

**Brainstorming Suggestions/Questions/Comments from  
Workshop for Citizens of Excluded Communities  
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1. Form partnerships between communities and nonprofits to seek funding.
2. Take this workshop to other communities.
  - a. Help show success to other communities.
  - b. Help develop statewide solutions.
3. How do we think about economic development in different ways to benefit excluded communities?
4. How do we more fully educate communities about possible solutions? Through meetings? Through exchange between communities?
5. What changes are needed to ETJ laws? Can we impose time limits?
6. Support heirs property reform.
7. Get federal civil rights laws to cover water and sewer.
8. Make sure census designated places accurately reflect our communities.
9. What are different strategies for developing leadership and organization, especially when results are not immediate?
10. Ongoing need for monitoring federal community development funds and emergency management funds.  
\*Department of Community Assistance's Scattered Site Program
11. Ongoing issues of substandard housing and unemployment.
12. Create safe environments where people feel like they can share.
13. Reduce feelings of isolation and feelings of territoriality between communities.
  - a. Know when other community groups are meeting.
  - b. Serve on community boards.
14. There is strength in numbers.
15. Advocate from better communication from local governments.
16. Create strong networks and maintain them.
  - a. Create Listserv from this meeting.
  - b. Have a backup for those without e-mail access.
  - c. Encourage dissemination of information.
17. Address communities' concerns about whether their property will be taken.
18. Find a range of resources to serve our communities' needs.
19. Participate in the consolidated plan process.
20. Raise up the idea of Land Rights.
  - a. People are being disenfranchised without knowing it.
  - b. Land is power.
21. How do we broker all of the resources and information that is out there, rather than focusing on building new programs? We need a better system to make sure our communities get these resources.
22. Educate communities about the danger of reverse mortgages.
23. Reinvigorate Legal Aid's Community Economic Development Task Force
24. Bolster resources for community loan funds, e.g. North Carolina Minority Support Center
25. Community education on heirs property and wills