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## PREFACE

This report is a descriptive summary of data collected as part of a research project entitled "Housing, Neighborhood and Community Satisfaction of Elderly Residents of Government Subsidized Housing."

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## INTRODUCTION

### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the results of a study of resident housing satisfaction in four government subsidized housing units for the elderly in the Duluth, Minnesota area. It is hoped that the information presented in this report will be useful to local agencies and organizations in planning for the needs of the area's elderly population. It is important to note that the statistics discussed in this report are descriptive in nature, and should be viewed primarily as a way to summarize the data from this sample. For a discussion of the theoretical background for the study and results of a multiple regression analysis and other statistical techniques, refer to Flannery (May, 1981), cited in the reference section of this report.

The results discussed in this report summarize the data collected from residents of the four government subsidized housing units in the sample. For a breakdown of data by each of the four units (Gateway Tower, Grandview Manor, Tri-Towers, and Woodland Garden), refer to Flannery (August, 1981), cited in the reference section of this report.

### Characteristics of the study area

Housing the elderly population is a significant problem both at the national level and in the sampling area of this study. As the proportion of the population over 65 years of age increases, demand for appropriate housing will also increase. Therefore, collecting of information related to housing for the elderly can have significant implications for the environmental and social well-being of the elderly population.

In the sampling area of Duluth, Minnesota, the significance of the problems related to housing the elderly population is very apparent. Estimates of population increase which will occur between 1970 and 2000 indicate that St. Louis County (in which Duluth is located) will experience an 11 to 30 percent increase in the elderly