

Lauren Dillard is a dedicated housing and community development professional who strives to create positive change in communities with the purpose of leaving the world in a better place for future generations. Throughout Lauren's ten years working in the affordable housing field, she has crafted a career that also allows her to do what she enjoys – improving neighborhoods and the lives of those who live in them. Lauren currently works as an Associate Tax Credit Allocation Officer. In this role she is responsible for assisting with all aspects of implementing and enforcing affordable housing policy through the federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program, assisting with changes to Virginia's Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP), and reviewing both 4% and 9% LIHTC applications. Lauren firmly believes in Virginia Housing's mission to help Virginians attain quality, affordable housing and is dedicated to continuing to encourage, engage, and equip communities to create more sustainable futures.

Prior to joining Virginia Housing, Lauren worked as a Chief Neighborhood Development Officer for the City of Hampton, VA where she was responsible for where I am responsible for overseeing and managing the City's federal, state, and local community development programs, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), American Rescue Plan (ARP), and the CARES Act. Lauren also has experience as a consultant for Summit Design and Engineering Services where she provided localities around Virginia with technical and financial expertise to effectively manage housing and community development projects in accordance with all applicable local, state, and federal regulations. Lauren is a proud Hokie who received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Environmental Policy and Planning from Virginia Tech. Outside of work, Lauren is involved in the Better Housing Coalition's Young Professional Board and with her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.