

Center

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percent over five years to 12 applicants, Wettlaufer said. The loans would be considered a second mortgage loan and would be designed for buying appliances or cosmetic improvements," Taylor said.

Likely qualifiers for the low-interest loans would be a minority family making a purchase in a majority neighborhood, a white family making a purchase in a predominately minority neighborhood or a minority family making a purchase in a gentrifying neighborhood that appears to be resegregating.

"Open housing is a right," Taylor said. "The only limitation should be if they can afford it."

Wettlaufer cited a program in Shaker Heights, Ohio, a Cleveland suburb, where incentives have been used to integrate the city and schools as an example of what can be accomplished.

Farmington Hills city manager Bill Costick said that, although it is often subtle, racism is as at work in his city. Costick said he has received anonymous calls asking about the racial composition of a given area, if minorities are "moving in," or if zoning changes will encourage more mi-



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Her story: Deborah Wright Taylor talks to an audience of Farmington-area people about discrimination.

norities to live in the city. "We all have to keep reminding ourselves that this goes on," he said.

The center is trying to discourage stereotyping in a fundamental way, Taylor said. "Learning to live together is the

unfinished task," she said.

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