



VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST AGE-FRIENDLY ADVISORY AD-HOC COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 – 7:00 PM
Village Hall – 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL 60305
Community Room

AGENDA

Physical attendance at this public meeting is limited to 20 individuals, with Committee members and staff having priority over members of the public. Public comments will be shared with the Committee. You may submit your public comments via email in advance of the meeting to: Sara Phyfer at sphyfer@vrf.us. You may listen to the meeting by participating in a Zoom conference call as follows, dial-in number: 312-626-6799 with meeting ID: 884 2385 5172 or by clicking here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88423855172>. If you would like to speak during public comment, please email sphyfer@vrf.us by 5:00 PM on October 14, 2020. **THAT SAID, PLEASE NOTE THAT THE GOAL IS TO CONDUCT THE MEETING VIRTUALLY, SO ONLY COME TO VILLAGE HALL FOR THE MEETING IF YOU DO NOT HAVE THE CAPABILITY OF PARTICIPATING VIRTUALLY.**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
4. Introduction of Grace Mueller from Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus
5. Presentation from Brad Winick
6. Committee Member Updates: Dementia Friendly River Forest (DFRF) and Age-Friendly Communities Collaborative (AFCC)
7. Old Business
 - a. Continued Discussion of Committee's Objectives and Survey Themes
8. New Business
 - a. Other Business
9. Next Meeting: November 11
10. Adjournment

**VILLAGE OF RIVER FOREST
AGE-FRIENDLY AD HOC COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Village of River Forest Deer Management Ad Hoc Committee was held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Village Hall, 400 Park Avenue – River Forest, IL.

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. Upon roll call, the following persons were:

Present: Chairperson Respicio Vazquez, Chris Hauri, Daniel Lauber, Deborah Frederick,
James Flanagan, Lydia Manning
Absent: Angie Seder, Ron Sherman
Also Present: Management Analyst Sara Phyfer

Chairperson Vazquez announced that Angie Seder has resigned from the Committee.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Lauber made a motion, seconded by Mr. Flanagan to approve the August 12, 2020 meeting minutes.

Roll call:

Ayes: Chairperson Respicio Vazquez, Chris Hauri, Ron Sherman, Daniel Lauber,
Deborah Frederick, James Flanagan, Lydia Manning
Absent: None
Nays: None
Motion Passes.

**4. COMMITTEE MEMBER UPDATES: DEMENTIA FRIENDLY RIVER FOREST (DFRF)
AND AGE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES COLLABORATIVE (AFCC)**

Ms. Manning reported that DFRF is moving forward with the creation of a website, and that the group has recently discussed issues related to wandering and silver alerts program. She stated they are working on having virtual meetings with other organizations, and she suggested exploring opportunities to partner with Maywood on age-friendly and dementia-friendly initiatives.

Chairperson Vazquez stated he had nothing to report related to AFCC because there was no meeting.

Ms. Manning noted the Center for Gerontology had received another round of funding through the ***** and that there will be a virtual summit with the Center, Mayoral Caucus, and AARP throughout January covering a variety of topics.

5. OLD BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion of Committee's Objectives and Survey Themes

Ms. Hauri stated the Hanover, Ontario plan would be a good template to start with and agreed with Ms. Manning's suggestion about working with other communities.

Chairperson Vazquez stated at some point, he would like to have a discussion to determine which of the AARP's 8 domains of livability the Committee wants to focus on. He also noted that one or two members can do research but when it comes time to reviewing and making recommendations, it should be done as the group. He emphasized he is not trying to restrict what the Committee does.

Ms. Hauri suggested once they identify the focus, they could do focus groups with other seniors or community members to help come up with solutions.

Mr. Flanagan asked the Committee to consider what does age-friendly look like and what does it mean. He suggested Brad Winick is a good resource on this topic. He noted people do not always connect with polling about aging or aging services because they relate these matters to death.

The Committee reached a consensus to invite Mr. Winick to the next meeting. Mr. Lauber noted he authored the APA PAS report.

Mr. Lauber shared notes he prepared about what the group needs to learn and do. He discussed: producing an assessment of current assets, housing, mobility and disability, safety, demographic information, a review of the Village Code to remove disincentives or impediments to an aging-supportive community. He also discussed the need to avoid self-selected surveys and including a younger age cohort with the sample.

The Committee discussed the challenges of getting people to respond to a survey when they do not want to confront aging. Ms. Manning suggested an education effort around age-friendly, similar to what DFRF does.

Mr. Lauber emphasized the need to conduct the survey properly and stated it ought to be a mail survey. He explained the best approach to this, which includes a randomized survey

sent to seniors, sending out a postcard letting them to look out for the survey, then sending the survey a week later, and then a third and final mailing for those who have not responded.

The Committee discussed other ways to communicate with seniors, including utilizing a hybrid option for those who use technology.

Ms. Manning suggested reaching out to Besty Kelly, who is already engaged in listening sessions with older adults, and possibly setting up phone sessions with her for older adults who do not use technology. She stated that Ms. Kelly may be willing to support data collection.

The Committee further discussed the survey, including whether Concordia students or other types of interns would be able to assist with data collection efforts.

Chairperson Vazquez asked the Committee to review the sample surveys already provided to help put together their own survey. The Committee discussed focusing specifically on the Hanover, Honolulu, and housing survey.

In response to a question from Ms. Manning, Chairperson Vazquez stated the Twin Village Covenant is not limited to sharing financial contracts and includes working together to benefit both communities. He stated he did not know Trustee Jones' thoughts would be on collaborating on age-friendly issues but that he guessed he would welcome it. He stated he would reach out to MMC to see who represents Maywood to start the conversation.

7. NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 14

8. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hauri made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lauber, to adjourn the meeting at 8:29pm.

Roll call:

Ayes: Chairperson Respicio Vazquez, Chris Hauri, Daniel Lauber, Deborah Frederick,
James Flanagan, Lydia Manning

Absent: Ron Sherman

Nays: None

Motion Passes.

Sara Phyfer, Secretary

DRAFT: Housing Survey for Seniors, River Forest

1. Overview

Question	Strong agree	Some agree	Neutral	Some dis	Strong dis
1a. "What I'd really like to do is remain in my community for as long as possible"					
1b. "What I'd really like to do is stay in my current residence for as long as possible"					
1c. What I'd really like to do is change residences within or close to my community					

1f. Thinking about your future years, are you likely to [choose as many as apply]

- ☐ Move to a different nearby community
- ☐ Move into a different residence within your current community
- ☐ Stay in your current residence and never move
- ☐ Move to the area where family lives
- ☐ Not sure

2. Thinking about features in a home, which of the following would be more or less attractive to you or about the same as what you have now

2a. At least one full bath on the main level

- ☐ More attractive [Responses for relative value of current to alternative]
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

2b. A half bath on the main level

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

2c. A bedroom, or a room that could be used as one, on the main level

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

2d. Doorways that are wider than the standard 28 to 32 inches

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

2e. Door handles that are levers instead of knobs

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

2f. An entrance without steps

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

2g. A sidewalk or walkway in front of my home that allows easy access to a driveway and/or the street

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

2h. Easier access into or within your home such as a ramp, chairlift or elevator, or wider doorways

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

2i. A garage that is not heated

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

2j. A heated garage

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

2k. An attached garage

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

2l. Outdoor covered onsite parking, including a carport

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

2m. Street parking

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

3. How do you want to handle doing laundry? Select the one best response.

- ☐ In-home laundry
- ☐ Shared free laundry facilities in my building

- ☐ Shared for-pay laundry facilities in my building
- ☐ Go outside my place of residence to do laundry

**4. Which of the following types of homes best describes where you would feel comfortable living?
Select as many responses as apply.**

- ☐ A single family house
- ☐ A two family house or a lot that has two separate living units
- ☐ A townhouse or row house
- ☐ An apartment
- ☐ A single floor condominium
- ☐ A co-op
- ☐ A mobile home
- ☐ Affordable housing
- ☐ 55+ active adult community/independent living
- ☐ Assisted living facility
- ☐ Continuing care – independent, assisting, and nursing guaranteed
- ☐ Or do you live in some other type of living arrangement?

5. Do you think you will need to make the following types of modifications or improvements to your home to enable you or a family member to stay there when you or your family members reach an age when some physical assistance may be needed?

5a. Easier access into or within your home such as a ramp, chairlift or elevator, or wider doorways

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I already have this feature in my home
- ☐ Not sure

5b. Bathroom modifications such as grab bars, handrails, higher toilet, non-slip tile or no-step shower

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I already have this feature in my home
- ☐ Not sure

5c. Putting a bedroom, bathroom and kitchen on the first floor

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I already have this feature in my home
- ☐ Not sure

5d. Improving lighting inside your home including areas such as hallways, stairs, bathrooms and living spaces

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I already have this feature in my home
- ☐ Not sure

5e. Improving lighting around the outside of your home including entryways and driveways

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I already have this feature in my home
- ☐ Not sure

5f. Installing a medical emergency response system that notifies others in case of emergency

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ I already have this feature in my home
- ☐ Not sure

5g. Other type of modification – please specify: _____

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

The next few questions are about Accessory Dwelling Units. An Accessory Dwelling Unit, or ADU, is a residential unit built on the same lot as an existing single family home and may be attached or detached to the home. It can be commonly referred to as a “granny flat” or “in-law quarters.” ADUs provide complete separate living quarters, including a kitchen and bathroom, that can allow older adults to age in their existing home with live-in care, make it possible for adults to assist their aging parents, other relatives and loved ones, or use for rental income.

6. In thinking about ADUs, which of the following is a major reason, minor reason or not a reason for building an ADU on your property.

6a. ☐ I do not own property on which I could build an ADU – skip all these questions.

6b. To earn extra income from rent

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

6c. To have a place for guests to stay

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

6d. To have a place for a loved one to stay who needs care

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

6e. To have a place for a caregiver to stay.

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

6f. To provide a home for family members or friends

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

6g. To increase the value of your home

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

6h. To provide affordable housing in your community

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

6i. To have someone living close by and feel more secure

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

7. For each of the following, which would be a major reason, minor reason or not a reason for NOT building an ADU on your property.

7a. The cost of modifying you home or building an additional structure on your property.

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

7b. A potential increase in property taxes

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

7c. Having someone live close by

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason

- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

7d. Having to take care of someone who needs care

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

7e. Not wanting to be a landlord

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

7f. Not knowing how to finance home modifications

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

7g. Not allowed to due to local restrictions or zoning laws

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

7h. Do not need one

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

7i. Do not like them

- ☐ A major reason
- ☐ A minor reason
- ☐ Not a reason
- ☐ Not sure.

8. Would you consider living in an ADU...

8a To lower your housing costs

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

8b. If you needed help with everyday activities such as household chores or transportation to places like the grocery store or doctor's office

- ☐ Yes

- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

8c. To live close by to someone but still live in your own separate space

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

8d. As you grow older would you consider sharing your home with another person

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Currently share my home with someone
- ☐ Not sure

8e. Would sharing your home with another person be something you would consider if
You needed extra income

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

8f. You found yourself living alone and wanting companionship

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

Housing and Home Services questions

**9. To what extent do you feel that having the following in your community would be more attractive,
less attractive or about the same as you feel right now?**

9a. Affordable housing options for adults of varying income levels such as older active adult communities, assisted living and communities with shared facilities and outdoor spaces.

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

9b. Homes that are built for easier access with things like an entrance without steps, wider doorways, and first floor bedrooms and bathrooms

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

9c. Well maintained, safe low-income housing

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

9d. Home modification and repair contractors who are trustworthy, affordable, and do quality work

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

9e. A home repair service for low-income and older adults that helps with things like roof or window repairs.

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

9f. Seasonal services such as lawn work for low income and older adults

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same

9g. How important is it to you personally to have public transportation that is close to your home

- ☐ More attractive
- ☐ Less attractive
- ☐ About the same
- ☐

Demographics. The following are for classification purposes only and will be kept entirely confidential.

11. Besides you do you have any of the following people living in your household?

11a. Child/children under 18

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

11b. Children 18 or older

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

11c. Children away at college who otherwise live at home with you

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

11d. Parents

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

11e. Other adult relative or friend 18 or older

- Yes
- No
- Not sure

11f. Non-related child under 18

Yes

No

Not sure

11g. Non-adult or friend 18 or older

Yes

No

Not sure

12. In general is your health

☐ Excellent

☐ Very good

☐ Good

☐ Fair

☐ Poor

☐ Not sure

13. Does any disability, handicap or chronic disease keep you or your [if married: spouse] [if living with partner, partner] from participating fully in work, school, housework, or other activities.

☐ Yes, myself

☐ Yes my [spouse] [partner]

☐ Yes both myself and my [spouse] [partner]

☐ No

☐ Not sure

14. How often do you have contact with family, friends, or neighbors who do not live with you

☐ Everyday

☐ Several times a week

☐ Once a week

☐ Once every 2 or 3 weeks

☐ Once a month

☐ Less than monthly

☐ Never

☐ Not sure

15. How often do you feel the following:

15a. I lack companionship

☐ Often

☐ Sometimes

☐ Rarely

☐ Never

☐ Not sure

15b. I feel left out

☐ Often

☐ Sometimes

- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Not sure

15c. I feel isolated

- ☐ Often
- ☐ Sometimes
- ☐ Rarely
- ☐ Never
- ☐ Not sure

16. If you were in trouble do you have friends or family who can help you at any time of the day or night?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

A family caregiver is someone who provides care for an adult loved one who is ill, frail, elderly, or has a physical, mental, or emotional disability. This care may include helping with personal needs like bathing or dressing, meals, household chores, shopping, transportation, managing medical care or finances, or even visiting regularly to see how they are doing. This adult need not live with you.

17. Are you currently a family caregiver providing this kind of help for free to an adult loved one to help them take care of themselves?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

18. How likely do you think it is that you will provide unpaid care to an adult loved one in the future

- ☐ Extremely likely
- ☐ Very likely
- ☐ Somewhat likely
- ☐ Not very likely
- ☐ Not at all likely

19. For the following possible sources of income, please indicate whether it is a major source of income, a minor source of income, about equal to other sources of income or not a source of income for your household

19a. Employment wages or salary

- ☐ A major source
- ☐ A minor source
- ☐ A source fairly equal to other sources
- ☐ Not a source
- ☐ Not sure

19b. Social security

- ☐ A major source

- ☐ A minor source
- ☐ A source fairly equal to other sources
- ☐ Not a source
- ☐ Not sure

19c. Disability pension other than Social Security

- ☐ A major source
- ☐ A minor source
- ☐ A source fairly equal to other sources
- ☐ Not a source
- ☐ Not sure

19d. Supplemental Security Income or SSI

- ☐ A major source
- ☐ A minor source
- ☐ A source fairly equal to other sources
- ☐ Not a source
- ☐ Not sure

19e. Other personal savings or investments outside of a retirement account, such as mutual funds, stocks, certificates of deposit or annuities

- ☐ A major source
- ☐ A minor source
- ☐ A source fairly equal to other sources
- ☐ Not a source
- ☐ Not sure

19f. Inheritance

- ☐ A major source
- ☐ A minor source
- ☐ A source fairly equal to other sources
- ☐ Not a source
- ☐ Not sure

19g. Child support or alimony

- ☐ A major source
- ☐ A minor source
- ☐ A source fairly equal to other sources
- ☐ Not a source
- ☐ Not sure

19h. Rental income from property

- ☐ A major source
- ☐ A minor source
- ☐ A source fairly equal to other sources
- ☐ Not a source
- ☐ Not sure

19i. Income from royalties, estates, or trusts

- ☐ A major source
- ☐ A minor source
- ☐ A source fairly equal to other sources
- ☐ Not a source
- ☐ Not sure

19j. Case assistance from a state or county welfare program

- ☐ A major source
- ☐ A minor source
- ☐ A source fairly equal to other sources
- ☐ Not a source
- ☐ Not sure

19k. Other: please specify

- ☐ A major source
- ☐ A minor source
- ☐ A source fairly equal to other sources
- ☐ Not a source
- ☐ Not sure

20. Gender

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Nonbinary

21. Age

- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65-74
- ☐ 75-80
- ☐ 81+

22. Race/ethnicity

- ☐ White, non- Hispanic
- ☐ Black, non-Hispanic
- ☐ Other, non-Hispanic
- ☐ Hispanic
- ☐ 2+. Non Hispanic
- ☐ Asian, non-Hispanic
- ☐ Other. Please specify: _____

23. Education.

- ☐ High school
- ☐ Certificate in specialty
- ☐ Associate level / 2 year college
- ☐ Bachelor's level
- ☐ Master's level
- ☐ Doctorate or other terminal degree in your field

- ☐ M.D.
- ☐ J. D.

24. Marital status

- ☐ Married
- ☐ Widowed
- ☐ Divorced
- ☐ Separate
- ☐ Never married
- ☐ Living with partner

25. Income

- ☐ \$35,000 to \$39,999
- ☐ \$40,000 to \$49,999
- ☐ \$50,000 or more
- ☐ \$50,000 to \$59,999
- ☐ \$60,000 to \$74,999
- ☐ \$75,000 to \$84,999
- ☐ \$85,000 to \$99,999
- ☐ \$100,000 to \$124,999
- ☐ \$125,000 to \$149,999
- ☐ \$150,000 to \$174,999
- ☐ \$175,000 to \$199,999
- ☐ \$200,000 to \$249,999
- ☐ \$250,000 to \$299,999
- ☐ \$300,000 to \$349,900
- ☐ \$350,000 to \$399,999
- ☐ \$400,000 to \$449,999
- ☐ \$450,000 to \$499,999
- ☐ \$500,000 +

26. Home ownership

- ☐ Own or being bought by you or someone in your household
- ☐ Rent
- ☐ Occupy without payment of cash rent

27. Type of building

- ☐ A one-family house detached from any other house
- ☐ A one-family house attached to one or more houses
- ☐ Carriage house
- ☐ A building with 2 -4 units
- ☐ A building with 4-10 units
- ☐ A building with 11+ units
- ☐ A mobile home or trailer
- ☐ Boat, RV, or van

28. Household size

Circle one: 1 2 3 4 5 6+

29. Do you identify as LGBTQ

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

30. Work status

- ☐ Employed full time
- ☐ Employed part time
- ☐ Retired but looking or planning to look for a job
- ☐ Retired

Dear Community Partners –

Fall 2020

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) is pleased to announce that it is developing a new statewide plan for housing and community development in Illinois. This plan, called the [Housing Blueprint](#), is a large-scale planning endeavor that will collect information on local housing needs throughout the state, develop a vision for the future of housing in Illinois, and establish locally tailored plans for achieving that vision. Perspectives and feedback from a diverse group of residents, community leaders, and organizations is critical to this process, and that is why we are reaching out to you – our community partners – to help engage and raise the voices of all Illinoisans as we plan to meet our current and future housing needs.

One of the best ways for residents to take part in the Housing Blueprint is by completing the [Statewide Resident Survey](#) – an anonymous survey that asks Illinoisans their needs, perspectives, and hopes and vision for the future. The results of this survey will add context and help to shape the goals of the Blueprint. We encourage all residents of Illinois to take this survey and ask that you share this opportunity for engagement with your residents, clients, and broader network. Please use and share the attached marketing materials to publicize the Blueprint and its Statewide Resident Survey. In addition to the digital materials include on this email, we have printed flyers available and are asking that you consider volunteering to distribute these throughout your community. If you are willing to help with flyer distribution, please reach out to Emily Mueller at EMueller@ihda.org or (312) 836-7460.

IHDA is also partnering with organizations across the state to host a Listening Tour comprised of community meetings that provide a chance for residents throughout Illinois to meet and discuss their vision for the future of housing (all meetings are currently being hosted virtually). If you would like to learn more about the Listening Tour, attend a meeting, or learn about other ways to take part in the plan, please visit the [Engagement page](#) of our Blueprint website. If you are interested in co-hosting a Listening Tour meeting for your community, please reach out to Emily Mueller at EMueller@ihda.org or (312) 836-7460.

Housing is the foundation of growth for individuals, families, and entire communities, and it is critical that we understand the realities and needs of our state to effectively address them. Thank you in advance for sharing the information and links included in this letter, and for your feedback and recommendations regarding the Housing Blueprint. If you have any questions or suggestions about this initiative, please do not hesitate to contact our Blueprint team directly at info@ilhousingblueprint.org.

Sincerely,

Kristin Faust
Executive Director
Illinois Housing Development Authority

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TAKE THE HOUSING BLUEPRINT STATEWIDE RESIDENT SURVEY

The Housing Blueprint is a plan informed by and created for the many people and communities of Illinois.

We are committed to constructing a plan that is inclusive of and relevant to all individuals across our state. We invite and strongly encourage all residents of Illinois to complete the following survey to share with us their experiences, perspectives, needs, and hopes for the future.

This survey contains 6 sections that ask questions surrounding you and your community's assets, needs, and vision for the future. ***Survey responses are completely anonymous and every question except for respondent Zip Code is optional.***

Please complete as many sections and questions as you like – ***you do not need to complete all questions.*** If you need help filling out this survey, please select the button below:

I NEED HELP COMPLETING THE SURVEY OR WANT TO COMPLETE IT OVER THE PHONE

RESPONDENT INFORMATION

Zip Code*

City/Town/Village and County

Do you currently rent or own your housing?

Rent

Own

Rent but interested in
owning

Own but interested in
renting

Race/Ethnicity

(please select all that apply)

American Indian or Alaskan
Native

Asian, not from
Southeast Asia

Southeastern
Asian

Black or African
American

Hispanic or Latinx

Native Hawaiian or
other Pacific Islander

White

Other
race/ethnicity

Choose not to disclose

Gender Identification*(please select all that apply)*

Female

Gender Non-Binary

Male

Transgender

Prefer to self-describe/Other

Choose not to disclose

If you prefer to self-describe, please do so here:*(75 characters maximum)***IMPACT OF COVID-19***COVID-19 has or will have impacted me by:*Strongly
Agree

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

Strongly
DisagreeNot
Applicable**Making my housing costs
unaffordable****Loss of my job, or decrease in
hours/pay****Loss or concern of losing my
housing situation****Loss or concern of losing
childcare/education options****Affecting my health (physical,
mental, etc.)****Affecting my ability to access
necessary amenities
(groceries, healthcare, etc.)****Affecting my ability to
communicate with others****Affecting my ability to access
resources, education, and
assistance (job training,
counseling, etc.)**

HOUSING

My community has housing that...

Strongly
Agree

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

Not
Applicable

Is in good condition

**Is affordable to households at
different income levels**

**Offers good opportunities and
options for renting**

**Offers good opportunities and
options for owning/buying a
home**

**Offers a variety of housing
options that suit different
lifestyles and preferences**

**Offers a variety of housing
options that meet various
household needs**

**Is available for older individuals
with additional needs
(accessible, care services, etc.)**

My community has a need for...

Strongly
Agree

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

Not
Applicable

More rental housing options

More homeownership options

**Housing options that are more
affordable**

Strongly
Agree

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

Not
Applicable

More housing and resources for the homeless

More housing that provides services and amenities for people with disabilities or special needs

Resources to help improve homes (rehabilitation)

Resources to protect homes from flooding or other environmental issues

Resources to help address vacancy and abandoned homes

Educational resources to help homeowners avoid foreclosure

Educational resources to help individuals prepare for buying a home

Educational resources to help individuals learn financial literacy

Technical assistance finding and implementing developmental resources

I choose to live in my community because...

(Select all that apply)

Housing is affordable

Personal reasons (close to family, friends, etc.)

Employment/community reasons

Culture/community life

I enjoy the quality of life

Other

If you selected "Other", please describe:

(75 characters maximum)

COMMUNITY LIFE

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Not Applicable

My community is welcoming to people of different backgrounds, cultures, races, and ethnicities

In my current living situation I am easily able to...

Travel by car

Travel by bicycle

Walk on sidewalks and paths

Access public transportation

Commute to my job

My community has the following resources that meet my needs:

Strongly Agree

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

Strongly Disagree

Not Applicable

Recreational opportunities (parks, trails, fitness classes, etc.)

Educational options

Childcare options

Banking and legal services

Strongly
Agree

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

Not
Applicable

**Translation/language
resources for non-English
speaking individuals**

Support and social services

**Healthcare and pharmacy
options**

Grocery and fresh food options

Dining and retail options

Employment opportunities

My community's transportation options...

Strongly
Agree

Agree

Neutral

Disagree

Strongly
Disagree

Not
Applicable

Are affordable

**Are safe (road signage, bicycle
lanes, etc.)**

**Are in good condition (road
quality, sidewalk maintenance,
etc.)**

Meet my needs

COMMUNITY STRENGTHS

Please list up to 3 of your community's greatest strengths or assets (answers are limited to 75 characters each) *(Examples include: close-knit community, many recreational options, housing is affordable, good public education, etc.)*

(1) Your community's greatest strengths or assets: *(75 characters maximum)*

(2) Your community's greatest strengths or assets: *(75 characters maximum)*

(3) Your community's greatest strengths or assets: *(75 characters maximum)*

COMMUNITY VISION

Please list up to 3 goals that you would like to see your community achieve (answers are limited to 75 characters each) *(Examples include: increase green housing, house all of the homeless, increase housing close to transportation, attract young residents, increase homeownership, etc.)*

(1) Goal that you would like to see your community achieve: *(75 characters maximum)*

(2) Goal that you would like to see your community achieve: *(75 characters maximum)*

(3) Goal that you would like to see your community achieve: *(75 characters maximum)*

SUBMIT

Press "SUBMIT" or send via email to:

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