

Council tools and resources to support housing elements in local comprehensive plan updates

Land Use Advisory Committee

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Today's discussion

- Review requirements of housing elements in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Updates
- Identify opportunities to communicate and collaborate with local governments on their housing element
- Review the three main quantitative measures used by the Council to implement housing policy
- Questions, discussion, and next steps

Minnesota Statute 473.859

“...a housing element containing **standards, plans and programs** for providing adequate housing opportunities to meet **existing** and **projected** local and regional housing needs, including...the use of official controls and land use planning to **promote the availability of land for the development of low and moderate income housing.**”

Housing element structure

Existing housing needs

- Existing housing assessment
- Identification of needs and priorities



Projected affordable housing needs

- Allocation of affordable housing need
- Promoting the availability of land



Implementation program

- Public programs, fiscal devices, and specific actions to meet existing and projected needs

Existing housing assessment: Opportunities to communicate and collaborate

- Provide data and maps for the existing housing assessment
- Provide technical assistance to identify strategies to address existing housing needs
- Connect strategies to their impact on a community's Housing Performance Score

Projected housing needs: Opportunities to communicate and collaborate

- Provide each community with their Allocation of Affordable Housing Need
- Provide technical assistance to identify opportunities to guide land at densities that support their Allocation of Affordable Housing Need
- Inform communities that their Allocation of Affordable Housing Need is a forecast for planning not a mandate for production

Implementation program: Opportunities to communicate and collaborate

- Provide technical assistance to identify the programs, fiscal devices and other specific actions that can be used to meet clearly identified existing and projected housing needs
- Facilitate improved knowledge of state housing programs among local city staff
- Encourage participation in funding opportunities through the Livable Communities Act

Need, Goals, and Scores

Council Role	Allocation of Affordable Housing Need	Affordable and Life-cycle Housing Goals	Housing Performance Scores
What	Forecasts the future need for affordable housing. Allows communities to plan for their share of the regional need.	Negotiated housing goals for housing production that communities agree to actively pursue and encourage.	Used in grant funding decisions to incent communities to create and maintain affordable housing
Why	Metropolitan Land Planning Act	Livable Communities Act	Council Policy

Housing Staff Support

- How can the Council's housing staff best inform and support LUAC?
- What housing issues would you most like to discuss at future LUAC meetings?
- How can LUAC support our efforts to provide resources and improve communication with local governments?

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