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RE: St. Lucie County

Laura-

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the most recent LDA locations.

Based on the United States Census Bureau, 21.4% of St Lucie County's population is 65 and older as of 2012¹. This amounts to over 60,000 people in the county over the age of 65. The Council on Aging of St. Lucie Inc. currently serves over 20,000 senior residents in the County².

St. Lucie County is currently designated as an LDA for the Family and Elderly Demographic Categories within a 5 mile radius of Peacock Run. The empirical data provided in the 2014 Entire Portfolio Occupancy Report posted on FHFC's website does not support the inclusion of Elderly developments inside this 5 mile LDA. St. Lucie County has only three existing Elderly Developments totaling 286 units, collectively operating at an occupancy rate in excess of 98%. Therefore, the Elderly Demographic should be removed from this LDA in St Lucie County.

Also, there should be an eligible senior center in St. Lucie County added to FHFC's approved Senior Center List. The Port St. Lucie Civic Center, located at 9221 SE Civic Center Place, Port St. Lucie, offers a variety of services and classes catered directly toward senior citizens. This recently opened Civic Center is a Silver Sneakers Participant (<http://www.silversneakers.com/about/faq>), which is a Medicare endorsed program that allows seniors access to exercise classes and activities at qualified locations. The Port St. Lucie Civic Center is owned, operated, and managed by the City of Port St. Lucie.

Thank you.



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¹ <http://quickfacts.census.gov/qfd/states/12/12111.html>
² <http://www.coasl.com/>