2021-2030 Livable Communities Act Re-Enrollment

Determining Affordable and Life-cycle Housing Goals

May 4, 2020

Community Development Committee



Today's discussion

Overview of the re-enrollment process for 2021-2030 Livable Communities Act participation

Reminder of baseline principles for affordable and life-cycle housing goals determination

Summary of input to date about how to determine 2021-2030 affordable and life-cycle housing goals

Staff recommendation for 2021-2030 affordable and life-cycle housing goals

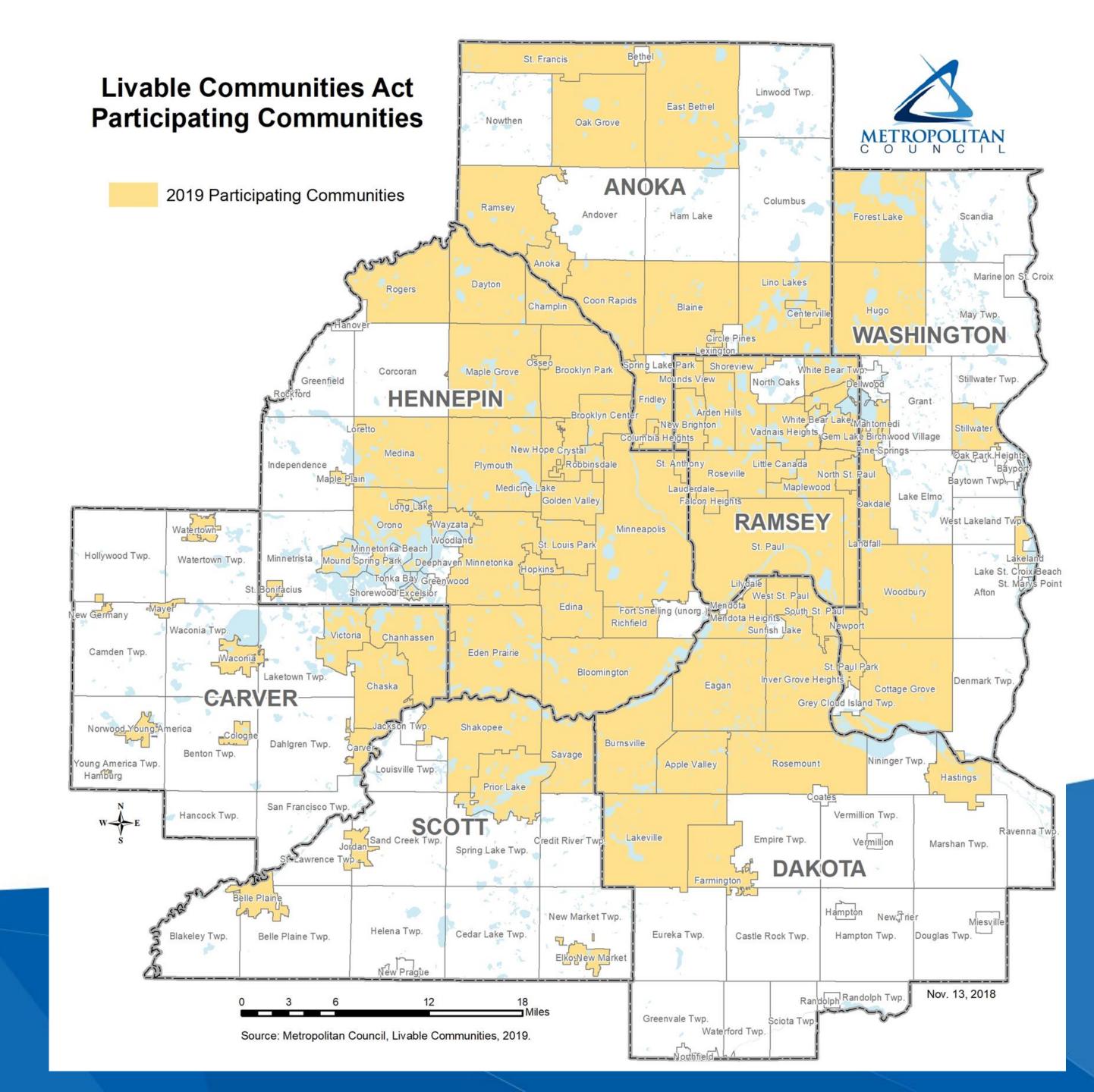
Committee feedback and discussion to inform next steps



Requirements for participation

Communities must:

- Adopt affordable and lifecycle housing goals
- Establish a Housing Action
 Plan
- Spend an affordable and life-cycle housing opportunity amount (ALHOA)



2021-2030 Re-enrollment process

- Affordable and Life-cycle Housing Goals are updated every decade
- Current participating communities adopted Affordable and Life-cycle housing goals that expire at the end of 2020
- Must adopt 2021-2030 Affordable and Life-cycle Housing Goals by November 15, 2020
- Opportunity to enroll in the program on an annual basis, but the 10-year reenrollment process applies to all communities



Baseline principles for goal determination

- Affordable and Life-cycle Housing Goals should be connected to Council policies
 - A community's allocation of affordable housing need should be the foundation from which goals are determined

Regional **need** for low- and moderate-income housing



Local **need** for low- and moderate-income housing:

- Forecasted growth
- Existing affordable housing
- Ratio of low-wage jobs to lowwage worker

 Every community's Goals should be determined using a consistent methodology that is easy to understand and explain

Input to date

- Two meetings with stakeholders
- Presentation to Land Use Advisory Committee
- Presentation to Community Development Committee
- Survey



Considerations for goal/need determination

- Goal = Need
 - Allows goal to reflect the true significance of the affordable housing need
 - There is no "penalty" for not meeting the goal, so no "risk" in having a higher goal
 - Cities are already deeply embedded in how to address their **need** through the Comprehensive Plan update process

- Goal = Share of Need we expect funding for
 - Acknowledges lack of funding to meet
 need
 - Acknowledges cities alone cannot meet their need
 - Higher goals may discourage program participation



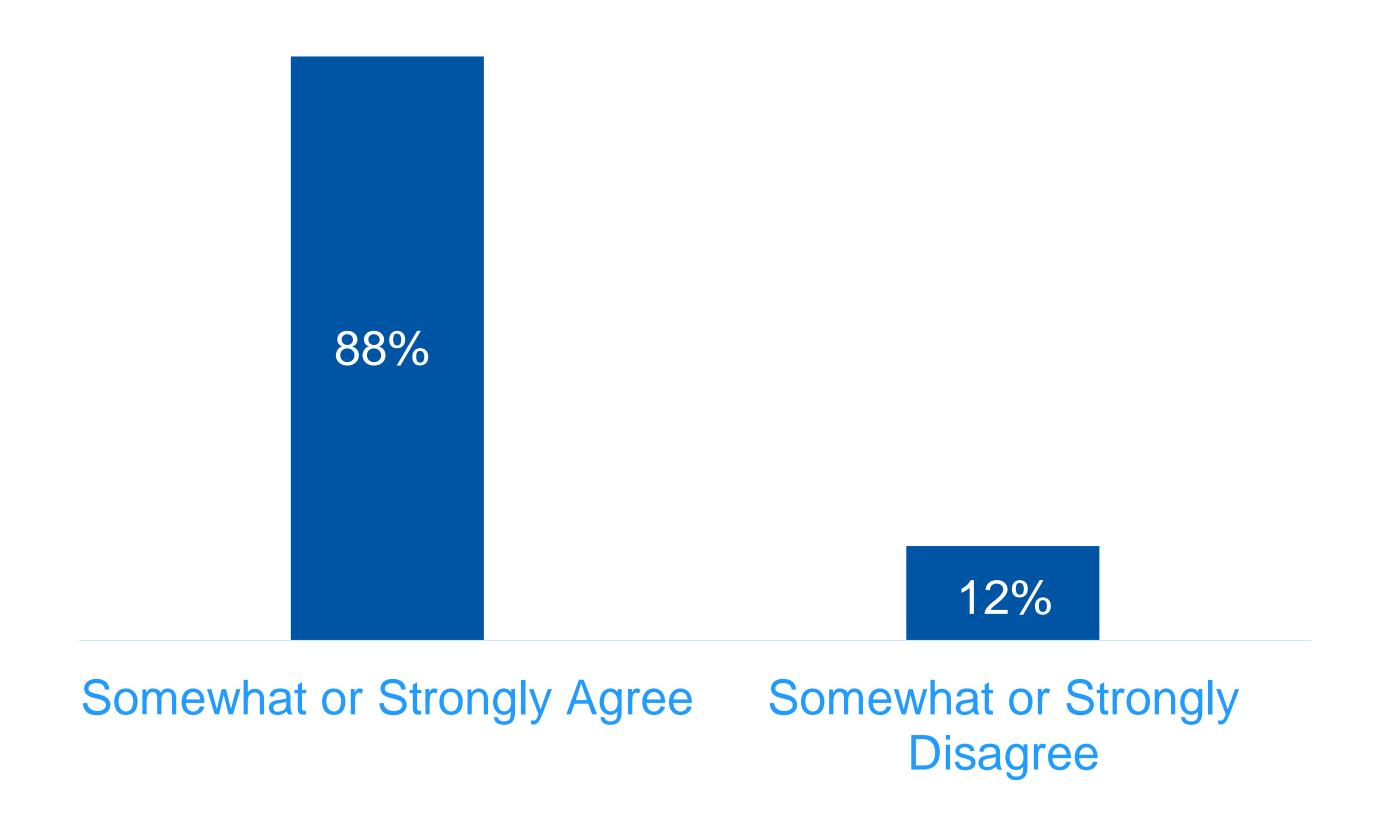
Who responded, and do they intend to re-enroll?

- 56 individual responses
- 50 cities
- 7 counties
- 14 Council Districts

- 84% of respondents expect to reenroll in LCA for 2021-2030
- 16% of respondents were undecided about re-enrollment

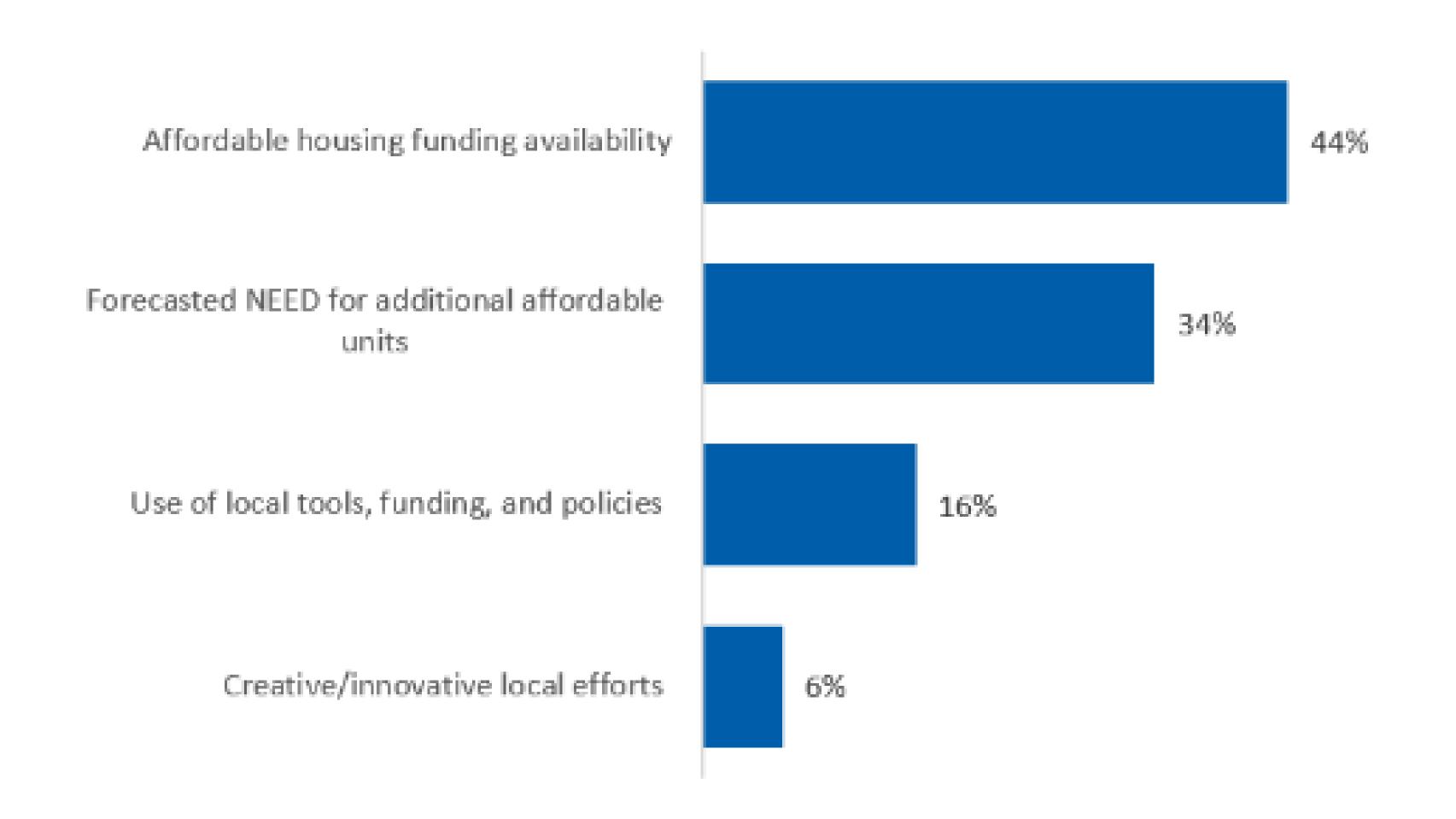


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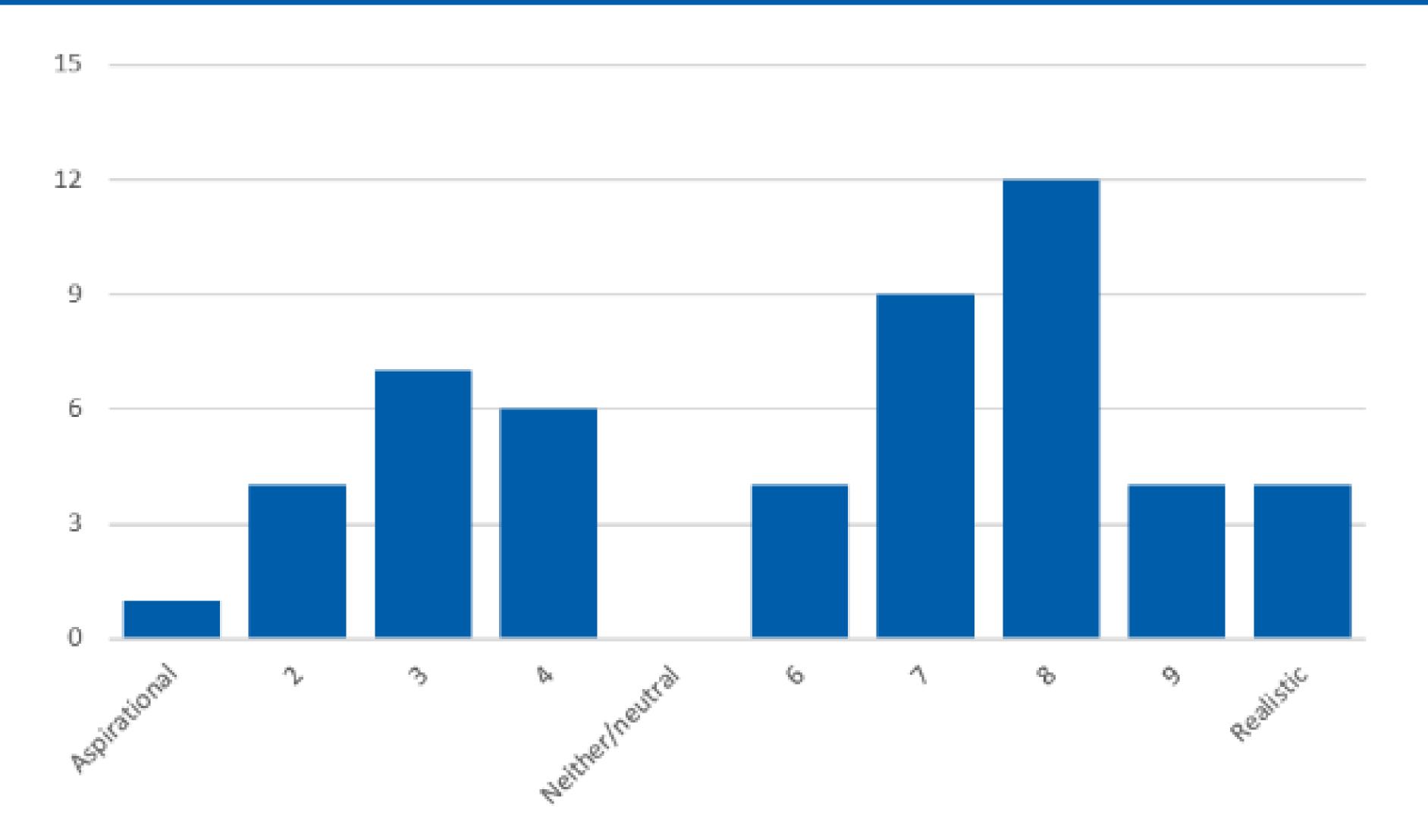


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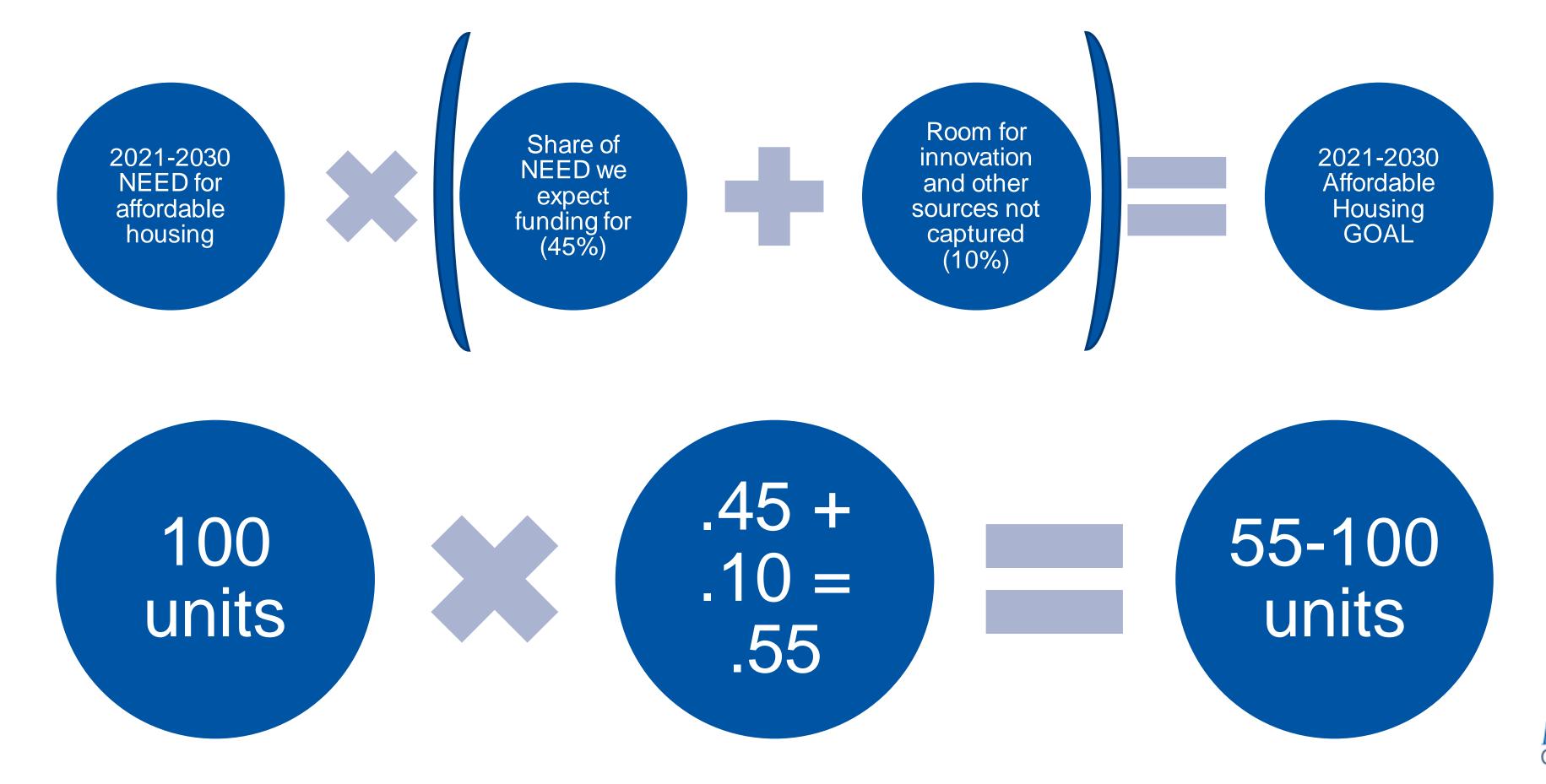
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Recommendation

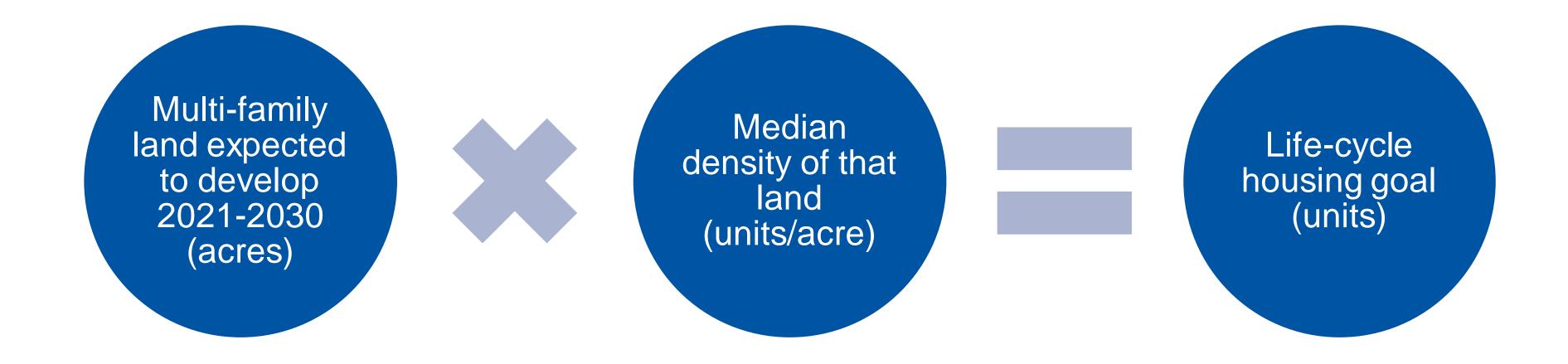
- Utilize a range
- Consider funding availability, plus a little extra





Recommendation

What about those life-cycle goals?





Next steps

- Staff needs the Committee's feedback on their preferred approach
- Committee's preferred approach will be shared with communities along with instructions and templates for adopting affordable and life-cycle housing goals
- Staff will work with communities who want to adopt a different goal, but will not use a different methodology without returning to Committee
- November: Public hearing at CDC meeting
- December: CDC and Council adopt 2021-2030 goals as part of mass reenrollment



Thank you!

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