

HOUSING ACTION PLAN

HOUSING OPTIONS FOR ALL



Community Housing & Human Services Board
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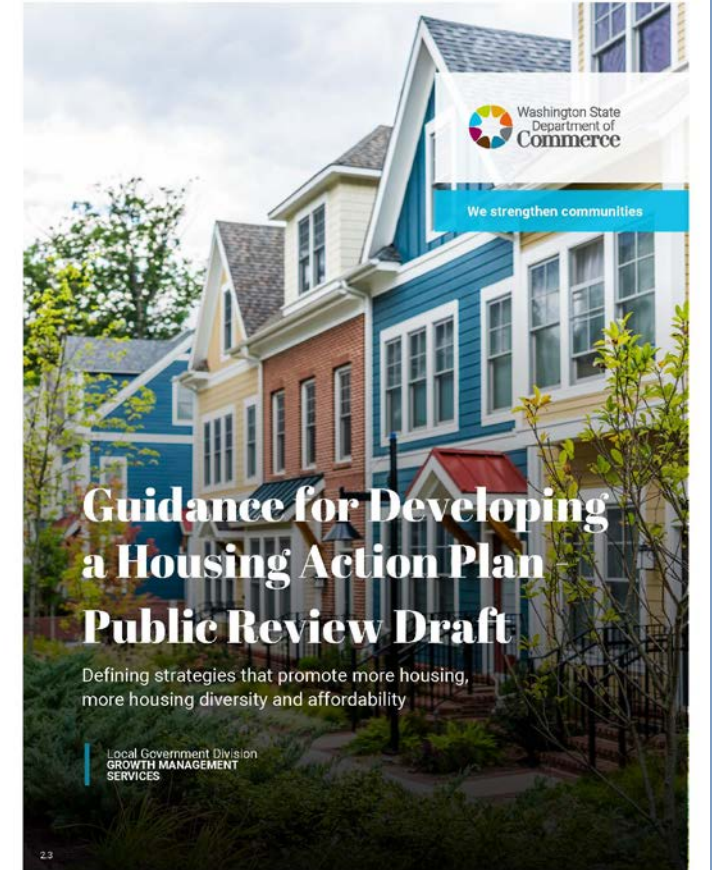
The Housing Action Plan will provide the City with a strategic approach to address current and future housing needs of the Spokane community.



Spokane Housing Action Plan

The goal of the Housing Action Plan is to encourage construction of additional affordable and market rate housing that promotes:

- Greater housing diversity
- Affordable and inclusive neighborhoods
- Access to opportunity for residents of all income levels



Housing Affordability

- A home is generally considered to be affordable if the household is paying **no more than 30 percent of their income** on housing costs.
- A healthy housing market includes a variety of housing types at different price points that are **affordable to a range of different household income levels**.



Project Approach



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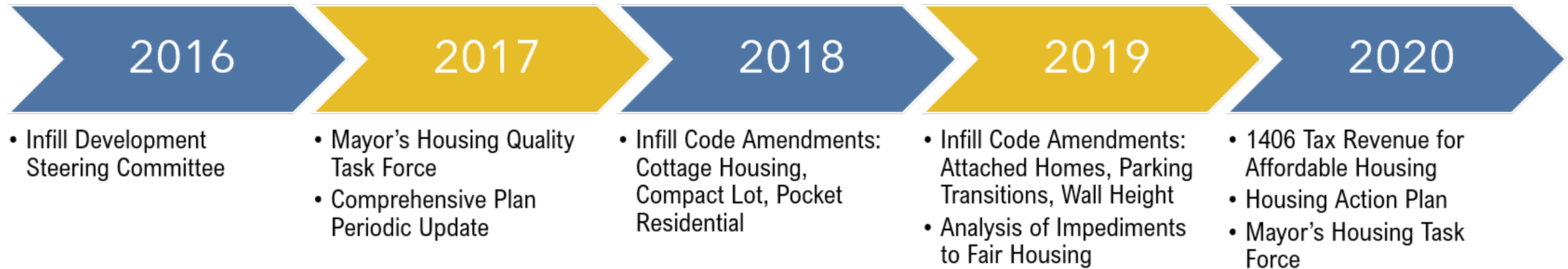
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Focus on Equity

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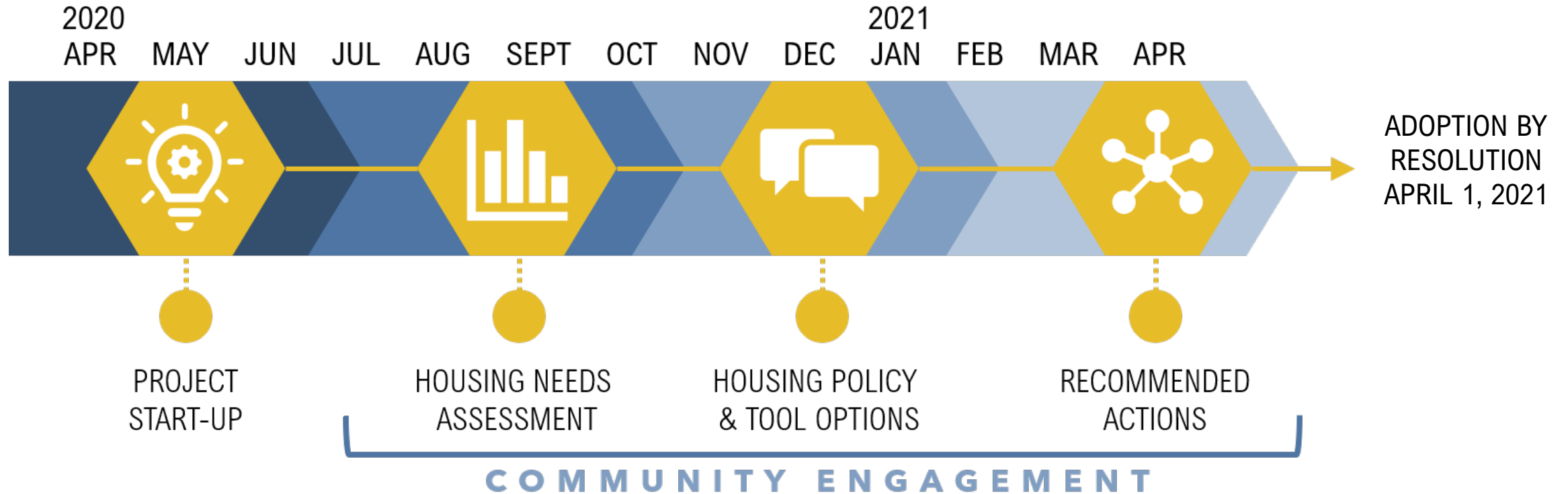
Past and Ongoing Housing Initiatives



Housing Action Plan is moving a few key recommendations and next steps provided from the Infill Housing and HQT initiatives:

- Infill: Housing Choice Gap Analysis
- HQT: Planning issues, Growth Management Act, and policy framework

Major Tasks and Timeline





We strengthen communities

Guidance for Developing a Housing Needs Assessment

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Housing Needs Assessment

1. Housing needs assessment helps us answer questions about our community's housing needs using:
 - Community Demographics
 - Employment and Workforce Trends
 - Housing Inventory and Market Analysis
2. Gap analysis to evaluate the alignment between housing needs identified through the community profile and housing inventory
3. Work within existing City and Urban Growth Area boundaries to identify the building potential to accommodate housing growth

Equity in Housing Policy

- WA Commerce Guidance: Housing action plan can and should proactively address the history of racial and income inequality
- Understand history of forced Native removal, redlining, restrictive covenants, exclusionary zoning and ways it has influenced local housing patterns, livelihoods, and opportunities

Displacement Risk

- Displacement refers to individual households who are forced or pressured to move from their home.
- Consider strategies to minimize the physical, economic, or cultural displacement of low-income residents resulting from redevelopment

Source: Washington Department of Commerce "Guidance for Developing a Housing Action Plan"

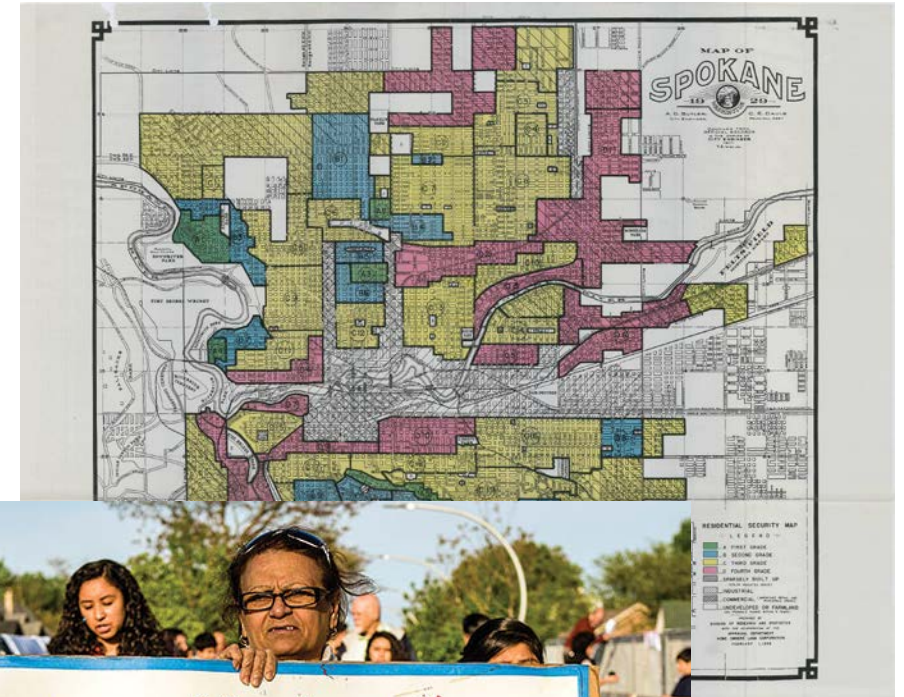


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Internal Team

- Multidisciplinary team of City staff to provide expertise and insight on the Housing Action Plan throughout the process
 - Planning Services
 - CHHS
 - Development Services
 - Building
 - Code Enforcement
 - Integrated Capital Management
 - City Council
 - Mayor's Office
 - Legal



Housing Action Plan Working Group

- Collaborate with community stakeholders: community groups, community members, local builders, local realtors, nonprofit housing advocates, faith-based organizations, public agencies
- Provide guidance and feedback on data analysis, community engagement, project materials



Proposed Engagement Activities

Internal Team	Working Group	Interviews	Roundtables	Piggyback Events
Boards & Commissions	Council Updates	Community Survey	Online Open House	Project Website
Email, Newsletter	Blog Posts and Social Media	Press Release	Videos	Media Outreach

Next Steps

- Housing Needs Assessment data gathering and analysis
 - Community Profile
 - Workforce Profile
 - Housing Inventory
- Upcoming community engagement and outreach
 - Press outreach starting in August
 - Roundtables
 - Interviews
 - Piggyback events

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The City of Spokane is creating the Housing Action Plan to help increase housing options that are affordable and accessible for people and families of all incomes. As Spokane grows, we are facing a gap in housing supply. The plan will provide a strategic approach to address current and future housing needs of the Spokane community. When completed, it will provide a coordinated vision that supports more people being able to find a home that meets their needs with access to opportunities, services and amenities. This process builds upon previous community discussions and initiatives around infill development, housing quality, and affordable housing funding.

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Spokane's Housing Action Plan will:

- Encourage construction of additional affordable and market rate housing that are accessible to a variety of income levels. This includes options accessible to people and families with low and moderate incomes and cost-burdened households.
- Examine population, workforce and housing trends.

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Related Links

- [Shaping Spokane Comprehensive Plan](#)
- [Infill Housing Strategies](#)
- [Investment Incentives](#)
- [Affordable Housing](#)
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