Background

- In 2019, WA Legislature passed RCW 36.70A.600 (formerly E2SHB 1923) to incentivize cities to increase urban residential capacity through recommended actions or a housing action plan.
- City of Spokane received a planning grant from the WA Department of Commerce.
- Exempt from SEPA action for certain non-project actions only if completed prior to April 1, 2021.
Spokane Housing Action Plan

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,
- Greater variety of housing types, and
- At prices accessible to people in a wider range of incomes.
Project Approach

- Community-Informed
- Data-Driven
- Focus on Equity
Outcome

Coordinated vision that supports more residents being able to find a home that meets their needs and income level

- Assess housing policies,
- Development regulations, and
- Other city programs that influence housing
Key Questions:

- How much housing, and what types of housing, are needed to meet current and future community needs?
- How effective are our current policies at increasing housing options and supply?
- How do we encourage the development of housing for all income levels, including low-income, moderate, and market rate housing?
- What strategies can the City consider to minimize and prevent displacement of low-income residents to support equitable growth for all?
- How can the City, residents, builders, service providers, businesses, and non-profits work together to improve Spokane’s housing options?
Data Sources

• 2017 American Community Survey
• 2010 American Community Survey/2010 Census
• HUD
• Census OnTheMap
• Zoning
• Comprehensive Plan
• PolicyMap
• Zillow
• WA Center for Real Estate Research Market
• Local Sources, Employers, Institutions, and Organizations
• Community Members
Equitable, inclusive and representative engagement is important to reflect the diversity of perspectives and priorities in our community.
Potential Stakeholders

- Public Agencies
- Local Governments
- City Council
- Plan Commission
- County Commissioners
- Tribes and Tribal Organizations
- Non-Profit Housing Advocates
- Non-Profit Housing Developers
- Local Builders and Organizations
- Local Realtors
- Local Banks
- Local Religious Groups and Organizations
- Community-Based Organizations

- Community Centers
- Neighborhood Councils
- Diversity and Cultural Organizations
- Health Organizations
- Transportation Agencies
- Homelessness and Anti-Poverty Organizations
- Family Crisis Service Providers
- Education, University and Colleges
- Public Development Authorities
- Local Media
- Trusted Community Advocates
- Community Members
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
Housing Action Plan Working Group

• Provide guidance and feedback on data analysis, community engagement, project materials

• Community stakeholders:
  • Private Developers
  • Non-Profit Developers
  • Service Providers
  • Community Members
Engagement Activities

- Interviews
- Focus Groups
- Community Survey
- Meeting in a Box
- Storytelling
- Online Open House
- Project Website
- Fact Sheets
- Email Newsletter
- Blog Posts and Social Media
- Press Release
- Media Outreach
Next Steps

• Housing Needs Assessment data gathering and analysis
  • Community Profile
  • Workforce Profile
  • Housing Inventory

• Website and Information Sheet

• Form Housing Action Plan Working Group
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