

NEWBURGH HOUSING REPORT

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INTRODUCTIONS



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PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF THE NEWBURGH HOUSING REPORT

❑ PURPOSE OF THE NEWBURGH HOUSING REPORT

- Evaluate pathways for better meeting Newburgh's housing needs through coordinated changes in policies, programs, and regulations.
- Provide the City of Newburgh with a comprehensive housing policy framework that can be used to update the housing element of the City's Comprehensive Plan
- Identify easy-to-implement actions that can improve housing and neighborhood conditions
- Create new partnerships and commitments that help build more inclusive, healthy, and economically vital neighborhoods

❑ OUR SCOPE OF WORK

- Housing Needs Assessment
- Existing Policy Review
- Best Practice Research
- Policy Analysis
- Community & Stakeholder Engagement

☐ FIVE APPROACHES TO UNDERSTANDING CITY'S HOUSING NEEDS

- Coordination with City and County Departments
- Attendance at Newburgh Housing Coalition Meetings
- Analysis of Demographic, Housing, and Economic Data
- Stakeholder Outreach
- Resident Engagement [Community Listening Sessions, Online Survey]

☐ INITIAL FINDINGS FROM ASSESSMENT

- High-quality housing that is code compliant, safe, and healthy
- Housing that is affordable to all incomes
- New multi-family rental housing & homeownership opportunities
- Strong healthy neighborhoods with access to social services, community space, open space and economic opportunity.

HOUSING POLICY THEME I: BUILDING CONDITIONS

- A. REFORM ADMINISTRATIVE CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCESS
- B. REFORM JUDICIAL ENFORCEMENT PROCESS FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT
- C. HELP BUILDING OWNERS REHAB THEIR BUILDINGS
- D. EMPOWER TENANTS
- E. BRING VACANT, DISTRESSED, AND TAX DELINQUENT PROPERTIES BACK INTO
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HOUSING POLICY THEME II: HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

- A. ENSURE NEW DEVELOPMENTS PROVIDE A MIX OF PRICE POINTS
- B. IDENTIFY FUNDING SOURCES TO DEVELOP AND PRESERVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- C. PROTECT EXISTING SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- D. REDUCE HOMEOWNER COSTS
- E. REDUCE UTILITY COSTS
- F. EVALUATE COST ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

HOUSING POLICY THEME III: HOUSING SUPPLY

- A. IDENTIFY NEW SITES FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT IN NEWBURGH
- B. REVISE LAND USE REGULATIONS TO MAKE IT EASIER TO BUILD A VARIETY OF HOUSING TYPES
- C. SUPPORT EXISTING ENTITIES FOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT WHILE SUPPORTING CREATION OF NEW ENTITIES
- D. INCREASE FUNDING FOR NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
- E. MAKE THE DEVELOPMENT PROCESS EASIER FOR DEVELOPERS

HOUSING POLICY THEME IV: NEIGHBORHOOD VITALITY

- A. REDUCE EVICTIONS
- B. PRECLUDE DISCRIMINATION, PREVENT DISPLACEMENT, AND PROMOTE INTEGRATION
- C. IMPROVE ACCESS TO SOCIAL SERVICES
- D. IMPROVE HOMEOWNERSHIP ESPECIALLY AMONGST UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES
- E. SUPPORT HEALTHY COMMUNITIES
- F. ENSURE HOUSING SUPPORTS LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

I. COMPLETE HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- Distribute Housing Needs Survey
- Continue Stakeholder Interviews

II. DRAFT POLICY FRAMEWORK

- Refine Goals
- Conduct Research on Housing Strategies from Other Cities
- Prepare & Present Draft Housing Strategies
- Evaluate Draft Housing Strategies with Residents, City & County Representatives, & Housing Stakeholders

III. PREPARE NEWBURGH HOUSING REPORT

- Housing Needs Assessment
- Review of Existing Policies
- Proposed Policy Framework
- Record of Engagement