



REGIONAL PROGRAMS

HOUSING

First Suburbs Coalition

Mid-America Regional Council (MARC); Kansas City, MO

Affordable housing is becoming a concern among communities of all sizes and types in the Kansas City region and across the nation. In 2019, the Mid-America Regional Council's First Suburbs Coalition will lead regional efforts to explore affordable housing issues through a series of workshops designed to help local officials face these challenges. Workshops will provide participants with a better understanding of the definition of affordable housing and offer strategies that communities could use to help homeowners and renters access more housing choices near employment centers, along key transportation corridors, and around activity centers.

Regional Housing Strategy

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC); Columbus, OH

Growth is driving significant concerns over the regional housing market as MORPC projects the Central Ohio region to be home to three million by 2050 with the addition of over 500,000 residents. Increases in the young adult (Millennial) and 65 and older (Baby Boomer) populations are shifting housing preferences. Due to the competitive real estate market and high poverty rate, vulnerable groups are struggling to find safe and decent housing in neighborhoods of choice. To address the problem regionally, MORPC is leading a public-private, urban-rural-suburban Regional Housing Strategy project with regional investment and policy strategies. The project partners plan to foster a housing market where every household with a full-time wage earner can obtain housing in the private market, and to effectively supplement the market where we cannot achieve that goal.

Metro Mayors Housing Task Force

Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC); Boston, MA

The Metro Mayors Coalition is comprised of the Mayors and Managers of the fifteen largest communities in the inner core of Boston, representing more than 1.4 million residents. The coalition develops an agenda and workplan focused on key issues affecting their communities, promoting regional, collaborative approaches, drafting and advocating for legislation, applying as a regional entity for state and federal grants, and pursuing cooperative projects that achieve important cost savings and efficiencies.

In December 2017, the Metro Mayors Coalition announced the creation of a Regional Housing Partnership to address the serious housing needs of the Metro Boston Area. In October 2018, the mayors and managers of the Metro Mayors Coalition announced a landmark housing production goal: the creation of 185,000 units of housing by 2030 in their fifteen communities. The mayors and town managers stressed the importance of building a diversity of housing types and providing housing for vulnerable residents, including people with disabilities and low- and moderate-income households. Led by ten guiding principles for housing creation and a housing strategies toolkit with over 100 strategies,



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the Mayors and Managers pledged to work together to increase housing stability for all the region's residents.

Housing Finance Agency Home Repair Administration

Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG); Raleigh-Durham, NC

On behalf of three counties in the Triangle region, TJCOG serves as administrator of funding from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency for home repair to low-income homeowners looking to make repairs or accessibility modifications to their homes. Previously, these programs were administered by individual counties. By moving administration to the regional council, the program is streamlined, duplication across individual local governments is reduced, and homeowners can utilize a one-stop shop for the funding.

Chatham County Affordable Housing Project

Triangle J Council of Governments (TJCOG); Raleigh-Durham, NC

For the past three years, TJCOG has helped lead a county-wide effort on behalf of Chatham County and the towns of Goldston, Pittsboro, and Siler City to understand affordable housing needs; provide data and analysis on the county's housing stock, inventory, and market; and offer county-wide and community specific policy recommendations and strategies to implement and improve housing for county residents. While many projects and policy changes have resulted from the effort, most notable is the creation of a Housing Trust Fund by Chatham County which has awarded funds to one property for the development of affordable units.