

Imagine 2050 Housing Policy **Public Comment Summary and Next Steps**

Community Development Committee

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Who commented?



Public Comments

- 180+ submitted
- 4 counties (Carver, Ramsey, Scott and Washington)
- 25 cities
 - Represented cities in all 7 counties
 - Represented all Community Designations except Agricultural
- 3 housing organizations
- State (MDH) and Metro Cities
- Residents

Outreach

- American Indian Advisory Council (AIAC)
- 2050 Housing Technical Advisory Group (TAG)
- Regional housing groups (FHIC, ULI)
- Local governments

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What did we hear?

Support

- Regional issues and goals identified
- Alignment with local goals
- Appreciation for engagement, resources and technical assistance
- Increased flexibility for different city and township types
- More collaboration between Met Council divisions

Needs Clarification

- Requirement of specific tools – cities stress the ability to choose tools that fit their situation
- Density requirements (LGAH)
- Reporting requirements
- Understanding existing housing needs, not just future need
- How will policy be implemented via Met **Council incentives**

- to meet affordable housing need
- to funding
- Can the Met Council
- partner more in

Concerns

• More funding is needed How to reduce barriers

have more of a "stick" to promote affordable housing development More focus on climate mitigation in housing Met Council needs to regional housing issues **MAGINE**²⁵

Proposed changes, categorized

Clarification

- Clarify language that was causing confusion around reporting requirements and choices that cities will have for implementation
- Clarify how existing housing needs data will be available for cities

Context

- More nuanced description of disparities
- Description of challenges to affordable housing development and limitations of funding

Content additions and changes

- considerations"
- American Indian **Advisory Council** recommended commitments
- Provide/Plan/Partner the Met Council will implementation

• Specific changes, e.g. "add water-efficiency role adjustments – how provide TA to support

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Section 1: Proximity and Choice



Objectives 1 & 2

Clarification

- Partnerships with others in the region
- Opportunities to explore support for improved manufactured home infrastructure
- Providing options and TA to support local needs

Context

- Racial disparities more about origins of post-WWII residential patterns and disparities
- Deeply-affordable housing development requires deep funding commitment Content
- American Indian Advisory Committee recommendations
- Encouraging all types of rental housing for small and large households

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Section 2: Dignity and Decency



Objectives 3 & 4

Clarification

- Interaction between comprehensive plan amendments and updates to local housing policies
- How cities will identify and use tools for encouraging affordable housing development – flexibility available to local governments vs. requirements
- Align language for preservation priority with other funders

Context

More background on the role of supportive housing

Content

- Plans should include data about homelessness and need for shelter in the community, and define how the city will address housing instability – more flexible than requiring "identifying tools"
- American Indian Advisory Committee recommendations



Section 3: Connection and Wellbeing



Objectives 5, 6, & 7

Clarification

- Encourage diverse types of rental development, unit sizes, innovative forms of housing
- More detail about how utility costs are considered within housing cost calculations

Content

- American Indian Advisory Committee recommendations
- Include water efficiency, along with energy efficiency, as a priority
- Will provide TA and tools for communities to support social and economic capital, support the provision of services to residents

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Section 4: Roles, Responsibilities, and Implementation



Implementation

Clarification

- Requirements vs options provided for communities to consider
- How (Allocation of) Future Affordable Housing Need is calculated \bullet
- Implementation of Land Guided for Affordable Housing requirements \bullet
- Relationship of long-range comprehensive plans to tactical affordable housing tools
- Identification of top three housing needs and relevant tools ${}^{\bullet}$
- Complete plans do not have to commit to using every available tool to meet their housing \bullet needs, but must identify specific actions and consider all reasonable resources

Context

Large need for deeply affordable housing means we need more financial tools and lacksquareongoing investment from all partners in the region

Content

Removed proposed requirement to report percentage of discretionary city budget spent on housing





Next steps



Work in progress

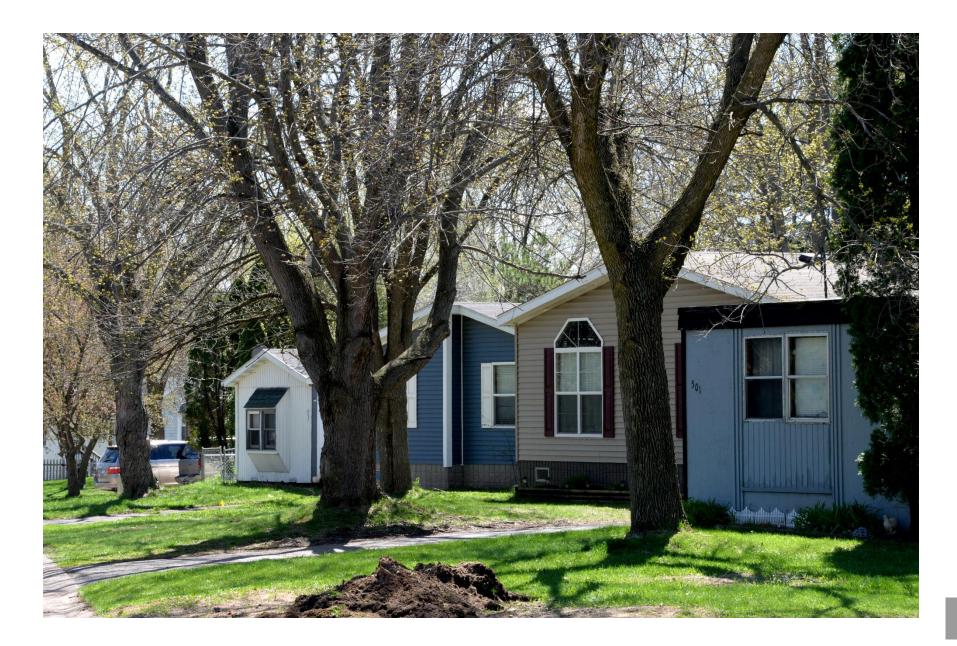
- Following up with individual commenters to lacksquareclarify how their concerns are addressed
 - Example: Most comments concerned about Land Guided for Affordable Housing came from cities already meeting the requirement
- Considering additional updates to plan before finalizing
- More detailed implementation guidance will ulletfollow plan adoption:
 - Local Planning Handbook
 - Housing Action Plan guidance & annual Housing Policy and Production Survey



Discussion

Close to home

- Do the key themes and comments resonate?
- What are your questions about the proposed changes to the Housing Policy Plan?



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