



WHYY NEWS' BRIDGING BLOCKS
“The Good and the Bad: Gentrification in Philadelphia”
Resource Document

WHYY Articles:

1. [Eroded by gentrification, Swarthmore’s historically Black neighborhood is working to preserve a 100-year history](#)
2. [Rise in residential development in Germantown sparks optimism — and caution](#)
3. [Philadelphia’s \\$400 million Neighborhood Preservation Initiative moves ahead](#)

[City of Philadelphia: Homebuyer Assistance Grant, Philly First Home](#)

- We are offering a homebuyer assistance grant of up to \$10,000 (or 6% of the home’s purchase price, whichever is lower) to assist first-time homebuyers reduce the principal, cover down payment and loan closing costs. To be eligible you must complete a FREE City-funded homeownership counseling program before you sign an Agreement of Sale.

[City of Philadelphia: Tangled Title Fund](#)

- The Tangled Title Fund (TTF) is a grant program to help preserve affordable housing, prevent homelessness, and strengthen communities. TTF grants are awarded to low-income persons seeking to clear legal title to their homes. Grants help to cover administrative, legal, and other costs that may arise in resolving a homeownership issue.

[Basic Systems Repair Program](#)

- The Basic Systems Repair Program (BSRP) provides free repairs to correct electrical, plumbing, heating, limited structural and carpentry, and roofing emergencies in eligible owner-occupied homes in Philadelphia.



Apply for the [Longtime Owner Occupants Program \(LOOP\)](#)

- The Longtime Owner Occupants Program (LOOP) is a Real Estate Tax relief program. You may be eligible if your property assessment increased at least 50% over last year, or at least 75% over the past five years.

[Philadelphia Coalition for Affordable Communities](#)

- In a report released on Thursday, February 29, 2024, the Philadelphia Coalition for Affordable Communities details glaring injustices around housing resources in Philadelphia. The report highlights disparities in what the City deems affordable and what is actually affordable to residents.

PBS: [What I Hear When You Say, Gentrification](#)

- Episode 9: Explore the challenges, the benefits and consequences of Gentrification from 3 unique points of view. Filmmaker Shukree Tilghman explores how better access to services may mean losing the historic character of a city like Harlem. Author Desiree Cooper explains Detroit's in-progress gentrification, seeing the potential for good but trying to prepare for what often comes next.

[The Greenlining Institute](#), article

- [For People of Color, Gentrification is More a Curse than a Blessing](#)
- The Greenlining Institute works towards a future where communities of color can build wealth, live in healthy places filled with economic opportunity, and are ready to meet the challenges posed by climate change.

Robert F. Smith, [Gentrification Pros and Cons: A Double-Edged Sword](#)

- Key Takeaways: Gentrification is a hotly debated topic between proponents and opponents because of its pros and cons.