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Thank you for allowing my input regarding the scoring of the 2013 QAP as stated below.

To receive the maximum points allowed requires the site to be .5 mile or less from a grocery or pharmacy and shopping. While these amenities are desirable to all persons, I believe it puts housing authorities who are trying to redevelop substandard housing at a clear disadvantage.

Public housing, historically, was/is located in areas of towns which have not attracted shopping, grocery stores, and pharmacies because of the depressed, disinvested, and need mere for redevelopment. Because of HUD's budget cuts and lower allotments, housing authorities are desperately seeking funding sources to transform these communities into a more desirable mixed income community which would help, along with other support and strategies, break the cycle of generational poverty.

With the current QAP scoring system in place, it means a large majority of residents in public housing not only are not .5 mile away from shopping but will remain in substandard housing too. What a shame for the poorest folks and communities!

I would recommend adjustments to the QAP amenities scoring which would place disinvested communities on level playing ground with new suburban communities.

Again, thank you in advance for your help and continued support of North Carolina's poorest citizens, the residents of public housing.

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