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# Affordable Housing Crisis: How did we get here?

What to expec

Morning workshop: "Top down" state and regional initiatives to further affordable housing and housing development

Afternoon workshop: "Bottom up" local initiatives of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Inclusionary Housing

A great day

# The Economist on Housing Policy

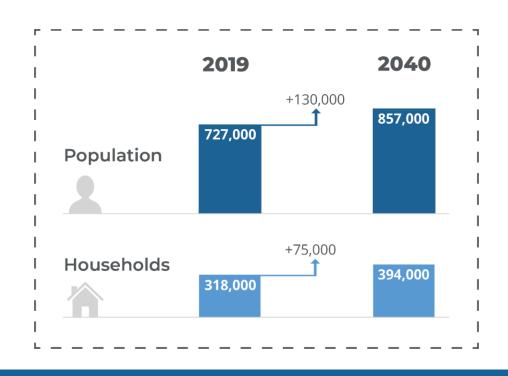
"A creeping dysfunction" that has restricted growth in urban, vibrant areas, led to aging homeowners sitting in "half empty homes protecting their view," and created a generation of potential buyers stuck in rental housing feeling that "capitalism has let them down."

--The Economist magazine, January 2020

### Outcomes of Current Policy: Growing Cost Burden

#### Colorado Cost Burden by Income, 2010 v. 2019





### High-growth employment industries:



Professional/Business Services (high wage)



Leisure/Hospitality (low wage)



Education (low wage)



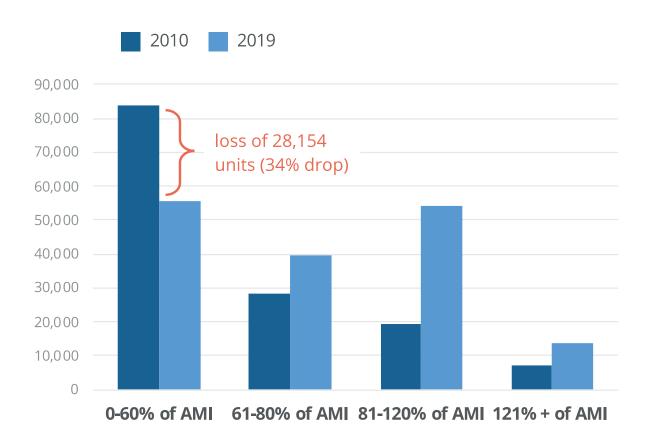
Health care (moderate wage)



Outcomes of Current Policy: Failure to Accommodate Workforce Growth

Outcomes of
Current Policy:
Loss of
Naturally
Affordable Units

#### Shift in Denver's Rental Market by AMI, 2010 v. 2019



# Why Land Use and Zoning

#### What we know

- The way cities have developed in the past has not produced equitable outcomes. Zoning has been part of the problem.
- The way cities are continuing to develop is not producing equitable outcomes. Zoning is still part of the problem.
- Cities and counties do not operate in a vacuum: their restrictions on growth, on housing types, on affordability produce **negative externalities** for their neighbors, for our economy, and for people. Zoning is part of the problem.

#### What we know

- Zoning reform needs to be part of the solution.
- The impacts of zoning reform are still being tested.
- Doing nothing is worse than trying something.

Who's Leading the Way







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# Massachusetts Innovative Affordable Housing Policies



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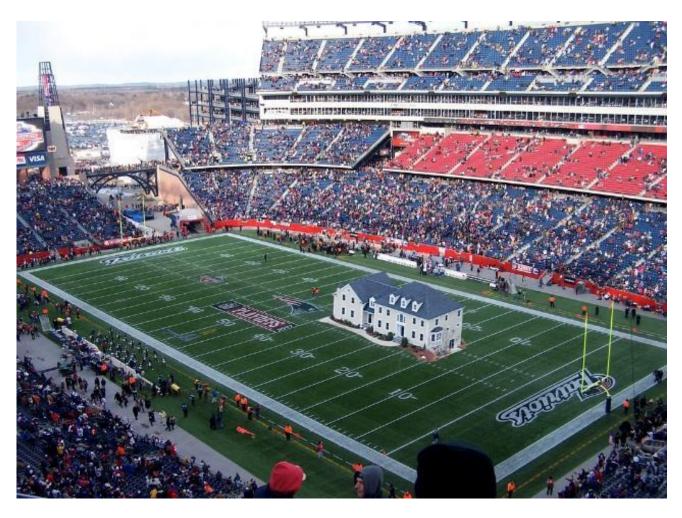


## **About CHAPA**



CHAPA'S MISSION IS TO ENCOURAGE THE PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION OF HOUSING THAT IS AFFORDABLE TO LOW AND MODERATE INCOME FAMILIES AND INDIVIDUALS AND TO FOSTER DIVERSE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES THROUGH PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### Restrictive & Exclusionary Zoning Practices

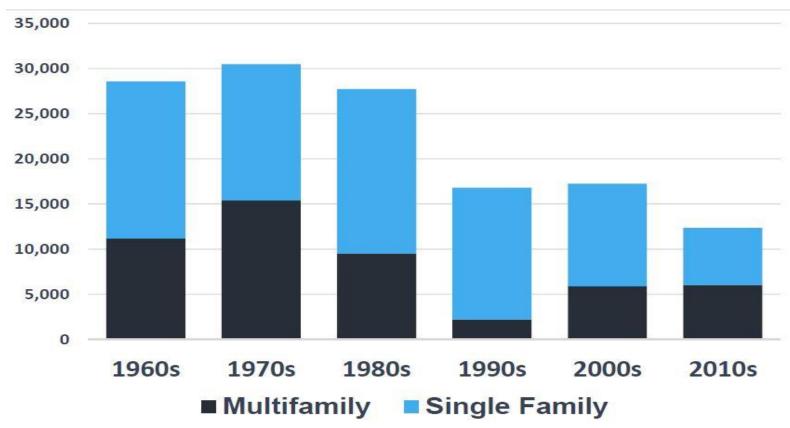


Source: Massachusetts Housing Partnership



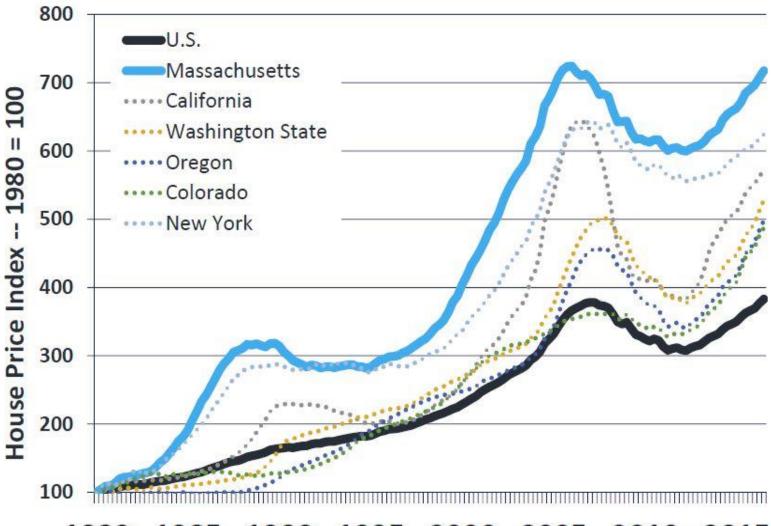
# Annual Housing Production in Massachusetts by Decade





Data source: Massachusetts Housing Partnership; U.S. Census Bureau, Building Permit Survey

#### Rise in Home Prices



1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015

Data source: Massachusetts Housing Partnership; Federal Housing Finance Agency, House Price Index – All Transactions



# What Are We Doing About It?









# Affordable Housing Laws & Programs at a Glance

- Chapter 40B, Affordable Housing Law
- Chapter 40R, Smart Growth Program
- State and Federal Public Housing
- Capital Budget Programs
- State Rental Assistance Programs
- Homelessness Prevention Programs
- Community Preservation Act
- Housing Choice Initiative



### Housing Bond Bill

- \$1.8 billion authorization for affordable housing capital programs
- Extends & Expands:
  - Mass. Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
  - Community Investment Tax Credit
  - Historic Tax Credit
- Extends:
  - Mass. Historic Tax Credit
  - Housing Development Incentive Programs
- Creates commission to study housing for persons with disabilities

#### THE HOUSING BOND BILL RE-AUTHORIZES THE FOLLOWING BOND PROGRAMS:

Program	Authorization		
Affordable Housing Trust Fund	\$400,000,000		
Capital Improvement & Preservation Fund	\$125,000,000		
Commercial Area Transit Node Housing Program	\$50,000,000		
Community Based Housing	\$55,000,000		
Facilities Consolidation Fund	\$65,000,000		
Home Modification Loan Program	\$60,000,000		
Housing Innovations Fund	\$100,000,000		
Housing Stabilization Fund	\$150,000,000		
Public Housing	\$600,000,000		
Public Housing Demonstration	\$50,000,000		
Workforce Housing Initiative	\$100,000,000		
Early Education & Out of School Time	\$45,000,000		
Total	\$1,800,000,000		



### FY2021 State Budget for Affordable Housing

Program	FY2021	FY2020
Mass. Rental Voucher Program	\$135,000,000	\$116,000,000
Alternative Housing Voucher Program	\$12,526,596	\$8,000,000
Public Housing	\$80,000,000	\$72,000,000
Residential Assistance for Families in Transition	\$54,700,000	\$21,000,000



### Housing Choice Law

This new law reduces the required vote from 2/3 supermajority to a simple majority for certain smart growth zoning changes:

- Adopting mixed-use, multi-family, & 40R zoning in town centers
   & near transit
- Adopting cluster zoning
- Reducing parking & dimensional requirements, such as minimum lot sizes
- Allowing transfer of development rights
- Allowing accessory dwelling units (ADUs)
- Adopting special permits for mixed-use or transit-oriented affordable housing developments

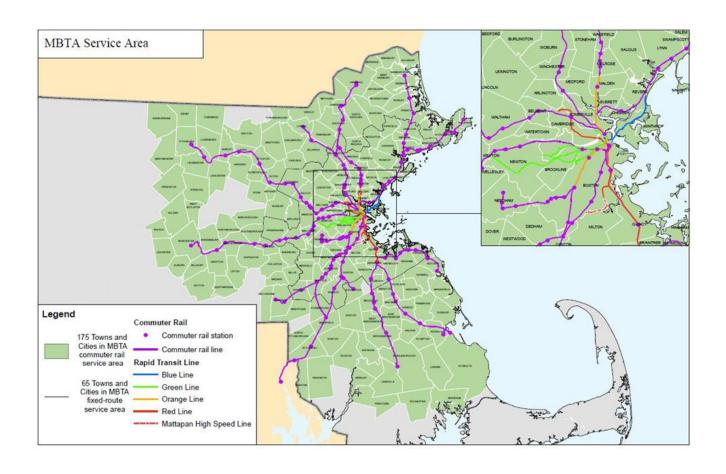


# Multifamily Zoning Requirement for MBTA Communities

- New Section 3A of Zoning Act requires that an **MBTA community** shall have **at least one zoning district** of reasonable size in which multi-family housing is permitted as of right and meets other criteria, including:
  - Minimum gross density of 15 units per acre
  - Not more than ½ miles from a commuter rail station, subway station, ferry terminal or bus station, if applicable.
  - No age restrictions
  - Suitable for families with children.
- Municipalities that do not comply will be ineligible for Housing Choice Grants and MassWorks Grants



### **MBTA Communities**





# Thank you!







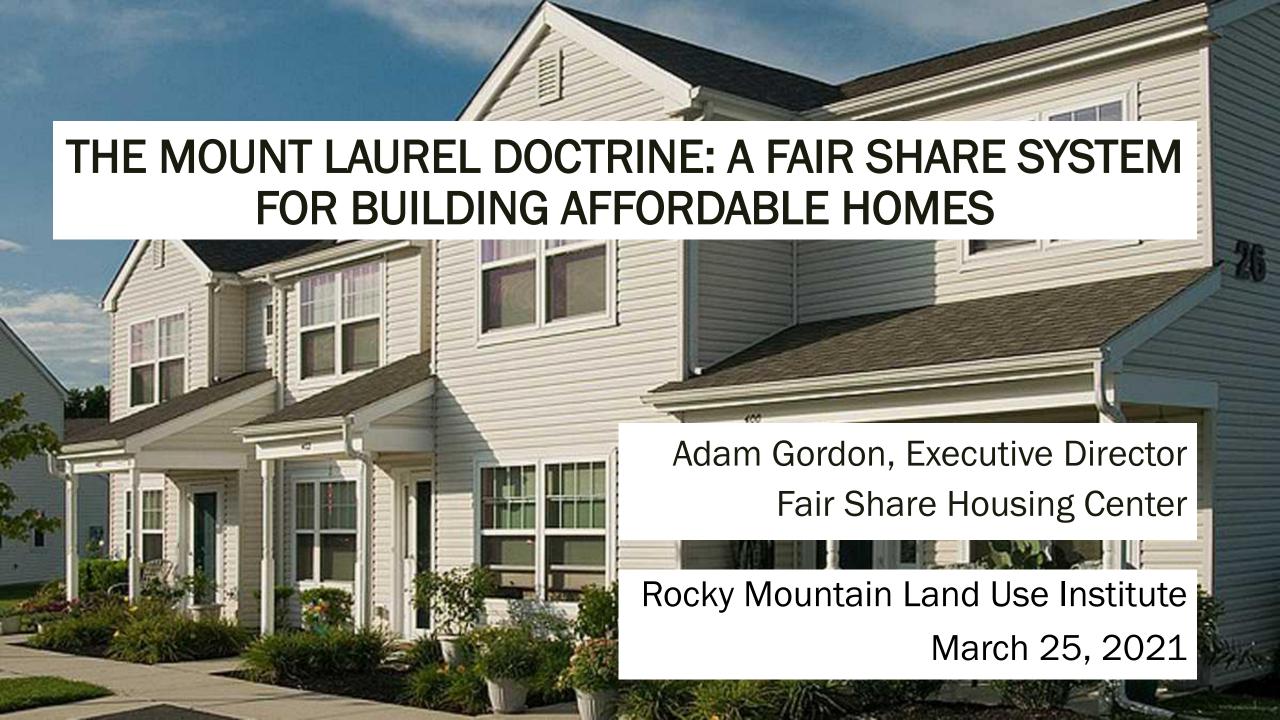






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### The Mount Laurel Doctrine

"In Mount Laurel I, this Court held that a zoning ordinance that contravened the general welfare was unconstitutional. We pointed out that a developing municipality violated that constitutional mandate by excluding housing for lower income people; that it would satisfy that constitutional obligation by affirmatively affording a realistic opportunity for the construction of its fair share of the present and prospective regional need for low and moderate income housing. 67 N.J. at 174. [footnote omitted] This is the core of the Mount Laurel doctrine."\*

\* Mount Laurel II, 92 N.J. 204-5 (1983)



### Fair Housing Act of 1985\*

■ Implemented Mount Laurel I (1975) and Mount Laurel II (1983)

"The FHA codified the core constitutional holding undergirding the *Mount Laurel* obligation, see *In re Petition for Substantive Certification Filed by Twp. of Warren*, 132 N.J. 1, 12, 622 A.2d 1257 (1993) (citing to *Mount Laurel* obligation found in *N.J.S.A.* 52:27D-302(a), (d), (e), -311(a), -314(a), (b)), and included particularized means by which municipalities could satisfy their obligation, mirroring the judicially crafted remedy."\*\*

\*N.J.S.A. 52:27D-301 et seq.

\*\*IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF N.J.A.C. 5:96
AND 5:97 BY THE NEW JERSEY COUNCIL ON
AFFORDABLE HOUSING, 215 N.J. 578, 585 (2013)



### Fair Housing Act Implementation

- From 1987-1999, process put in place through Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) that produced about 65,000 homes, though some significant shortfalls, most notably Regional Contribution Agreements where wealthy towns could buy out of half of obligation
- 1999-2015, COAH passes rules twice found unconstitutional and generally stops functioning in accordance with constitutional and statutory mandate.
- 2015: "Mount Laurel IV" NJ Supreme Court finds agency is no longer functional and transfers 300+ pending cases to trial courts in response to motion to enforce litigants rights by FSHC



# Establishment of Obligation in Mount Laurel Settlement Agreement

FSHC and Mount Laurel Township hereby agree that Mount Laurel's affordable housing obligations are as follows:

Rehabilitation Share (per Kinsey Report <sup>1</sup> )	86
Prior Round Obligation (pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:93)	815
Third Round (1999-2025) Prospective Need (per Kinsey Report, as adjusted through this settlement agreement)	1074
Portion of (1999-2025) Prospective Need deferred until 2025-2035 compliance period	492



# Mount Laurel, NJ (Burlington County) Fulfillment of Third Round

6. The Township has implemented or will implement the following mechanisms to address its Third Round prospective need of 1074 units:

Development	Units	Bonus	Credits
Prior Round Surplus (existing)	5	0	5
FSHD Seniors – 100% affordable (additional units from Prior Round development – 154+30)	30	0	30
FSHD Stanley – Family Rental - 100% affordable tax credit development – to be developed on 6-acre parcel adjoining the FSHD senior development	36	0	36
ARK – Assisted Living (existing)	0	0	0
Shelter Group – Assisted Living (existing)	0	0	0
Laurel Green – Family Rental – inclusionary (existing)	60	60	120
Connell Tract and Ethel Lawrence 100% affordable development (funded in 2016; anticipated to be under construction in 2017)	60	60	120

Total	855	269	1124
Extend Controls (list attached hereto as Exh. B; documentation to be provided during compliance phase)	35	0	35
Market to Affordable Program (parties have determined sufficient units are available for this program and that a realistic opportunity may be provided; documentation to be provided during compliance phase)	100	0	100
ARI Site - inclusionary - Block 30215, Lot 10 - mixed use development planned with 40 of 67.9 acres to be used for residential development, with 20 percent set-aside	120	0	120
Marne Highway Site – Block 12, Lot 15 – 64.7 acres to be used for residential development, with 20 percent set-aside	90	0	90
Chase Tract Settlement - Family Rentals - inclusionary	100	200	200
Fellowship Use Variance/VOA - 100% affordable tax credit development	102	0	102
Group Homes (existing; list attached hereto as Exh. A; documentation to be provided during compliance phase)	95	. 27	102
Mitchell Davis - Family Rentals (approved in 2016)	22	22	44

# Regulatory Barriers: Presumptive Densities

#### 5:93-5.6 Zoning for inclusionary development

- (a) Municipalities that choose to provide zoning for inclusionary development shall select sites that conform to the criteria in N.J.A.C. 5:93-5.3 and shall submit the information required in N.J.A.C. 5:93-5.3.
- (b) The Council's review of municipal plans to zone for inclusionary development shall include, but not necessarily be limited to: the existing densities surrounding the proposed inclusionary site; the need for a density bonus in order to produce low and moderate income housing; whether the site is approvable, available, developable and suitable pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:93-1.3; the site's conformance with the SDRP pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:93-5.4; the existence of steep slopes, wetlands and floodplain areas on the site; the present ability of a developer to construct low and moderate income housing at a specific density; the length of time an inclusionary site has been zoned at a specific density and set-aside without being developed; and the number of inclusionary sites that have developed within the municipality at specific densities and set-asides.
  - 1. When a municipality is receiving an adjustment pursuant to N.J.A.C.5:93-4.2, the municipality shall be required to zone inclusionary sites at a minimum gross density of six (6) units per acre with a 20 percent set-aside.
  - 2. In all other municipalities, when the review described in (b) indicates that such densities are appropriate, the Council shall require that a substantial percentage of inclusionary sites be zoned to allow market units within an inclusionary development to be constructed as single family detached units. For these sites, the Council shall generally favor a gross density of four units per acre with a 15 percent set-aside. Municipalities may also seek to zone sites for a gross density of five (5) units per acre with a 17.5 percent set-aside and six (6) units per acre or more with a 20 percent set-aside. The Council shall determine set-asides for densities between four (4) and (5) and between (5) and (6) through a process of interpolation.

- (c) The Council may require higher densities in circumstances including, but not limited to:
  - Where the existing zoning exceeds the density proposed by the municipality; or;
  - 2. When the Council determines that higher densities are required to provide an opportunity for inclusionary development in a specific municipality, based on the particular circumstances of that municipality.



# Regulatory Barriers: Site Suitability

#### 5:93-1.3 Definitions

"Approvable site" means a site that may be developed for low and moderate income housing in a manner consistent with the rules or regulations of all agencies with jurisdiction over the site. A site may be approvable although not currently zoned for low and moderate income housing.

"Available site" means a site with clear title, free of encumbrances which preclude development for low and moderate income housing.

"Developable site" means a site that has access to appropriate water and sewer infrastructure, and is consistent with the applicable areawide water quality management plan (including the wastewater management plan) or is included in an amendment to the areawide water quality management plan submitted to and under review by DEP.

"Suitable site" means a site that is adjacent to compatible land uses, has access to appropriate streets and is consistent with the environmental policies delineated in N.J.A.C. 5:93-4.

# Regulatory Barriers: Cost Generation

#### 5:93-10.1 Purpose and scope

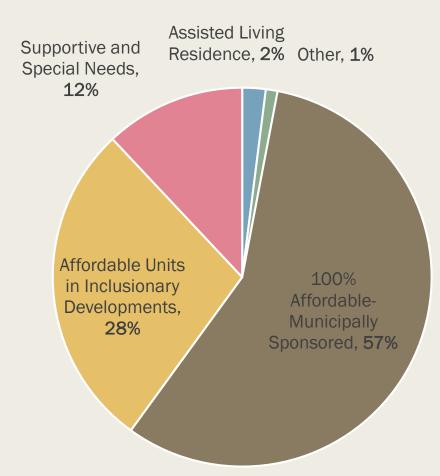
- (a) Section 14(b) of the Fair Housing Act (N.J.S.A. 52.27D-301 et seq.) incorporates the need to eliminate unnecessary cost generating features from municipal land use ordinances as a requirement of substantive certification. In order to receive and retain substantive certification, municipalities shall eliminate development standards that are not essential to protect the public welfare and to expedite (or "fast track") municipal approvals/denials on inclusionary development applications. In order to expedite the review of development applications, municipalities shall cooperate with developers of inclusionary developments in scheduling pre-application conferences. Municipal boards shall schedule regular and special monthly meetings (as needed) and provide ample time at these meetings to consider the merits of the inclusionary development application. The goal of such a schedule is to act on a development application within time limits approximating those outlined in the Municipal Land Use Law (N.J.S.A. 40:55D-1 et seq.) Failure to expedite the approval/denial of an inclusionary development application shall be considered a reason for revoking substantive certification.
- (b) Inclusionary developments that are included in a housing element and fair share plan have proceeded through a very public process. Therefore, the focus of municipal review shall not be whether the sites are properly zoned. Rather, the focus shall be whether the design of the inclusionary development is consistent with the zoning ordinance and the mandate of the Fair Housing Act regarding unnecessary cost generating features. Municipalities shall be expected to cooperate with developers of inclusionary developments in granting reasonable variances necessary to construct the inclusionary development.



### **Results: Overall**

- From 1980-2014, 64,744 affordable homes (chart at right)
- Projected 50,000+

   additional affordable
   homes over next decade
   from 330+ municipal
   agreements following
   Mount Laurel IV



Source: David N. Kinsey, PhD, FAICP, NJPP, Kinsey & Hand, Planning, Princeton, NJ, with data provided by NJ COAH, December 2014, from data recorded by municipalities and reported to NJ DCA



# Results: Inclusionary Development



#### AvalonBay at Princeton

Market rents: \$2260 (1 BR) to \$4565 (3BR)

Affordable rents: \$580-\$1160 (1 BR) to \$804-

1608 (3 BR)



#### **Xchange at Secaucus Junction**

Market rents: \$2045 (1BR) to \$3030-3470 (3BR)

Affordable rents: \$535-\$1070 (1 BR) to \$742-1484 (3

BR)

# Results: 100% Affordable Development

#### From 2003-2013:

- 1. NJ showed the greatest **increase** of all states in Share of Units Sited in Neighborhoods with <10% Poverty (+34.4%)
- 2. NJ showed the greatest **decrease** of all states in Share of Units Sited in Neighborhoods with **>30% Poverty** (-29.9%)
- 3. NJ showed the greatest **decrease** of all states in **Poverty Exposure of Tax Credit Units** (-11.5%)

Source: Ellen, Ingrid G., Keren Horn, Yiwen Kuai, Roman Pazuniak, and Michael David Williams. 2015. "Effect of QAP Incentives on the Location of LIHTC Properties." U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Policy Development and Research.



# Results: 100% Affordable Development



- For adults, access to housing reduced exposure to disorder and violence, improved mental health, increased economic independence
- For children, access improved education, learning conditions at home, school quality, and reduced their exposure to disorder and violence
- No adverse effects on taxes, property values, crime rates

Source: Climbing Mount Laurel: The Struggle for Affordable Housing and Social Mobility in an American Suburb by Douglas S. Massey, Len Albright, Rebecca Casciano, Elizabeth Derickson, and David N. Kinsey



# Questions & Comments







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Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute: Missing Middle Oregon 2021

# Statewide Land Use Zoning



# Metro 2040 Growth Concept



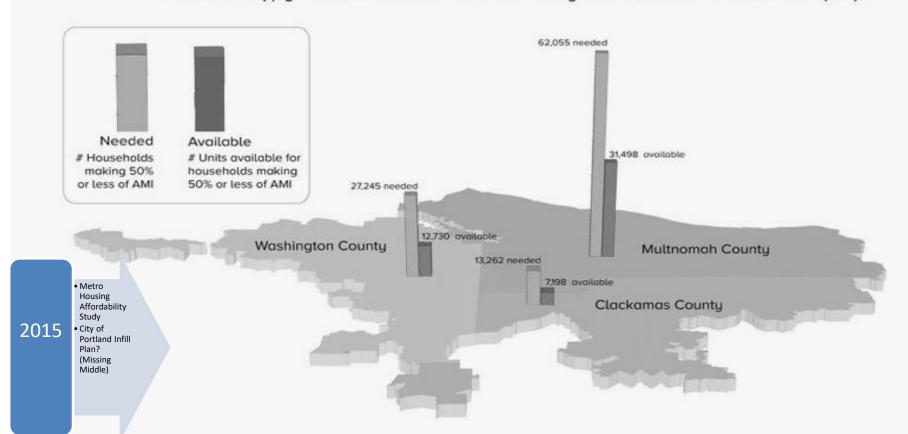
# Ballot Measure – Protection of Single Family Housing



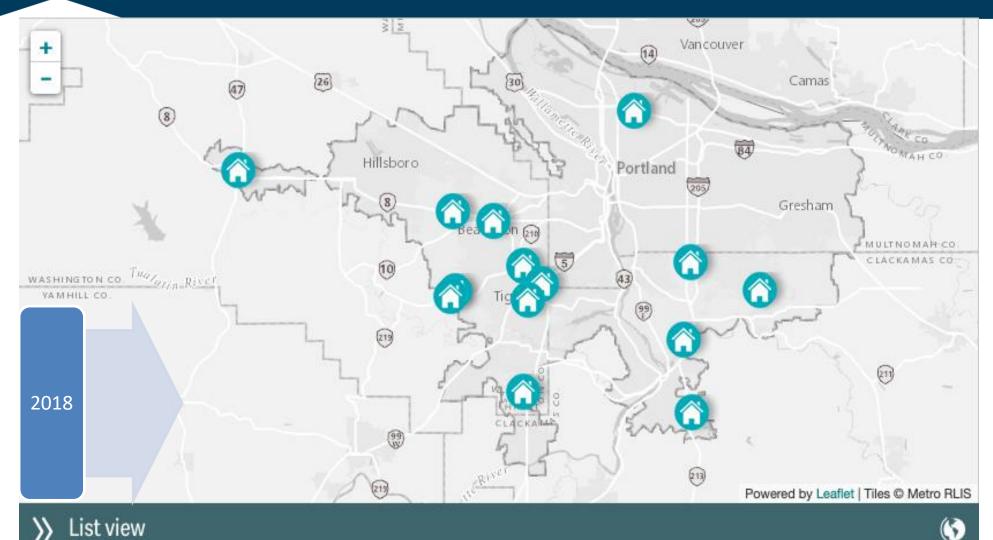
## Affordable Housing

## There is a shortage of affordable housing relative to need in all three counties of the Portland metro area

Demand vs. supply of units affordable to households making 50% or less of area median income (AMI).



# Regional Affordable Housing Bond Measure



### HB 2001

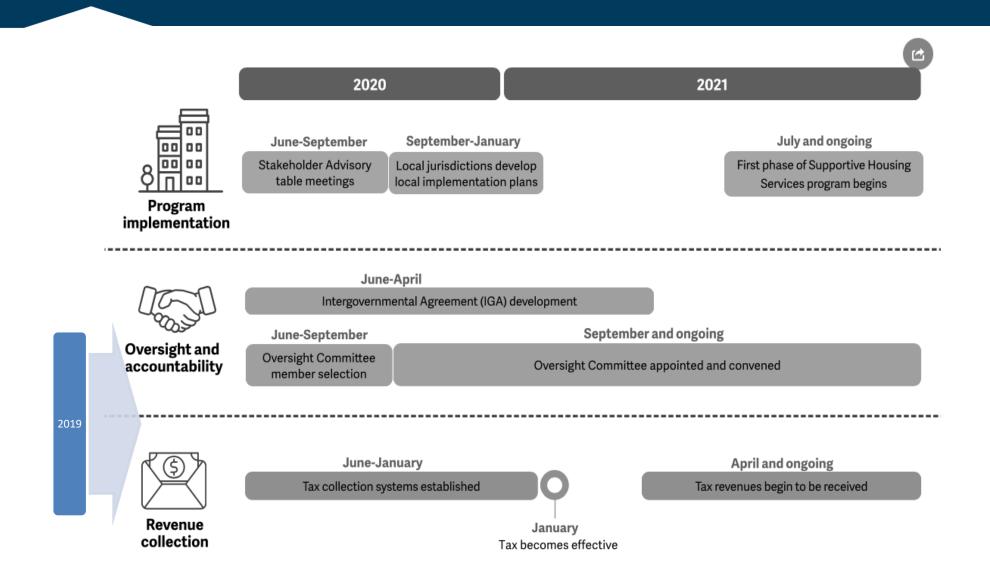
Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

SECTION 1. Section 2 of this 2019 Act is added to and made a part of ORS chapter 197. SECTION 2. (1) As used in this section:

- (a) "Cottage clusters" means groupings of no fewer than four detached housing units per acre with a footprint of less than 900 square feet each and that include a common courtyard.
  - (b) "Middle housing" means:
  - (A) Duplexes;
  - (B) Triplexes;
  - (C) Quadplexes;
  - (D) Cottage clusters; and
  - (E) Townhouses.
- (c) "Townhouses" means a dwelling unit constructed in a row of two or more attached units, where each dwelling unit is located on an individual lot or parcel and shares at least ne common wall with an adjacent unit.
- (2) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, each city with a population of 25 000 or more and each county or city within a metropolitan service district shall allow the development of:
- (a) All middle housing types in areas zoned for residential use that allow for the development of detached single-family dwellings; and
- (b) A duplex on each lot or parcel zoned for residential use that allows for the development of detached single-family dwellings.
- (3) Except as provided in subsection (4) of this section, each city not within a metropolitan service district with a population of more than 10,000 and less than 25,000 shall allow the development of a duplex on each lot or parcel zoned for residential use that allows for the development of detached single-family dwellings. Nothing in this subsection prohibits a local

2019

## Supportive Housing Services



# State

- Historic Zoning
- New Missing Middle Required

# Region

- 50 year plan to densify
- Ballot measure protection of SF
- Affordable Housing Bond and Supportive Housing Services levy

# Local

- Rezoning discussions
- Cost to construct discussions



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# AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE TWIN CITIES

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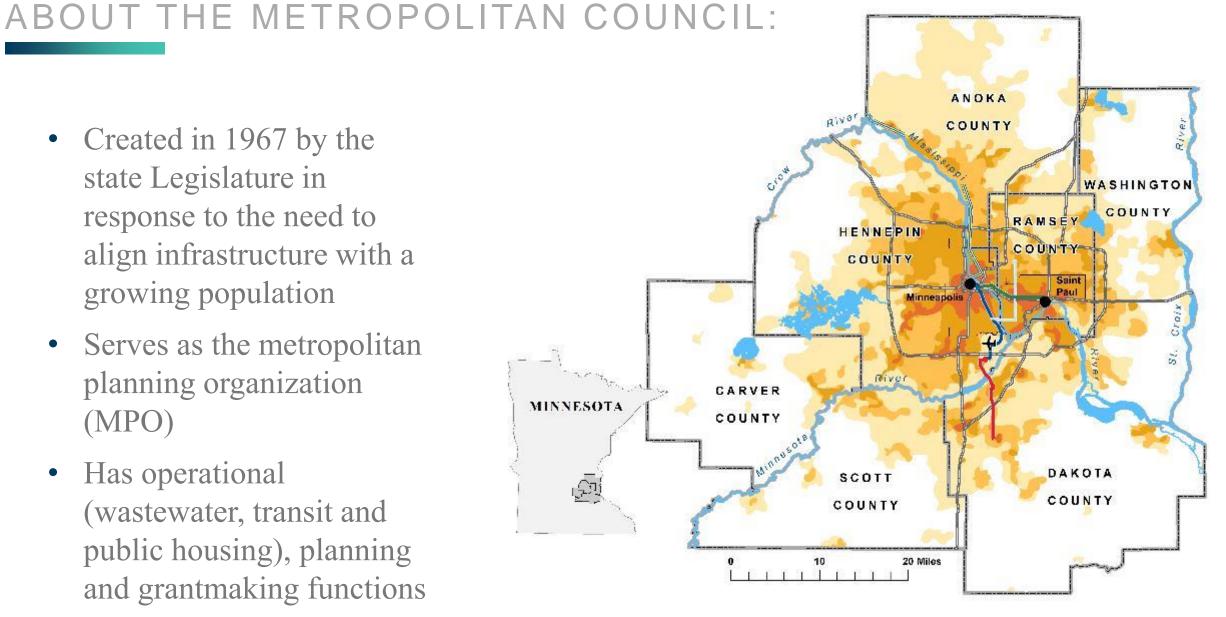
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• Created in 1967 by the state Legislature in response to the need to align infrastructure with a growing population

- Serves as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO)
- Has operational (wastewater, transit and public housing), planning and grantmaking functions







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



#### ENCOURAGING CITIES TO PLAN HOUSING OPTIONS



# Land use: Local comprehensive plans



Incentives for housing: Funding for development



Technical assistance/support:
Local housing policy



#### HOUSING ELEMENTS OF LOCAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANS:

Under the Metropolitan Land Planning Act, cities must update their local comprehensive plans every ten years and submit them for review by the Metropolitan Council:

Provide "adequate housing opportunities to meet existing and projected local and regional housing needs."



Utilize "land use
planning to promote
the availability of
land for the
development of lowand moderate-income
housing"



Identify tools "to
implement land use
plan housing
elements that will
...meet the local unit's
share of the
metropolitan area need
for low- and moderateincome housing."



#### HOW THE COUNCIL REVIEWS HOUSING ELEMENTS

# Existing housing need

- Narrative analysis of existing housing assessment within local context
- Clearly *identify* existing housing needs
- Clearly *prioritize* existing housing needs

# Projected housing need

• Allocation of Affordable Housing Need at each of the three following levels of affordability: 30% or less of Area Median Income (AMI), 31-50% AMI, and 51-80% AMI

# Implementation program

• Plans consistent with Council policy will clearly and directly acknowledge all **widely accepted tools** that address stated housing needs and address the sequence or circumstances in which each tool would be considered



#### ALLOCATION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING NEED

Utilize "land use planning to promote the availability of land for the development of low- and moderate-income housing"

Regional need

- Share of new households expected to need affordable housing
- 37,900 housing units

Local adjustments

- Forecasted growth
- Existing affordable housing
- Ratio of low-wage jobs to low-wage workers

Very little new affordable housing is built at lower densities

The Council expects cities to guide enough residential land at minimum densities:

- 8 units per acre to accommodate the need
- OR 12 units per acre for units up to 50% AMI and 6 units per acre for units between 51 and 80% AMI

Local need by affordability band

- Below 30% AMI
- 31-50% of AMI
- 51-80% of AMI





### FUNDING HOUSING DEVELOPMENT: LIVABLE COMMUNITIES ACT

Since 1996, Livable Communities funding has supported:

- Nearly 50,000 housing units
- Over 25,000 are affordable

As of 2019, grantees must have adopted a fair housing policy to receive funds

To participate, local communities must:

- Adopt affordable and life-cycle housing goals
- Establish a Housing Action Plan
- Spend an "affordable and life-cycle housing opportunity amount" (ALHOA)

Based on Minn. Stat. 473.25, adopted in 1995



#### HOUSING PERFORMANCE SCORES

- The Council annually calculates Housing
  Performance Scores that evaluate each city's
  performance in creating and preserving affordable
  housing:
  - New construction and preservation
  - Existing housing stock
  - Local housing programs and policies
- Used in Livable Communities programs (inversely for affordable housing)
- Represent 7% of the points in the biennial Regional Solicitation for federal transportation funding



#### REGIONAL STRATEGIES FOR HOUSING AFFORDABILITY



Condition access to development funding on local housing goals and performance



#### **Planning**

Expect cities to guide land at minimum densities of at least 8 units / acre to meet expected need for affordable units

#### **Funding**



### **Local Policy**

Suburbs are passing local mixed-income policies requiring affordable units



#### REGIONAL AND LOCAL HOUSING POLICY TIMELINE

Regional Housing
Housing Need
(55,000 units) Great Recession
Housing
Policy Plan
(37,900 units)

2008 planning cycle 2018 planning cycle 2011 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 Local Comp Edina adopts Local Comp Plans submitted Plans submitted Mixed-Income Minneapolis Housing eliminates Policy single-family zoning

"...too much multifamily!"

"Is a mixed-income policy right for us?"



#### MIXED-INCOME

- Suburbs are actively considering and adopting mixedincome housing policies that require affordability in marketrate development
- Minneapolis adopted its own inclusionary zoning policy in 2019, alongside its comprehensive plan

# Peer learning exchange spotlights cities' successes in mixed-income housing policy

As officials from three Minneapolis-St. Paul suburbs shared their cities' policy-development experiences, some common themes emerged

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#### **Article Highlights**

- Formally adopting a local mixedincome housing policy improves communication
- Developers appreciate flexible policies and cities that treat them as partners
- Support from local elected officials is vital to the success of policies

Learn more at: www.minneapolisfed.org/topic/housing

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