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### Nonprofits and Housing Insecurity in Binghamton

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**Nonprofit Organizations  
& Housing in  
Binghamton**  
*People, Politics &  
Environment*



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**BACKGROUND:**

In Binghamton, NY, housing insecurity has been exacerbated by the increased demand for university students who are moving off-campus to save money. This has caused difficulty for low-income households to find affordable housing. An important way to address concerns with the availability and affordability of housing is to recognize the importance of nonprofits. Nonprofits work to further support low-income families to find affordable housing by filling in some of the gaps that public housing can't fill.

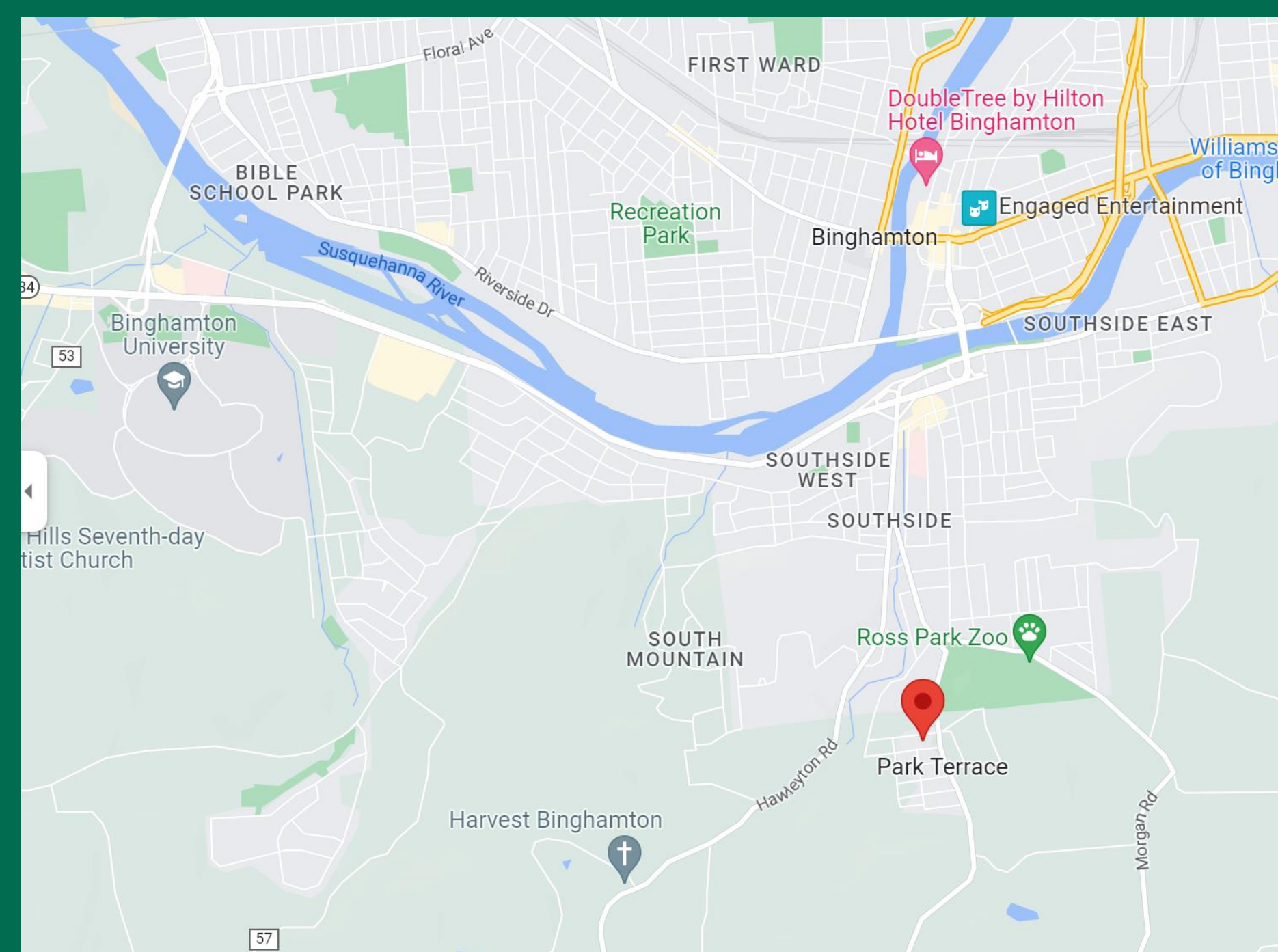
**METHODS**

Various types of social science methods were used including:

- Analysis of scholarly sources on the topic
- Talking with Habitat for Humanity volunteers
- Volunteering at a local Habitat for Humanity build
- Reading and analyzing local news articles on nonprofits
- Exploring nonprofits websites and social media pages

# There is a great benefit in having nonprofits in the housing sector by helping low-to-moderate-income individuals and families directly in addition to public housing resources

**Habitat For Humanity Build at 3492 Margery St.:**



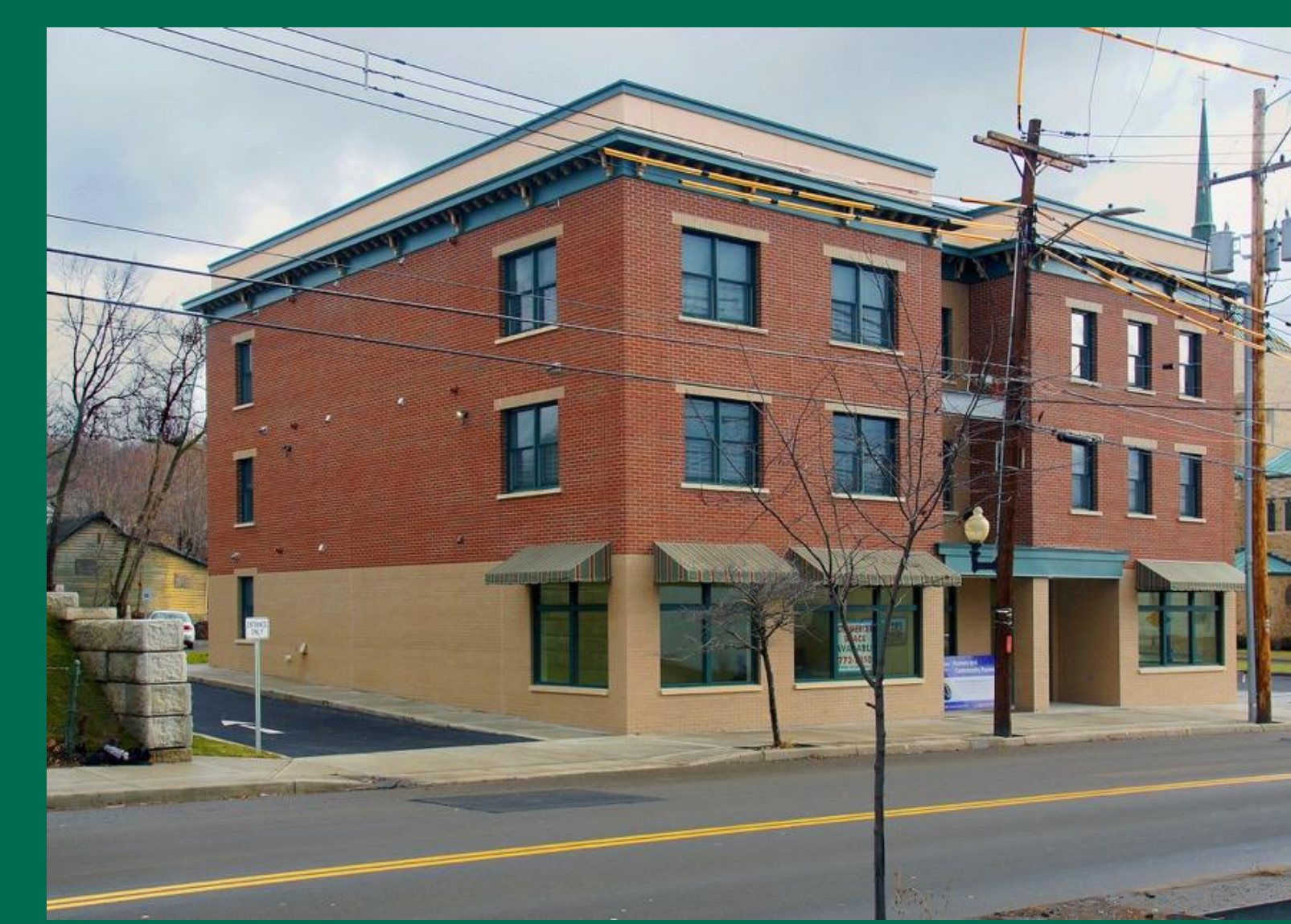
**First Ward Action Council Projects:**



Crandall St.



E.J Apartments for Seniors



Binghamton Gateway Apartments

**RESULTS**

- First Ward Action Council: their projects have created over 200 apartments for low-income families, they also help homeowners and seniors make needed repairs on their properties and develop storefronts to attract more business to the area
- Habitat For Humanity Broome County: Volunteers, along with future homeowners, participate in builds on Wednesdays and Saturdays, they also support future homeowners with the mortgage process
- Binghamton University Habitat for Humanity: They work with the Broome County chapter by assisting with Saturday builds, holding fundraisers, and encouraging Binghamton University students to get involved
- Other Local Non-Profits: There are local nonprofits that help with housing, including the Binghamton Rescue Mission, the YWCA, Catholic Charities, and Greater Opportunities.

**CONCLUSION**

- Nonprofits face many struggles in completing their work including lack of resources, difficulty completing projects, and high demand for their service
- Nonprofits benefit society in numerous ways including building new development projects, addressing community needs, and investing in society
- In Binghamton, nonprofits that focus on housing have been working to address housing concerns, and with more resources and public support, can help more low-income individuals find affordable housing

