Presentation of Draft Housing Production Plan Town Council

Thursday September 18, 2025





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Housing Production Plan



What is the Housing Production Plan



Housing Production Plan

A Housing Production Plan (HPP) is a proactive strategy for planning and developing affordable housing. The HPP identifies the housing needs of a community and the goals and strategies it will use to identify and achieve or maintain the 10 percent threshold mandated by M.G.L. (Massachusetts General Law) Chapter 40B.



Massachusetts State Housing Production Plan Requirements

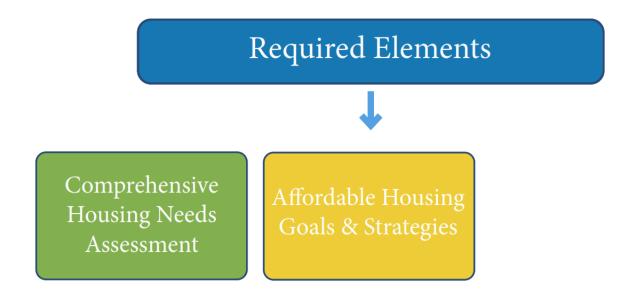




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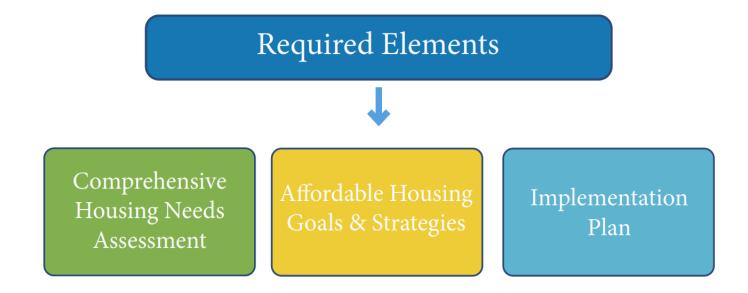


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Housing Production Plan Approval & Certification

Executive Office of Housing and Economic Development (EOHLC) Review Standards

- HPPs are reviewed to see that they contain all the required elements, in accordance with the regulations and these Guidelines; and that the elements of the HPP are consistent with each other, such as whether the goals address stated needs.
- Reviewers pay special attention to the analysis of data, numerical goals, mix of housing proposed, production schedules, deed restrictions, and preferred sites for affordable housing development.



Community Engagement



Community Engagement

2022-2025

- (9) Focus Groups
- (2) Community Workshops
- (2) Public Meetings
- Online survey
- 30-day public comment period



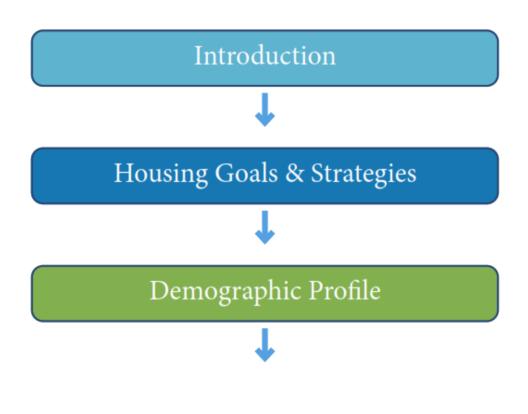
How is the Housing Production Plan Structured

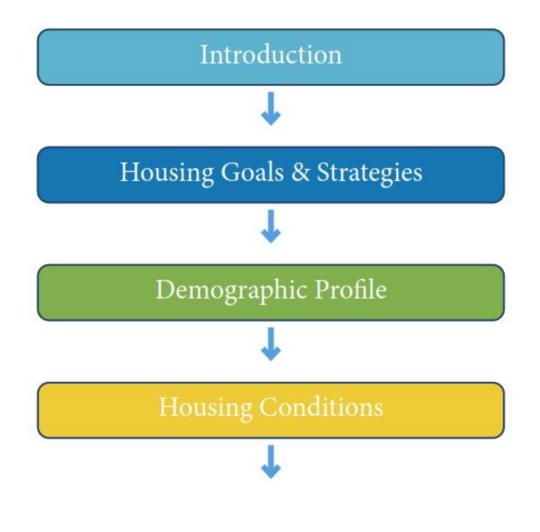


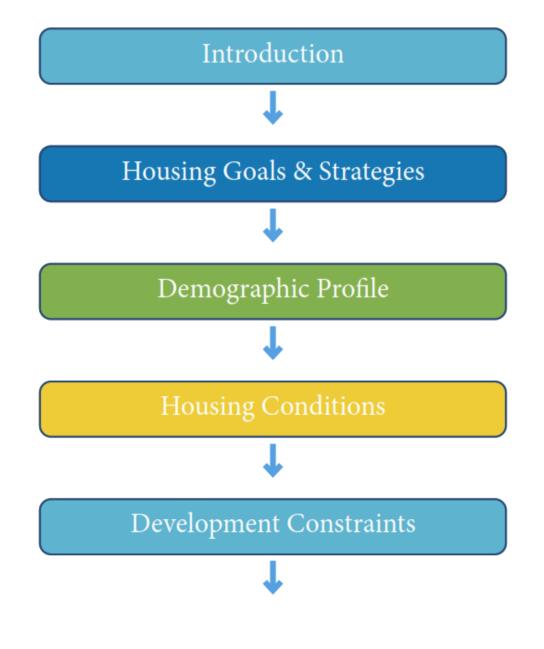
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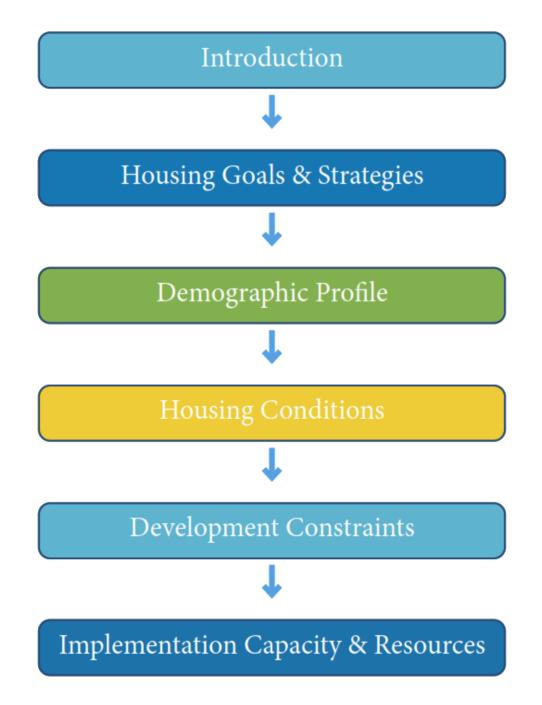












Goals



Executive Summary: Housing Goals



1. 10% percent of year-round housing units on the Subsidized Housing Inventory. (Including: Affordable & Year-Round, Seniors, Families, Rental, Ownership and Special Needs)



2. Assist in stabilizing housing and provide housing assistance programs and services for Barnstable's most vulnerable residents. (Especially those living in inadequate housing conditions, homeless, or at risk of homelessness)



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3. Enhance local capacity to implement deed-restricted affordable housing initiatives and strengthen working partnerships with local and regional organizations focused on addressing housing needs in Barnstable and the region.



4. Partner to promote greater public awareness and understanding of Barnstable's housing needs through continued research, outreach, and public education.



Strategies





1. Pursue the extension of Barnstable's residential property tax exemption to Barnstable property owners that provide affordable year-round rentals to income-eligible tenants.

(Consider opportunities to use this incentive to strengthen the Accessory Affordable Apartment Program)



2. Amend zoning to incentivize development and redevelopment of existing parcels to create affordable assisted or independent living units for low-income seniors, such as expedited permitting, zoning relief, and density bonuses.

(Establish an in-lieu of fee that is comparable to the housing market and can be utilized to support local housing initiatives)



3. Revise the inclusionary affordable housing ordinance by making it a zoning ordinance, requiring a higher percentage of affordable units at a variety of income levels, and making the required percentage proportionate to the size of the development.

(Establish an in-lieu of fee that is comparable to the housing market and can be utilized to support local housing initiatives)



4. Consider regulations and other policies focused on short-term rentals to the extent they impact year-round affordable housing.



5. Pursue the creation of affordable year-round housing on vacant and/or underutilized land.



6. Plan and partner with entities to produce permanent supportive housing for unhoused people.





1. Seek opportunities to increase the number of affordable units in future privately developed projects or create more deeply affordable SHI units in existing moderate-income deed restricted units by coordinating permit processes with incentive programs through the Affordable Housing Trust.



2. Explore community-supported opportunities to add affordable housing on Town properties, especially the Marstons Mills School (2095 Main Street), 164 Route 149, Marstons Mills, land around the Barnstable Adult Community Center, and other opportunities as may be identified as appropriate.



3. Strengthen the coordination, funding, and integration of available rent assistance, foreclosure prevention and housing stabilization programs for income-qualified residents, especially those who are in danger of foreclosure or homelessness.



4. Seek to establish a housing rehabilitation program to help low-income homeowners preserve their existing housing to live independently and fund repairs to homes for health and safety.



5. Continue to seek ways to defray costs related to predevelopment, either through utilizing Affordable Housing Growth & Development Trust funds or examining water and sewer connection costs to foster creation of affordable units.



Capacity, Coordination, Research, and Education Strategies



1. Continue to promote and educate the public on housing initiatives, such as the Town's Local Initiative Program (LIP) guidelines for 40B Comprehensive Permits, Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) guidance, and Affordable Housing Growth and Development Trust Fund Notice of Funding Availability.



2. Partner with neighboring communities to create a regional housing services office (RHSO) to expand resource capacity and support monitoring compliance of existing affordable units.



3. Clarify roles and responsibilities of the Housing Trust, other boards/committees, and Town staff; engage the Trust on housing developments early in the permitting stage for potential funding support.



4. Build partnerships with local organizations and continue affirmative outreach to target populations, such as low-income residents, seniors, and BIPOC (black, indigenous, people of color) communities.



5. Recruit, develop, and sustain dedicated and experienced Town staff to continue coordination of the Town's affordable housing efforts and entities.



6. Support the Barnstable Affordable Housing Trust by continuing to provide funding through the Community Preservation Act, HOME/CDBG, and by seeking state authorization for a real estate transfer fee and building permit surcharge to create additional funding programs administered by the Trust and other funding sources that may become available. Consider increasing the allocation of CPA funds towards housing or exercising borrowing and lending powers to support local housing initiatives.



Action Plan



Housing Production Plan Action Plan

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1	Property tax exemption for local owners of year-round rentals	0	0	0	0	5	TC	НС
2	Zoning to incentivize affordable assisted or independent living units	0	0	0	15	15	TC	PB
3	Revise inclusionary ordinance	60	60	30	20	20	TC	РВ, НС
4	Short-term rental regulation review	0	0	0	0	0	TC	PB
5	Create housing on underutilized properties	0	0	0	0	0	TC	РВ
6	Create supportive housing for unhoused people	0	0	0	0	20	TC	PB
7	Increased number of affordable units in privately developed projects	0	0	0	10	10	PB	TC, HC, HT
8	Addition of housing to Town properties	0	0	0	0	40	TC	PB, HC, HT
9	Programs for residents in danger of homelessness	0	0	0	0	0	НТ	HC, TC

10	Rehabilitation program	0	0	0	0	3	TC	HC, HT
11	Defray costs related to predevelopment or infrastructure	0	0	5	5	5	НТ	РВ
12	Educate the public on the Town's LIP and ADU guidance	0	0	0	0	0	НС	РВ
13	Create a regional housing services office	0	0	10	10	10	TC	PB, HC, HT
14	Clarify roles and responsibilities of Trust/ boards/committees/staff	0	0	0	0	0	НС	TC, HT
15	Partnership and outreach to target populations	0	0	0	0	0	НС	TC, HT
16	Recruit, develop, and sustain dedicated and experienced Town staff	0	0	5	10	10	TC	
17	Support the Barnstable Affordable Housing Trust by continuing to provide funding	0	0	18	20	20	TC	CPC, HT
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Project Website



