
WASHINGTON HOUSING PLAN

FEBRUARY 9TH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING



NHCOG
— Northwest Hills —
Council of Governments

AGENDA

1. Review Housing Webinar topics & dates
 - Proposal for short video on affordable housing in NWCT
2. Plan for 1st Public Forum on Housing Plan
3. Habitat for Humanity & WCHT
4. Review Housing Needs Assessment
5. Discuss worker housing survey results
6. Next meeting date & Next steps



UPCOMING HOUSING WEBINARS

FOR NWCT'S SMALL TOWNS

- **How is Affordable Housing Funded in NWCT's small towns?**
 - Thursday, February 18th at 7pm via Zoom
 - Guest presenter: David Berto, President, Housing Enterprises
- **How much Affordable Housing Do we Need? What is our town's "fair share"?**
 - Wednesday, February 24th at 7pm via Zoom
 - Guest presenter: Sam Giffin, Policy and Data Analyst, Open Communities Alliance
- **Why Does Our Town's Housing Not Meet the Needs of Seniors and Young People?**
 - Thursday, March 4th at 7pm via Zoom
 - Guest presenter: Sean Ghio, Policy Director, Partnership for Strong Communities
- All webinars will be **recorded and available** from your Housing Plan project webpage, NHCOC's YouTube Channel, and anywhere else you wish to post them.

SHORT VIDEO ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN NWCT'S SMALL TOWNS

- **Timeline: Feb/March 2021**
- **Cost: \$4,500** (about \$600 per town that currently has a housing plan grant from the Dept. of Housing)
- **Use/Audience:** This professionally produced short video can be shown during public meetings in the towns creating municipal housing plans to show residents what affordable housing looks like in neighboring towns and hear from the local housing organizations that created and maintain them.
- **Filmmaker:** Theodore Perotti, Pig Iron Films

Possible locations to film:

- **Cornwall-** Bonnie Brook, Kugeman Village, Cornwall Housing Corporation
- **Kent-** Stuart Farm, Kent Affordable Housing
- **Litchfield-** various sites, Litchfield Housing Trust
- **Salisbury-** Sarum Village, Salisbury Housing Committee
- **Norfolk-** Village Center housing, Norfolk Foundation for Living
- **Washington-** Washington Community Housing Trust

Possible interview question topics:

- Project history- donated land?
- How do you think this housing has benefited the community?
- Why do you volunteer your time on your local housing non-profit?
- Length of waiting list
- Who lives there

PLANNING FOR 1ST COMMUNITY FORUM

ON THE HOUSING PLAN

Washington Community Forum

Why are we developing a Washington Affordable Housing Plan?

Please join us...

to hear more about the Housing Plan we are developing, get your questions answered, and provide any feedback you might have.

Feb 25? or March 2? at 7-8:30 pm VIA Zoom (link info below)

AGENDA

1. **Why are we developing a town affordable housing plan?**
Review why, who's on the steering committee, how do we define affordable housing (10 min)
(Leslie or Lisa?, Washington Housing Commission)
2. **What types of housing does Washington need?**
Review of Washington Housing Needs Data Analysis (10 min.)
(Jocelyn Ayer, Northwest Hills Council of Governments)
3. **What do Washington residents and workers say about housing needs?**
Review summary results from Resident Housing needs survey (5 min)
(Jocelyn can do this or someone else from the Committee- Jocelyn will prepare summary)
4. **Who builds, owns, and manages the affordable housing we have now?**
Washington Community Housing Trust- overview of their properties/projects (Bill?) 10 min
Habitat for Humanity- quick update on Myfield (Fran?) 5 min
5. **Questions and Comments from Participants**
Participants can ask questions; we could do some interactive polling questions as well
6. **What are the next steps in the Housing Plan process? How can I get more information?**

- Review forum invite flyer
- Decide on date
- Agenda & Speakers
- Discuss Outreach- how do we advertise the meeting and best get residents to attend?
 - Send out FAQs handout with meeting invite? Put a few FAQs on Facebook each week leading up to meeting?

REVIEW HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Washington Housing Needs Assessment

February 2021

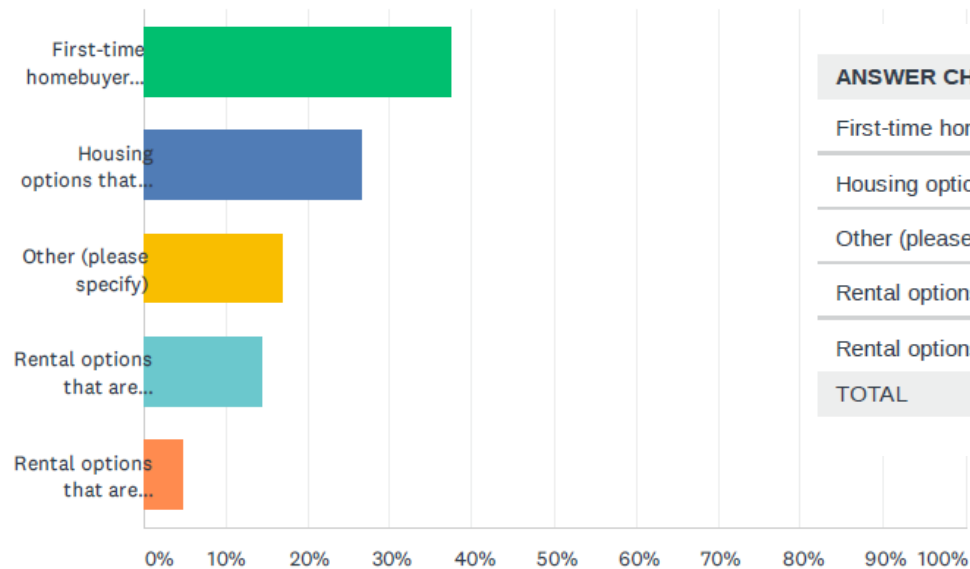
Prepared by: Jocelyn Ayer, Northwest Hills Council of Governments

WORKER SURVEY RESPONSES TO DATE

96 RESPONSES

Q6 What type of housing would you like to find in Washington?

Answered: 83 Skipped: 13



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
First-time homebuyer options that are affordable ____	37.35%	31
Housing options that allow older adults to "downsize"	26.51%	22
Other (please specify)	16.87%	14
Rental options that are affordable for a single person earning under \$57,000/yr (80% of the area median income)	14.46%	12
Rental options that are affordable for a family of four earning under \$82,000/yr (80% of the area median income)	4.82%	4
TOTAL		83

NEXT STEPS

- Outreach for Community Forum on Housing Plan on March 2 at 7pm via Zoom
- Outreach re: Housing Webinars for NWCT's small towns
- Next meeting date: **March 9 at 5:30pm**
 - Review draft of Housing Plan sections completed to date, including possible goals & strategies
 - Plan for 2nd forum in April?

