Using open data to inform affordable housing policy
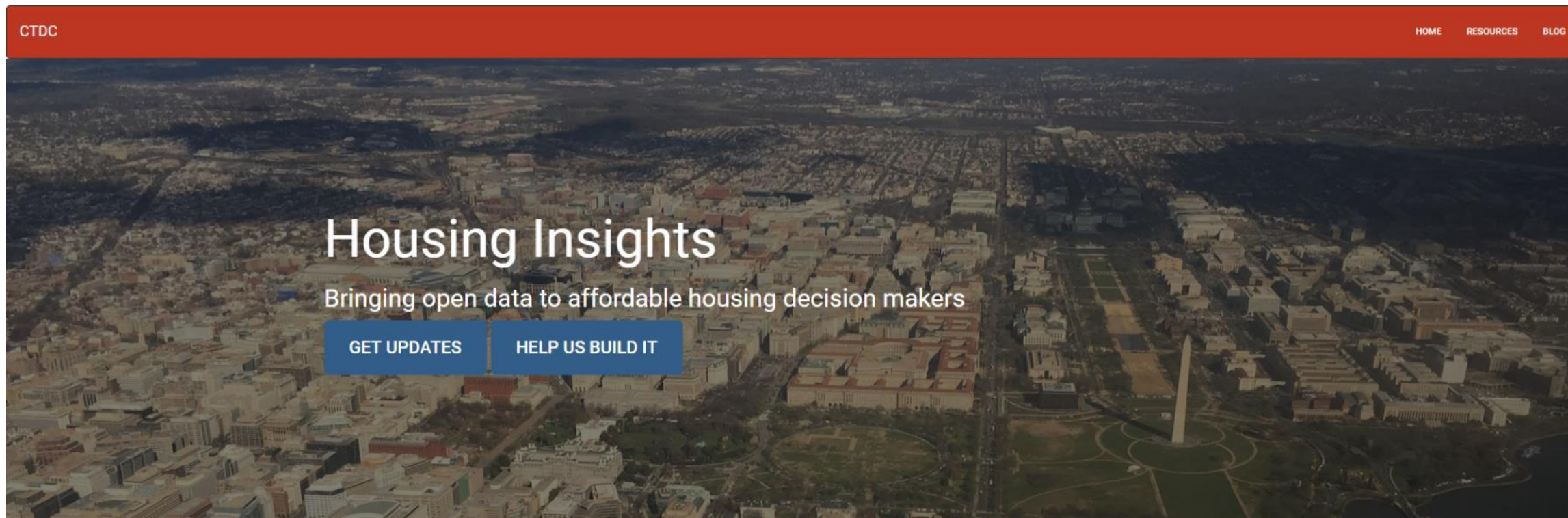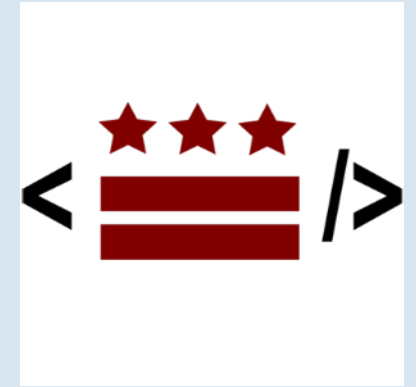
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The Problem

Affordable Housing

- Most is **privately owned**; government provides incentives
- Owners can **choose to stop** receiving incentives (under certain circumstances)
- Advocates and government agencies can often intervene – spending time and money to *preserve* these buildings

Need to know how to prioritize preservation efforts.

Data

- Dozens of overlapping programs (Section 8, tax credit, DC gov, etc.), **data isn't centralized**
- **Neighborhood info is relevant** – demographics, transit locations, nearby economic development, other affordable options in the neighborhood.
- **City-wide analysis** can reveal tradeoffs not apparent at building level.

Why tech is part of the solution

- Build it once – use often. Time needed to use data is lower.
- Add transparency to prioritization process
- Proactive housing preservation
- Data driven decision making

Where are we now?

Challenges: Easy vs. Hard Data

Challenges: Which one is current?

Multiple sources

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We'd like to include notifications of nearby PUD / Zoning statuses in a map + list fo

We will probably want to talk to the Office of Zoning about getting access to this d
have an online system and posted PDFs. For now, this is the information available:

PDF list of filings by Ward
Interactive Zoning Information System
Board of Zoning calendar of upcoming hearings
Zoning Commision calendar of upcoming hearings
Zoning map (contains current pending PUD areas in red)

opendata.dc.gov

Contact Electronic Mail Address: Nyambi.Nyambi@dc.gov
Hours: 10 am - 5 pm

Data Set Credit: District of Columbia Office of Zoning (DCOZ)
Native Data Set Environment: Microsoft Windows 2000 Version 5.0 (Build 219
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Challenges: Political change is built in

"We want the District to use data and a consistent approach to ranking priorities in allocating funding for affordable housing preservation."

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