

**MANATEE COUNTY AND THE MANATEE COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY
ASSESSMENT OF FAIR HOUSING
NOTICE OF PLAN AVAILABILITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) is a legal requirement that Manatee County and the Manatee County Housing Authority (MCHA) must complete in order to continue receiving federal housing and community development funding from the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). Specifically, the AFH is an analysis undertaken pursuant to 24 CFR Part 5.154 that includes an analysis of fair housing data, an assessment of fair housing issues and contributing factors, and an identification of fair housing priorities and goals specific to Manatee County and the MCHA. Examples of fair housing issues include regional demographics, segregation, racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty, access to opportunity, disproportionate housing needs, publicly supported housing, access to persons with disabilities, and fair housing enforcement and outreach capacity.

Notice of Plan Availability

Manatee County and the Manatee County Housing Authority have prepared a draft AFH. The Plan is available to the public on October 29, 2016. This notice is being published to make citizens aware that a formal 45 calendar day comment period commences on October 29, 2016, and will conclude on December 13, 2016. During this period, copies of the Plan may be reviewed online and at www.mymanatee.org and at the following locations:

- Manatee County Neighborhood Services Department, 1112 Manatee Avenue West, 5th Floor, Bradenton, FL
- Central Branch Library, 1301 Barcarrota Blvd. W., Bradenton, FL
- South County Branch Library, 6081 26th Street West, Bradenton, FL
- Palmetto Branch Library, 923 6th Street W., Palmetto, FL
- Rocky Bluff Branch Library, 6750 U. S. Hwy. 301, Ellenton, FL
- Manatee County Housing Authority, 538 48th Street Court East, Bradenton, FL

Written comments on the Draft AFH will be accepted through December 13, 2016. Please address your comments to:

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Notice of Public Hearing

There will be a public hearing with the Manatee County Board of County regarding the Draft AFH:
December 13, 2016
9:00am or as soon thereafter as can be heard
Manatee County Administration Building – 1st Floor Chambers
1112 Manatee Avenue West
Bradenton, FL 34205

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