



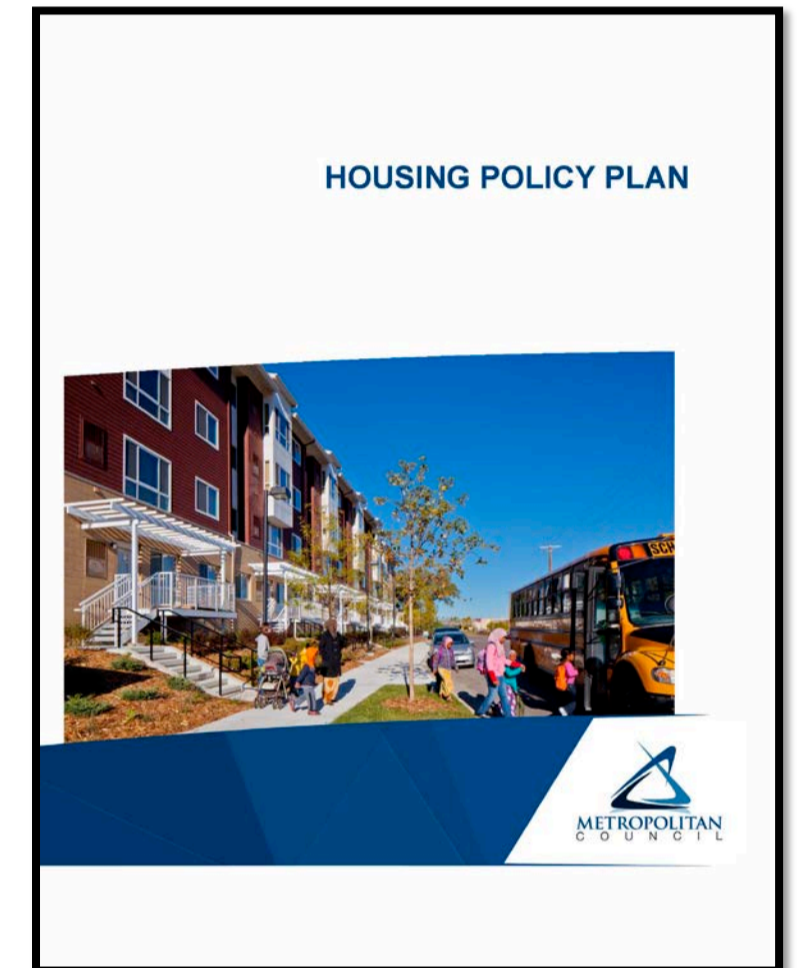
HOUSING POLICY PLAN

Metropolitan Council
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Housing Policy Plan: Structure

- I. Demographics and housing challenges
- II. Housing and the *Thrive* Outcomes and Principles
- III. Council policies
- IV. Opportunities for impact
- V. Implementation and Next Steps

Council roles

- Reviewing local comprehensive plans
- Funding housing development through the Livable Communities Act programs
- Defining each local unit's share of the metropolitan area need for low and moderate income housing
- Administering the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program and providing rental assistance
- Providing technical assistance to local governments to support orderly and economical development
- Integrating housing with the Council's work in regional parks, transportation, and water resources

Need, Goals and Scores

Council Role	Allocation of Affordable Housing Need	Livable Communities Act Affordable and Life-cycle Housing Goals	Housing Performance Scores
Why	Metropolitan Land Planning Act	Livable Communities Act	Council Policy
Function	Informs the development of local comprehensive plans	Required under the Livable Communities Act	Used in grant funding decisions to incent communities to create and maintain affordable housing

Overall policy direction

Create viable housing options that give people in all life stages and of all economic means viable choices for safe, stable and affordable homes

What's different? (slide 1)

- Allocation of Affordable Housing Need:
 - Multiple thresholds (30% of area median income, 30-50% of AMI, 50-80% of AMI)
- Housing Performance Scores:
 - More transparency in the scoring process
 - More “countable activities”
 - More use (e.g., Regional Solicitation for Transportation Funding)
- Improved alignment of housing with other Council planning and decisions

What's different? (slide 2)

- Expanded review of housing in local comp plans
- Expanded role of the Council in technical assistance
 - How to write the required housing element in comp plans
 - How to develop relationships with developers
- Next steps:
 - How do we reduce the barriers to mixed-income developments?
 - Explore funding the Livable Communities Act Inclusionary Housing Account

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