

MISSION STATEMENT
PORTSMOUTH REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Enhancing the quality of life for the citizenry of Portsmouth through resource acquisition, asset management, and pursuing innovative opportunities shall be the mission of the Authority. To achieve this goal, the following objectives are established:

- Eliminate blight and underutilized properties and recycle land for the highest and best uses to build sustainable communities.
- Increase the tax base through the development of new residential, commercial, and/or industrial developments, while facilitating the preservation of existing physical assets and stimulating neighborhood reinvestment and employment opportunities.
- Seek to create livable neighborhoods through both traditional and creative programs and services.
- Prevent the spread of blight and deterioration of residential neighborhoods by facilitating various rehabilitation and incentive programs.
- Manage, maintain, and enhance the current housing resources of the Authority.
- Promote a social and living environment that does not tolerate crime or drugs but encourages individuals to take responsibility for improving their lives through programs and services provided by the Authority.
- Develop opportunities for low- and lower-income populations to realize homeownership status through self-sufficiency programs.
- Provide programs and services that assist unemployed and underemployed persons to become wage earners.
- Empower individuals, groups and neighborhoods, to meet the challenges facing them in social, economic, and community development needs.