About Local Housing Solutions

LocalHousingSolutions.org provides resources to help cities, towns and counties develop comprehensive and balanced local housing strategies that enhance affordability, protect low-income residents from displacement, and foster inclusive neighborhoods. Launched in October of 2018, the non-partisan site was developed through the National Community of Practice (CoP) on Local Housing Policy, a project of the NYU Furman Center and Abt Associates. Read the key findings of the CoP.

In September of 2019, Local Housing Solutions hosted the cities of Atlanta, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, and San Antonio for the inaugural Local Housing Solutions Institute, a program to help cities and counties refine and strengthen their housing strategies to promote housing affordability and other locally defined housing goals. Learn more about the LHSI.

To learn more about the history, design, and functionality of the site, watch a webinar presented by two of LocalHousingSolutions.org’s creators.

Local Housing Solutions breaks new ground in several important respects:

- It was developed through a Community of Practice comprised of many of the nation’s leading housing experts and practitioners. A core working group met intensively over a period of two years to inform the structure and content of the website. A national advisory council provided additional input and feedback, helping to ensure the guidance reflects a broad range of views and experiences.
- It provides step-by-step guidance on how cities, towns, and counties can develop comprehensive local housing strategies, including guidance on analyzing local housing needs, identifying housing policy objectives, selecting and implementing housing policies, and balancing competing needs and interests.
- Unlike most other guides that focus on a limited number of policy options, LocalHousingSolutions.org provides guidance on the full array of housing policy tools available to local government, including: planning, zoning, tax, permitting, city/county subsidy, and housing authority tools.
- It offers a housing policy framework outlining four distinct dimensions of an effective local housing strategy.
- It is designed to be used by cities, towns, and counties of different sizes and different levels of resources and capacity.
- It includes a series of brief videos on the basics of local housing policy.
The LocalHousingSolutions.org Team welcomes feedback on how to strengthen the site as well as inquiries from organizations and municipalities interested in exploring ways to partner to facilitate the development of strong local housing strategies. Please provide feedback on the content of a particular page by selecting the “Share Feedback About this Page” link at the bottom of the appropriate page. Contact us to share broader feedback.

**Team**

The **Community of Practice on Local Housing Strategies** is a collaborative project of the NYU Furman Center and Abt Associates.

**Abt Associates**

Founded in 1965, [Abt Associates](#) is a mission-driven global leader in research and program implementation in the fields of health, social and environmental policy, climate change, and international development. Abt Associates is today known as a bold, innovative, and effective agent of social change committed to improving the quality of life and economic well-being of people worldwide. The impact of their ongoing work in nearly 50 countries is significant and wide ranging. Their global staff of more than 2,300 people conducts innovative studies and implements remarkable projects.

**NYU Furman Center**

Founded in 1995, the [NYU Furman Center](#) is a joint center of the New York University School of Law and the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service which advances research and debate on housing, neighborhoods, and urban policy. The NYU Furman Center provides objective academic and empirical research on the legal and public policy issues involving land use, real estate, housing, and urban affairs in the United States, promotes frank and productive discussions about critical issues in land use, real estate, and urban policy, and presents essential data and analysis about the state of New York City’s housing and neighborhoods to those involved in land use, real
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