

Consolidated Plan Public Hearing

January 9, 2025

4:30 p.m.



Arundel Community Development Services, inc.

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: <https://acdsinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Oct-2024-PH-Slidedeck-FINAL.pdf>

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

Your Input

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**

*3rd 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: <https://acdsinc.org/community-planning-development/consolidated-plan/>