Housing supply

LocalHousingSolutions.org includes a range of resources that can help cities, towns, and counties assess the need for more housing supply and identify policies to increase that supply.

Analyze the adequacy of the rate of housing production

Shortfalls in the supply of housing puts upward pressure on the costs of housing at all price levels. This guidance helps you assess how well the supply of housing is keeping up with overall demand. Learn more about how housing production has kept up with increases in the demand for housing. View the presentation.

Brief: Gauging development feasibility

This brief explains how a real estate pro forma can help you anticipate how the private development sector might respond to any given set of housing policies. Read the brief.

Brief: Taking a balanced approach to new development

This brief explains the importance of creating and preserving dedicated affordable homes as well as allowing for new housing for all income levels. Read the brief.

Selected local housing policies

- Brownfield remediation and development
- Zoning changes to allow for higher residential density
- Reduced parking requirements
- Zoning changes to facilitate the use of lower-cost housing types
- Streamlined permitting processes
- Reforms to construction standards and building codes
- Housing rehabilitation codes
- Streamlined environmental review processes
- Changes to increase the predictability of the regulatory process
- Reductions in impact fees and exactions
- Increases in the supply of buildable land by expanding growth boundaries

Related content

See a list of selected external links related to housing supply

Video: Why doesn't the housing market produce the housing we need?

Video: What can communities do to make housing markets work again?

Why doesn’t the housing market produce he housing we need?

Taking a balanced approach to new development
Increasing the affordability of rental housing
Explore external resources for housing supply