Mixed-use development

LocalHousingSolutions.org provides guidance on how to encourage mixed-use development while at the same time promoting housing affordability.

**Brief: Encouraging walkable mixed-use development**

Mixed-use development may or may not include affordable housing. However, the creation of walkable mixed-use districts can drive up property values and market rents in the surrounding neighborhood, making it difficult to create new affordable units and leaving existing lower-cost housing vulnerable to loss. This brief explains how communities that are interested in increasing mixed-use development can also take steps to promote housing affordability in mixed-use areas. [Read the brief](#)

**Selected local housing policies**

- Brownfield remediation and development
- Reduced parking requirements for qualifying developments
- Tax increment financing
- Joint development agreements
- Zoning changes to allow for higher residential density

**Related content**

- Issue brief: Expanding access to public transit
- Issue brief: Meeting the housing and services needs of older adults and people with disabilities
- Resources on building public support for affordable housing
- Resources on affordable rental housing

[Explore external resources for mixed-use development](#)