

Meeting the Housing Needs of Vulnerable Individuals and Families in Fairfax County

Sylvia Mancini is a 77-year old woman who has lived in Fairfax County all her life. She graduated from Mount Vernon High School and has worked various administrative jobs for the County government and Public Schools. Her annual retirement income is about \$38,650 (50 percent of Area Median Income).

Sylvia would like to remain in her home as she ages, or at least remain in her community, but she is not sure she can afford to do so, especially if she cannot get access to the health and other services she needs.



Sylvia is part of the growing population of seniors and disabled persons in the County. Many of these Fairfax County residents will live on fixed incomes. These trends create great needs for housing that accommodates people at all stages of life and at all abilities.

Discussion Questions

What do you think happens if vulnerable populations, such as some elderly or disabled individuals, cannot find accessible housing they can afford?

Should the community invest additional resources to help provide housing for lower-income seniors and persons with disabilities? If yes, then how?

Note: The individual reflected in this story is fictional but is a representation of many actual residents in Fairfax County, based on an analysis of demographic data for the County.