrative & Support	5.3%
Accom & Food Services	4.0%
Government	17.8%

Insurance-Financial Services, Health Care and Government account for nearly two-thirds (61%) of Hartford's job base.

Source: CT Dept. of Labor

#### Labor Force & Employment Trends

Labor Force +Employment	Hartford	Hartford County
Labor Force-2011	51,766	472,551
Unemployment -2011	16.2%	9.2%
Total Employment -Workplace	109,246	487,169
2005 - 2011 - Annual Growth	-0.8%	0.1%
2010 - 2011 - Annual Growth	0.3%	1.1%

Source: CT Dept. of Labor

Hartford's labor force has been significantly impacted by the economic downturn with unemployment averaging 16.2% in 2011, the highest of all communities in the state. Nor has the employment picture improved in 2012 with a posted unemployment rate of 17.8% in August 2012. Hartford's job base, however, has seen improvement last year after sliding 0.8% between 2005 and 2011.

As can be seen in the chart, Hartford is a significant net importer of workers relative to its resident base.



## Connecticut Towns: Market Assessment Briefs

**Town:** *Hartford, CT*  
**County:** *Hartford County*

### 2. Demographic Trends

#### Population Trends

Population	Hartford	Hartford County
<b>2000 Total population</b>	121,547	857,183
<b>2010 Total Population</b>	124,775	894,014
<b>Annual Percentage Growth</b>	0.27%	0.42%
<b>2011 Total Population (est.)</b>	124,300	894,443
<b>2016 Total Population (proj.)</b>	125,024	904,416
<b>2011– 2016 Annual Rate</b>	0.12%	0.22%

Source: 2010 Census, ESRI Business Systems

Hartford's population expanded last decade by 2.6% representing a reversal of the previous decade when it lost 13% of its population base. Notably, projections call for moderate increase through 2016.

#### Household Trends

Household	Hartford	Hartford County
<b>2000 Total Households</b>	44,973	335,098
<b>2010 Total Households</b>	45,124	350,854
<b>Annual Percentage Growth</b>	0.03%	0.47%
<b>2011 Total Households (est.)</b>	44,986	351,028
<b>2016 Total Households (proj.)</b>	45,409	355,438
<b>2011– 2016 Annual Rate</b>	0.19%	0.25%

Source: 2010 Census, ESRI Business Systems

Although population growth was impressive last decade, household growth was not suggesting a pattern of households doubling up in response to the economy. Projections point to better growth going forward equating to 0.2% annually.

#### Race & Ethnicity

##### % Share of Population

Population - 2010	Hartford	Hartford County
<b>White Alone</b>	24.2%	72.4%
<b>Black Alone</b>	37.2%	13.3%
<b>Asian Alone</b>	2.2%	4.2%
<b>Hispanic (Any Race)</b>	45.5%	15.3%

##### Change - 2000 to 2010

<b>White Alone</b>	-12.6%	-5.9%
<b>Black Alone</b>	-2.4%	13.7%
<b>Asian Alone</b>	29.4%	68.0%
<b>Hispanic (Any Race)</b>	12.3%	33.0%

Source: 2010 Census, ESRI Business Systems

Minorities outnumber whites in Hartford with 37% African American and 45% Hispanics. Over the last decade, Asians saw the greatest gains on a percentage basis - though still comprise only a small share of the city's population.



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### 2. Demographic Trends (Cont'd)

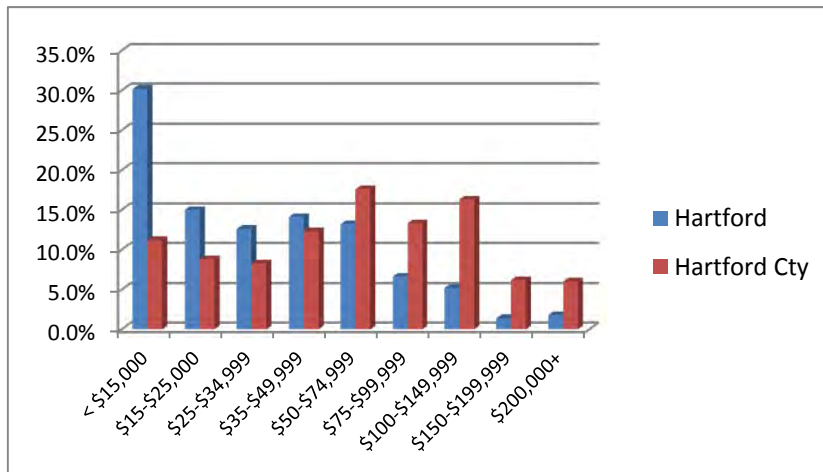
#### Median Income

Median HH Income	Hartford	Hartford County
<b>2000</b>	\$24,814	\$50,777
<b>2011 (est.)</b>	\$28,165	\$61,074
<b>Annual Avg % Growth</b>	1.2%	1.8%

Source: 2010 Census, ESRI Business Systems

The income base in Hartford is one of the lowest in the state with a median of \$28,165 in 2010.

#### HH Income Distribution (2011)



30% of Hartford's household base report incomes of under \$15,000 annually. 45% earn under \$25,000.

#### HH Income Distribution - 65+ (2010)

HH's	Hartford		Hartford County	
	65-74	75+	65-74	75+
<b>Total HHs</b>	<b>4,230</b>	<b>3,636</b>	<b>39,468</b>	<b>41,833</b>
<b>&lt; \$15,000</b>	33.1%	39.9%	11.5%	19.5%
<b>\$15-\$25,000</b>	13.8%	14.0%	11.1%	16.2%
<b>\$25-\$34,999</b>	12.5%	8.9%	10.4%	12.7%
<b>\$35-\$49,999</b>	12.0%	11.7%	16.2%	14.1%
<b>\$50-\$74,999</b>	11.8%	10.3%	20.0%	15.0%
<b>\$75-\$99,999</b>	9.8%	7.9%	13.6%	10.3%
<b>\$100-\$149,999</b>	4.4%	3.1%	9.1%	6.1%
<b>\$150-\$199,999</b>	1.6%	1.2%	3.6%	3.2%
<b>\$200,000+</b>	1.1%	2.9%	4.4%	3.0%
<b>Med Inc.</b>	<b>\$26,992</b>	<b>\$21,335</b>	<b>\$50,601</b>	<b>\$36,308</b>

Source: 2010 Census, ESRI Business Systems

Poverty is most accentuated among Hartford's seniors with 50% of its households 65 and older living off incomes of \$15,000 or less. This compares to 15% for the county.

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### 2. Demographic Trends (Cont'd)

#### Poverty Rates

Households - 2010	Hartford % Total	Hartford Ct % Total
Married Couple - Family	2.0%	1.1%
Other Family HHs (spouse not present)	15.1%	3.9%
Non-Family HHs	14.4%	5.2%
Poverty Ratio - Total	31.5%	10.2%

Households poverty rates in Hartford are exceptionally high reaching 31.5% in 2010 compared to 10% in the County. Among HH types in Hartford, female headed family HHs are most impacted accounting for 43% of all HH segments in poverty.

Source: ACS Population Survey, ESRI Business Systems

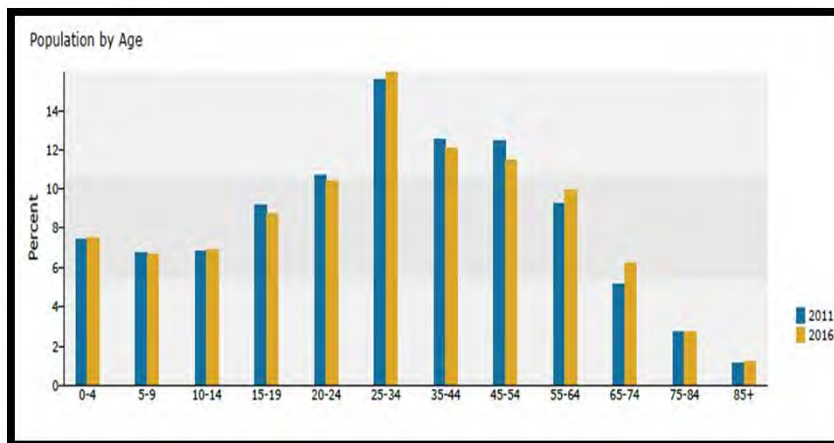
#### Age Trends

Population - 2010	Hartford % Total	Hartford Ct % Total
Age 18+	74.2%	77.2%
Age 65+	8.9%	14.6%
Age 75+	3.8%	7.4%
Median Age	30.2	39.9

Though poverty is highly concentrated among the Hartford elderly, this group only account for 9% of the city's total population.

Source: 2010 Census, ESRI Business Systems

#### Age Distribution 2011-2016



Source: 2010 Census, ESRI Business Systems

Hartford's population is young with a large concentration centered within the 25 to 34 age bracket - representing a 15.5% share in 2010. This is expected to grow slightly to 16% by 2016. A bigger shift, however, is expected in the 65+ population expanding from 8.9% in 2010 to 10.2% in 2016.

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### 3. Housing Trends

#### Tenure and Vacancy

HH's	Hartford		Hartford County	
	2000	2010	2000	2010
<b>Own-Occp</b>	24.5%	24.4%	64.2%	65.5%
<b>Own-Units</b>	11,040	10,988	215,275	229,920
<b>Rent-Occp</b>	75.5%	75.6%	35.8%	34.5%
<b>Rent Units</b>	33,931	34,136	119,823	120,934
<b>Ttl Occp Units</b>	44,972	45,124	335,098	350,854
<b>Vacancy</b>	11.2%	12.9%	5.1%	6.3%

Source: 2010 Census, ESRI Business Systems

Hartford is overwhelmingly rental with owner occupancy accounting for only 24% of Hartford's occupied housing in 2010, essentially the same as in 2000.

Housing vacancy, a perennial issue in Hartford, was 13% in 2010. Both the city and Hartford public housing have looked to a program of demolishing long vacant

#### Housing Characteristics

##### % Share of Total Housing

Structure Type - 2010	Hartford	Hartford County
<b>1 Detached</b>	15.0%	55.0%
<b>1-Attached</b>	3.1%	5.5%
<b>2-unit</b>	13.2%	7.8%
<b>3/4 unit</b>	23.2%	10.0%
<b>5+ units</b>	45.3%	21.7%
<b>Total Housing Units - 2010</b>	51,822	374,249

Source: ACS Housing Surveys, ESRI Business Systems

Hartford is a city of attached housing most of it in the form of older pre-1950 multifamily homes ranging from 2 to 9 units (50% of inventory). Only 15% of its housing stock is single family.

#### Rent-occupied Housing by Contract Rent

##### Renters with Contract Rent

Contract Rent - 2010 Distribution	Hartford	Hartford County
<b>Under \$200</b>	11.7%	6.9%
<b>\$200-\$399</b>	10.1%	8.7%
<b>\$400-\$599</b>	18.5%	14.6%
<b>\$600-\$799</b>	34.7%	28.0%
<b>\$800-\$999</b>	16.4%	21.8%
<b>\$1000-\$1249</b>	4.4%	10.5%
<b>\$1250-\$1499</b>	1.1%	3.4%
<b>\$1500-\$1999</b>	0.8%	1.3%
<b>above \$2000</b>	0.7%	1.2%
<b>Median Contract Rent</b>	\$644	\$733

Source: ACS Housing Surveys, ESRI Business Systems

40% of the rental HHs in Hartford pay under \$600/month compared to 30% for the county. Meanwhile, price support appears to drop off dramatically over \$1,000/m with only 7% of HHs in Hartford renting at this amount or more for housing.

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### 4. Rental Housing Market

#### Mfamily

BR	# of Prop	Avg List Price	Avg Rent Sale	Avg DOM	Rental Range
0	N/A				
1	10	\$781	\$781	60	\$650-\$935
2	29	\$897	\$868	60	\$650-\$1200
3	4	\$1,003	\$969	62	\$775-\$1850
4	N/A				

Source: CT MLS

(Dom- Days on Market)

#### Condo

BR	# of Prop	Avg List Price	Avg Rent Sale	Avg DOM	Rental Range
0	2	\$1,098	\$1,098	46	\$995-\$1200
1	35	\$1,186	\$1,151	68	\$550-\$1950
2	18	\$1,341	\$1,327	86	\$750-\$2400
3	8	\$2,612	\$2,593	21	\$1200-\$3500
4	N/A				

Source: CT MLS

(Dom- Days on Market)

#### Apartments

	# of Prop	Avg Studio BR rent	Avg One BR rent	Avg Two BR rent	Avg Three BR rent
<i>Apartments</i>	31	\$789	\$852	\$989	\$1,108

Source: AMS, Property Mgrs., Internet, RE Journals