

2022 Year in Review: Wilson Kimball, Yonkers Housing Authority

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President & CEO Yonkers Housing Authority

What person, project, transaction or market trend had the greatest impact on your industry this year? Addressing climate change in municipal housing.

What was your greatest professional accomplishment or most notable project, deal, or transaction in 2022? Yonkers Housing Authority broke ground on a 60-unit senior building, La Mora, that will be built to passive house standards.

How has your career path changed in 2022? I started speaking nationally on climate resiliency in public housing. Because of a combined \$2 million grant YHA and Groundwork Hudson Valley received from NYS, The Bezos Earth fund and BOA we can finally address heat island effect and flooding in neighborhoods that were traditionally in redlined areas. I have also given several interviews and been featured in the HAI blog regarding this topic.

What emerging trends will drive investment and development in 2023? The NYS \$4 billion+ Environmental Bond act targets \$\$ for infrastructure, transportation & low income neighborhoods for climate resiliency improvements. The Inflation Reduction Act also promises billions on the same issue especially for municipal housing.

We expect to be submitting a lot of grant applications to NYS and the federal government to secure these monies on behalf of ourselves and other MHAs.

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