

Strategic Housing Policy: Get more out of your housing element

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Today's discussion

- Housing elements
 - Minimum requirement overview
 - Do more with strategic housing policies
- Case Studies
 - Housing advisory committees:
Paul Mandel AICP, Inver Grove Heights
 - Mixed income (inclusionary) housing policy:
Scott Neal, City Manager, Edina
- Discussion

Housing elements: Minimum requirements

Existing housing needs

- Existing housing assessment
- Identification of needs and priorities



Forecasted affordable housing needs

- Allocation of affordable housing need
- Planning for the availability of land



Implementation program

- Identify the tools and policies that will be used to meet existing and forecasted needs

Housing elements: *Do more!*

Widely accepted tools that can get overlooked:

- Effective referrals
- Participation in collaborative groups
- Site assembly
- Development authorities



Housing element: *Do more!*

Widely accepted tools that are not always widely understood:

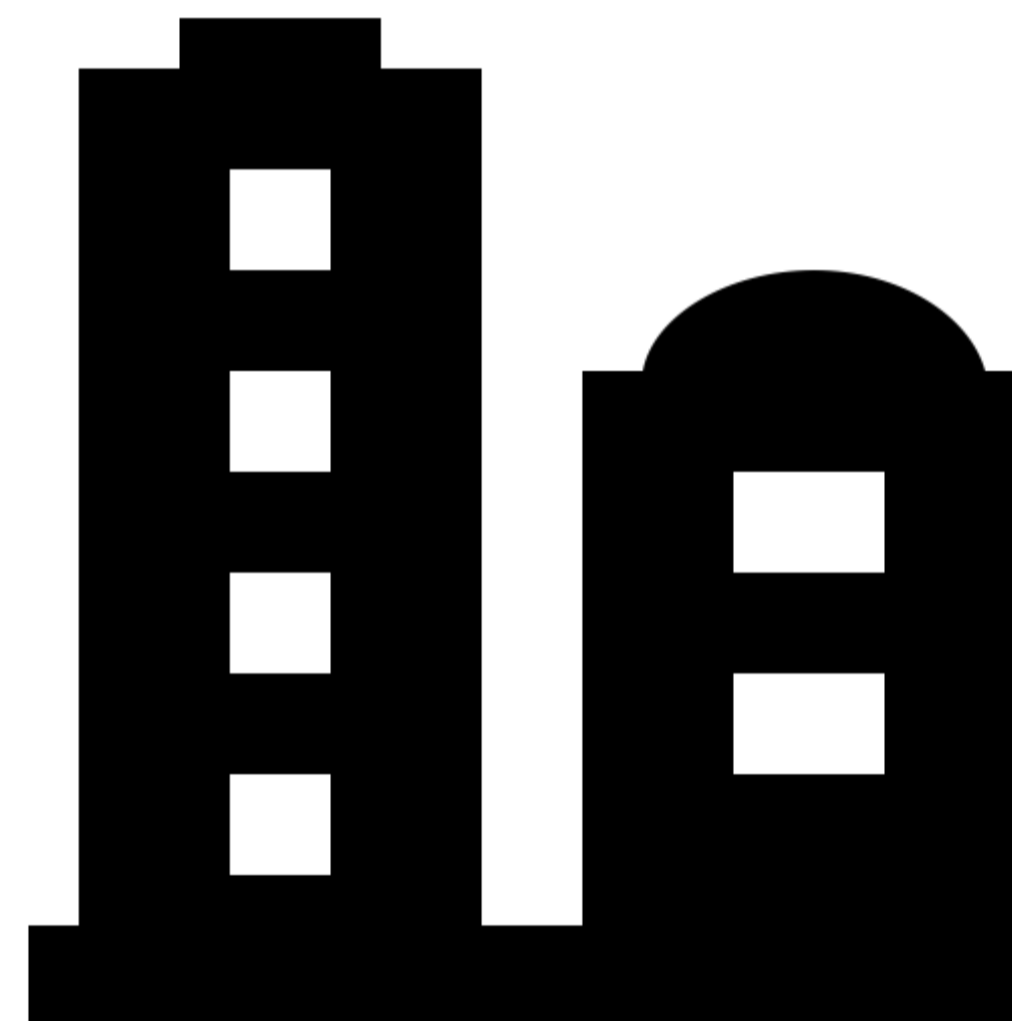
- Fair Housing Policy
- Minnesota Housing resources
- TIF pooling
- Housing bonds
- Rental licensing programs
- Preservation



Housing element: *Do more!*

Beyond widely accepted tools:

- Create a Housing Advisory Committee
- Density – don't be afraid to go **HIGHER!**
- Mixed-income housing policies and tools



For more information:

<http://metro council.org/Handbook.aspx>

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