
**MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES
HOUSING PARTNERSHIP**

**Update to the Town-Wide Planning Committee
12/6/06**

- 1. Investigate the potential use of the land purchased near the Jail for affordable housing. – LONG TERM**

The Housing Partnership has deferred to next year work on this objective. There are other implementation strategies that would need to be operational before work on this strategy could begin.

- 2. Promote additional Local Initiative Projects (LIP) – SHORT TERM**

The Housing Partnership is very open to this strategy and is initially working to get all members at the same level as to their understanding and knowledge of LIP projects and establishing written criteria and procedures for evaluating proposals.

- 3. Create a non-profit housing trust, or work with an existing organization, to raise funds for affordable housing activities – MEDIUM TERM**

The Town has voted to create a housing trust at the last town meeting. The Housing Partnership will be developing policies, procedures and protocols over the next several months.

- 4. Empower the Housing Partnership to implement a housing agenda to address the needs of the Town and work with non-profit housing organizations – MEDIUM TERM**

The Housing Partnership needs to complete their Planned Production/Housing Certification prior to implementing a housing agenda. The Partnership hopes to have this completed by March 2007.

- 5. Convene a forum on community housing issues to raise awareness of local needs – SHORT TERM**

The Housing Partnership would like to work with the local cable access channel to develop short informational spots to run on Channel 11, be accessible on the Town's web site and possible to available on DVD at the library. A January start is planned.

6. **Participate in the soft second mortgage program to assist first time homebuyers. – SHORT TERM**

Deferred

7. **Identify land in tax delinquency that may be suitable for housing and offer to first-time homebuyers – ONGOING**

The Housing Partnership will make this a yearly activity.

8. **Evaluate the existing building stock for opportunities to rehabilitate structures for affordable housing – SHORT TERM**

This will be completed as part of the Planned Production process.

9. **Promote the use of accessory apartments to create units for low and moderate income renters. If deed restrictions are in place for a period of 15 years, such units may be counted on the Subsidized Housing Inventory. – SHORT TERM**

The Housing Partnership will be looking at how to “market and incentivize” this initiative. It would be one of the informational spots the Partnership is planning to create as part of its informational objective.

10. **Consider adoption of the Community Preservation Act to acquire open space, protect historic resources and create affordable housing.**

The Housing Partnership is in support of the CPA and will develop potential projects/uses that these funds would help the town meet its affordable housing goals.