# Consolidated Plan Public Hearing

January 9, 2025 4:30 p.m.



### Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Primary Housing Needs Community Feedback
- Your Input on Housing Goals and Strategies
- Next Steps, Questions & Closing

### Purpose

We are here to share knowledge, opinions, and ideas to inform the HUD Consolidated Plan and ACDS's broader housing strategy.

Our goal is to inform the community of **carefully reasoned goals and strategies** to guide ACDS investments over the next 5 years that the community can support and activate.

#### Introductions

- 1. What is your name?
- 2. What organization, community, and/or area within the county do you represent?
- 3. Which hamster reflects how you are feeling today?



# Primary Housing Needs in Anne Arundel County

We presented data on the current housing market and needs at the October meeting.

You can find that data here: <a href="https://acdsinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Oct-2024-PH-Slidedeck-FINAL.pdf">https://acdsinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Oct-2024-PH-Slidedeck-FINAL.pdf</a>

### Community Feedback

#### **Summary from Listening Sessions**

- The county has an insufficient inventory of affordable housing rents have increased but incomes have not kept pace, increasing the number of families at risk of severe cost burden and/or homelessness
- Many reports of rapidly rising rents/loss of affordable housing a need to preserve existing income-restricted units and naturally-occurring affordable units with deed restrictions
- Households' inability to pay utility bills was repeatedly referenced as a gateway to eviction; there is strong community interest and support for energy assistance
- It is impossible to find housing with a voucher, especially in high opportunity areas, or to transition to permanent housing from public housing
- There is not enough shelter space overall, and no space for families with pets, resulting in people living in cars
- Home repairs needed for seniors to live safely are not possible with fixed income amounts; preserving existing affordable housing is important to maintain affordable inventory

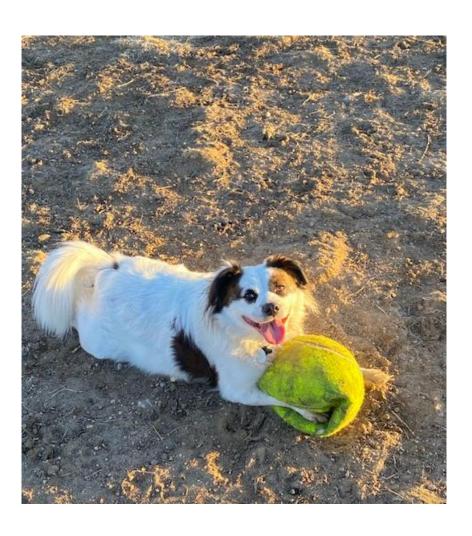
### Community Feedback

#### **Summary from Listening Sessions**

- There is a need for housing and basic resources, navigation services and individualized case management
- Source of income discrimination continues to prevent people from securing housing; there is a need for landlord outreach/education to increase compliance with state law
- Eviction prevention program requirements are too strict and are available too late in the process
- Security deposit assistance is needed
- Expiration of the COVID housing assistance safety net has opened a floodgate of need for housing, health services, and basic resources
- Demand for mental health services has increased since the COVID pandemic
- Affordable housing developers see a need for a streamlined development process to meet financing deadlines and encourage more development

### Your Input

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#### **Challenge: Think BIG!**

Your job is to provide input on goals for:

- ☐ Affordable Housing
- ☐ Unhoused and Special Needs Residents
- Neighborhood Revitalization and Community Development
- ☐ Equitable and Fair Housing

### Breakout Agenda

- Choose one of four discussion tables
  If your first choice table is full, that's okay you will rotate among all four tables
- Participate in a facilitated discussion, approximately 12-15 minutes at each table
- After the discussion ends at each table, rotate to another table until you have been to all four
- Reconvene after ~ 1 hour; facilitator report back; discuss

## Next Steps in Budget & Planning Process

#### February 27, 2025

3<sup>rd</sup> Public Hearing on Consolidated Plan & FY 2026 Budget Process 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

#### Early March 2025

Draft Consolidated Plan – published public comment period: 30 days

#### Early April County Council Meeting

Introduced to County Council - public comment period: 30 days

• June 15, 2025

Submit Final FY 2026 - FY 2030 Consolidated Plan/FY 2026 Budget to HUD

FY 2026 Funds available in late July 2025

Check the ACDS Consolidated Plan website for information on the planning process: <a href="https://acdsinc.org/community-planning-development/consolidated-plan/">https://acdsinc.org/community-planning-development/consolidated-plan/</a>