

### III. Repositioning

When Capital Funds become insufficient to cover the needs of a public housing property, and modernization becomes infeasible due to high cost or obsolescence of structures, HUD makes available *Repositioning tools* that assist public housing authorities in obtaining other sources of funds through the conversion of units to the Section 8 platform under the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (RAD) and through Demolition/ Disposition and redevelopment of the site, as authorized under 'Section 18'. HAS has repositioned several of its public housing properties utilizing a mix of demolition and site redevelopment (i.e. Garden Homes, Fellwood Homes, and Robert Hitch Village), and RAD conversions (i.e. Fred Wessels, Edgar Blackshear and Herbert Kayton Homes), and continues to plan the strategic repositioning of properties in accordance with their physical conditions and the need to leverage other agency funds or third-party sources to complete all necessary improvements.

#### ***YAMACRAW VILLAGE: SECTION 18, DEMOLITION AND DISPOSITION APPLICATION***

*Five Year Action Plans* also assist HAS in identifying obsolete properties where rehabilitation is not cost effective. According to the 2019 and 2023 PNAs, Yamacraw Village reached physical obsolescence and could receive HUD approval to be demolished. The HAS Board of Commissioners approved in June 2020 a Repositioning Plan inclusive of the Demolition and Disposition of Yamacraw Village. The approval resulted in the preparation of a Demolition application that contains evidence of HAS's consultation with Yamacraw residents, Resident Advisory Board, Resident Council, in addition to relevant engineering reports, among other items. These sections of the Demolition application for Yamacraw Village were **submitted to HUD on August 19, 2025**, and are currently under review. Meanwhile, the Environmental Review for this undertaking is being completed with conclusion of a Floodplain Management process. In relation to the planned demolition, has also been completed and led by the City of Savannah (Responsible Entity under Part 58) the Section 106 Review for Historic Preservation, which resulted in the successful execution of a Memorandum of Agreement between HAS, the City of Savannah, and the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) in April 2025. Upon completion of the final Environmental Review report, the City of Savannah and HAS will publish it and await HUD's issuance of form 7015.16, Authorization to Use Grant Funds. HAS is conducting regular Consultation meetings with Yamacraw Village residents and community advocates. The most recent meeting was held on August 21, 2025.

HAS's intention is to develop improved housing units on site and work with stakeholders and community partners for creating a holistic redevelopment plan.