

Quick “How-To” for Directory of Affordable Rental Housing (DoARH)

Intro – What is the DoARH?

DoARH is the acronym given to the Directory of Affordable Rental Housing. It is a component of the Vermont Housing Data website, www.housingdata.org, which went online on April 1, 2003. DoARH data is maintained by Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA). The DoARH is no longer available in printed form.

The DoARH contains a listing of state and federally subsidized rental housing projects in Vermont. These include projects with units assisted by local and the State public housing authorities, VHCB, VHFA, DHCA, USDA-RD, HUD and FHLB-Boston. It also contains a separate listing of affordable Mobile Home Parks in Vermont and a listing of the number of tenant-based rental assistance vouchers issued by local and state public housing authorities along with appropriate contact information.

On February 8, 2005, the DoARH expanded to include announcements of rental vacancies. This information is maintained by the rental properties’ housing managers.

How-to Access DoARH

1. Go to www.housingdata.org
2. Click on [Directory of Affordable Rental Housing \(DoARH\)](#) link either in text or on left (yellow) panel.

Vacancies

3. On the screen resulting from step #2 above, the first line under the “Search Directory” button indicates any listed vacancies, e.g. “Managers of DoARH properties report there are [3 vacant units](#) in 1 property.” (Please note there may be no vacancies listed as the demand for affordable units is high.) Click on the link. Specific information about the property and the vacancies will come up including property name and address, contact information, size of units, as well as any special comments the manager may want to include about the available units or the property. There is also a link for [mobile home park vacancies](#) on the resulting page.

General Information about Affordable Rental Properties

4. Click [Search Directory](#) button on page resulting from #2 above.
5. Choose appropriate filter button under Site Specific section, i.e. statewide, by county, city, or zip code. Click [Search](#).
6. Refine your search by clicking the appropriate selections (Town, # of bedrooms, funders, need for disabled, elderly and/or accessible units). Click [Search](#).

The results will include property name and address, rental agent (if applicable), management company, owner representative, legal owner entity, funders, unit breakdown, features (disabled, elderly and/or accessible units) and if rental assistance is available. The page can be emailed or printed. Note that many management companies and owners also have links to their organizations’ websites from this page. *A number of these organizations also post **vacancies** on their home web pages.*

I’d strongly encourage you to surf the site because you’ll find lots of other information about affordable rental housing including tenant-based rental assistance of all kinds, contact information for all the housing authorities in the state of Vermont and information about mobile home parks across the state. If you run into any trouble navigating, please feel free to email or call me (nmcdonnell@vhfa.org or 802-652-3448).