



# Staunton's Pathway to Affordable Housing and Housing For Working Families Update #3

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## Economic Development Strategic Area: Action 3

Enhance the economic well-being and quality of life for the City through attracting new industries in target areas and supporting the expansion and retention of existing businesses. This area also addresses affordable housing and housing for working families.



# Housing Needs

- Sheltering For The Unhoused
- Transitional Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing
- Low-Income Homeowners Maintenance And Repair Assistance
- More Affordable Rental Units
- More Affordable Housing Homeownership Opportunities
- Workforce Rental And Homeownership Options To Assist With Economic Development
- Diversity of Housing Stock Types
- Neighborhoods of Mixed-Use Housing Options
- On-going Maintenance And Renovation Of Newer Multi-family And Single-Family Units As They Age
- Incentives For Builders To Develop Housing That Allows People To Age In Place
- Developer-Friendly Community Development Including Incentives/Fee Waivers/Zoning Changes
- Local Housing Strategy and Action Plan



## The City Participates In These Housing Groups:

Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Housing Consortium

CAPSAW Housing Supports Group

Valley Homeless Connection

Staunton-Harrisonburg-Waynesboro Regional Housing Planners Group

Central Shenandoah Regional Housing Study Leadership Team



## Current Fiscal Year Tasks

1. Provide City Council and Staff educational opportunities and relevant guest speakers to expand the knowledge base about the current housing situation and how it affects the City.
2. Distribute a survey to the housing providers, developers, owners of rental properties, large employers, and other stakeholders to see what policies could be implemented and types of assistance provided by the City to increase the providers' capacity, effectiveness, and service provision.
3. Attend the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Housing Summit being held on October 11-12, 2023.
4. Create a task list of housing-related activities that the City is currently doing or could do without additional funding and minimal staff effort to further affordable and workforce housing.



## Current Fiscal Year Tasks (continued)

5. Explore potential available federal and state grant funding and technical assistance opportunities to conduct a housing and developable land inventory and housing strategic plan.
6. Take advantage of the CDBG 5-year Consolidated Plan Update to gather citizen input about housing needs.
7. Investigate ways to leverage the CDBG funds through the FY2025 city budgeting process in order to provide additional support to housing providers and city staff to increase the amount and quality of affordable housing that is available.
8. Explore the potential of creating a Housing Committee or Commission, define its role, the requirements and responsibilities of its members, and a funding source to staff it.



# Central Regional Housing Study

- Update from the Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission
  - Preliminary Analysis and Strategies
  - Upcoming Timeline





# Thank You!

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