The Origins of Self Help Housing in the United States

Presentation to:
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Outline

- Roots at Penn Craft, 1936-
- Mid-Century Urban Cooperative Self-Help, 1940s-50s
- Origins of Self-Help for Migrant Farmworkers, 1960s
- The Spread of Self-Help in the late 1960s and 1970s
- Self-Help as a National Movement and where my research is going
Urban Self Help-Indianapolis
Urban Self Help: Philadelphia
Expansion of Self-Help Housing - 1969
What’s Next:

• Following the story into the 1980s and beyond
• Documenting and including grassroots experiences
• Oral history interviews and profiles
What it's all about....