

## Embark Richmond Highway Comprehensive Plan Update AFFORDABLE/WORKFORCE HOUSING



The Comprehensive Plan defines affordable housing as housing affordable to households earning up to 120% of the Area Median Income (AMI). In 2016, the AMI was \$108,600 for a family of four.

The Board of Supervisors established the Affordable Dwelling Unit Program and Workforce Dwelling Unit Policy to produce much needed affordable housing in Fairfax County.

The Policy Plan recommends increasing the supply of affordable housing units each year by an amount equal to at least 12% of the total housing production for the previous year.

## AFFORDABLE DWELLING UNIT (ADU) PROGRAM

- Requires developers
   to set aside 5–6.25%
   of new residential units
   as ADUs in multifamily
   developments.
- In single-family
   detached and
   townhouse
   developments that
   include 50 or more
   units, the developer is
   required to set aside
   up to 12.5% of all new
   residential units.
- The ADU program serves households earning up to 70% of AMI.

## WORKFORCE DWELLING UNIT (WDU) POLICY

- The Board of Supervisors adopted the countywide WDU Policy in 2007.
- The WDU policy is an incentive-based system that encourages the voluntary development of new housing affordable to a range of incomes in areas planned for mixed-use or highdensity residential development.
- Under the Policy, the developer is expected to provide at least 12% of new residential units as affordable housing.
- The countywide WDU
   Policy serves three
   income tiers: up to 80%,
   100%, and 120% of AMI.





