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## Northwest Michigan Housing Summit October 18 in Traverse City

TRAVERSE CITY, MI – The 2019 Northwest Michigan Housing Summit will bring community leaders, businesses, housing agencies, and funders together to build solutions for housing choices in Northwest Michigan. The annual Summit will be held October 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Hagerty Center, 715 East Front Street, Traverse City.

The Housing Summit will feature a keynote presentation by Aaron Miripol, President and CEO of the Urban Land Conservancy (ULC), a real estate organization that acquires, preserves, and develops real estate in under-served areas. Miripol will share ULC's real estate model, and how it leverages partnerships with public, private, and nonprofit organizations to preserve and build community assets - including affordable housing.

Summit attendees will also hear from the multi-family affordable housing developer Renovare about successful projects in rural and small-town Michigan, and the planning and resources that help make these projects work. Other topics on the Summit agenda include statewide housing policy initiatives, MSHDA's Statewide Housing Needs Assessment, new housing communications tools, county land bank authorities, and an upcoming Target Market Analysis update.

The cost to attend the Summit is \$55 and the registration deadline is October 11. For more information and to register go to [nwm.org/housingsummit](http://nwm.org/housingsummit).

The Northwest Michigan Housing Summit is hosted by Networks Northwest and Housing North. Support for the event was provided by the National Association of REALTORS®, Michigan State Housing Development Authority, Traverse Area Association of REALTORS®, Traverse City Housing Commission, United Way of Northwest Michigan, Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, Goodwill Industries of Northern Michigan, Area Agency on Aging of Northwest Michigan, Habitat for Humanity Grand Traverse Region, Homestretch, and Opportunity Resource Fund.

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