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.
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

Data-Driven

Community-Informed

Focus on Equity
City of Spokane
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
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.


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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

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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
Spokane Housing Action Plan

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 many 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.

- 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
- Community, Housing, & Human Services
- Residential Building Review
- Residential Development Options

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