



Houses of Worship Put Faith in Housing Development

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Fairfax County Interagency Collaboration

➤ Lead Agencies:

- Department of Housing and Community Development
- Neighborhood and Community Services

➤ Partner Agencies:

- Land Development Services
- One Fairfax (Office of the County Executive)
- Health Department

Goal

Collaboratively implement a plan using an equity framework that leads to a network of houses of worship that will contribute to the advancement of community support for affordable housing and healthier, more equitable communities.

The plan may include:

- Development or preservation of affordable housing across Fairfax County using faith community owned land;
- Using community voice; and
- Other faith-based resources.

Twofold Purpose

1. To lead a clarion call for faith community involvement and engagement in the development of affordable housing in all parts of the County
2. To provide ongoing engagement and support to the faith communities that choose to take action, particularly on their own land.

Mission Alignment

- Recognizing Faith Communities Often Have Mission Alignment With Housing Affordability, Nurture and Provide Opportunities for Faith Communities to Use their Resources and Congregational Voice for the Advancement of Housing Affordability and Related Community Needs
- Offer Education and Engage Faith Communities
- Formalize Another Affordable Housing Development Tool

Potential Partnership Opportunities

- Congregational Partnership Opportunities May Involve:
 - Building on Vacant Faith Community Owned Land
 - Demolishing Existing Building(s)
 - Rebuilding Houses of Worship Within a New Structure
 - Maintaining an Existing House of Worship On Site

Tools of the Initiative

- One Page Overview Handout
- Faith in Housing Development Video
- “Putting Faith in Affordable Housing” guide

Community Education

Housing Development Meeting

- Need for Housing Affordability and Housing Equity
- Inspire a Desire to Develop Affordable Housing

Session 1: Introduction to Development Opportunities

- Discernment, Development, Community Engagement Overview
- Support Beyond Housing Development

Session 2: Introduction to the Development Process

- Partner Selection, Developing an Initial Concept
- Financing, Legal, Planning/Zoning, Permitting/Construction

Faith in Housing Development Overview Timeline



January 2022
Launch
Development
Campaign and
Video



Throughout
2022 Meetings
and Training
Opportunities



Implement
Evaluation Survey
and Determine
Next Steps

Questions/Comments

Faith in Housing Development Detailed Timeline

