

ABSTRACT

A Study of Maloney Housing Project
And the Impact on its Residents

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With the continuous increase in the population of Trinidad and Tobago, where birth rate and immigration may together exceed death and emigration, the Government of Trinidad and Tobago has to continuously provide adequate housing for its population. One of the ways in which the Government has attempted to cater for this is by embarking upon housing development projects.

Through focusing on the Maloney Housing Development, this paper seeks to examine the Government's approach to solving the (low-income) housing problem. This paper attempts to make an analysis of the housing project almost ten years after its completion, while comparing it with what may be thought to be a successful housing project for low-income families.

The Government hoped to achieve a new and self-sufficient community when relocating these citizens to this new area. It was envisaged that new industries and other essential community services, if not placed there at the beginning of the development, will soon follow.

Having examined the existing structure of the community and its surroundings, it was found that the evolution of the development and

hence, its residents, were affected by several factors which included:

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(iii) Poor construction planning - Methods and techniques which were	
all grossly neglected at the outset of the project.	
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These findings may serve to highlight the dire need for proper research, planning and development for low-income housing communities in Trinidad and Tobago. There should also be a focus on the criteria for practical designs for each community in terms of its particular users, in providing housing for this multi-racial, multi-cultural society.

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