CREATE. MEANING. TOGETHER.

Lake Of the Ozarks Regional Housing Study

Midland, TX Comprehensive Plan

Gillette, WY Downtown Revitalization

Bloomington, IN Housing & Neighborhood Study
AGENDA

• Why a Regional Approach
• Challenges and Benefits
• The Process
• Regional Strategies
• Case Studies
WHY A REGIONAL APPROACH

Housing is Economic Development
• 2015 NAHB Study
  • Of a One-Year Impact of:
    • 100 SF Units,
    • 100 MF Units
    • $1 Million in Rehab
  • Resulted in:
    • $41.2 million in local income
    • $6.5 million in taxes & other revenue to local governments
    • 566 local jobs

Figure K.5: 2016 Commuting Patterns (Source: IBRC)
WHY A REGIONAL APPROACH

• Housing is Economic Development
  • Job growth often can happen without housing
  • More jobs than people and the housing to put them into
  • Industries today often must pull from a larger region to meet their housing needs

• Consumer Preferences
CHALLENGES & BENEFITS
BENEFITS

• Benefits
  • Shared resources to do the study & to implement
  • Knowledge sharing
  • Leveraging larger pools of funding
  • Regional builder resources
CHALLENGES

- Herding cats
- Varying demographics
- Varying economic drivers
- Historic competition
- Variations in school districts
THE PROCESS
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• Gathering the team
  • Need to get your partners from across the region assembled
  • Funding the study
  • County Level – representative from each city, economic development groups
  • Multi-County Study – representatives from each county and largest and/or most engaged community
THE PROCESS

Discovery

Identifying Gaps & Opportunities
Establish Strategic Goals

Defining the Strategies & Actions

Gather Data

Identify & Listen to Stakeholders

Online Survey

Identified Action Items

Strategic Goals Report

Detailing the Strategies

Public Comment

Final Report
DISCOVERY: LEARNING FROM STAKEHOLDERS

- Listening Sessions
  - Must go to the communities
Engaging the Next Generation – quality of life
DISCOVERY: LEARNING FROM STAKEHOLDERS

**Live Salina: A Strategic Housing Plan**

What new housing products do you think would be successful in Salina today?

**Affordable, small two- or three-bedroom house**

- Yes
- No
For groups consisting of more than 15 people, you are encouraged to break into smaller groups for the discussions. The amount of time suggested for each question is listed below. The discussion guide is based on a one-hour period of time, however more time is always welcomed. The first question is an icebreaker question, intended to get the conversation started.

Each group needs to assign the following roles listed for the group exercise:

**Roles:**

- **Facilitator**
  - The facilitator begins the discussion for the group and watches the time.

- **Recorder**
  - On the paper provided, please write down the items the group discusses.

- **Reporter**
  - Report to the larger group at the end of the small group discussion.

**Questions:**

- What are your favorite neighborhoods in Lincoln and why? (10 minutes)
- What housing types do you think would be successful and why? (25 minutes)
- What strategies do you think would be most beneficial to the city’s housing needs and why? (25 minutes)

- Housing Rehabilitation Loans
- Construction Financing Assistance to Builders
- Down-payment Assistance to Owners
- Mortgage Assistance
- Public Acquisition of Dilapidated Properties
- Public Development of Infrastructure for Affordable Units
- Grants or Low-Interest Loans to Housing Developments
- Rental Assistance Programs by the City
OPPORTUNITIES: BUILD ON STRENGTHS

Age of Structures

Housing Conditions

Vacant
OPPORTUNITIES: BUILD ON STRENGTHS

• Integrating input, perceptions, data, and experience

Expand housing options, especially for retirees, seniors, and young professionals

During the late 1990s and early 2000s, much of the housing development focused on single-family detached housing. Following the recession, most of the construction activity focused on custom built homes or high density multi-family largely in the Bloomington area. There were some duplexes constructed but not at a significant level. This has left large gaps in the housing market for seniors, young individuals starting their careers, and empty-nesters looking to downsize. Housing programs should focus on adding housing variety to the market. Programs that assist with infrastructure should be tied to creating greater housing variety for every stage of life.

Further the development of high-speed internet and quality schools

This is not a new or unfamiliar goal to the region but remains very important. Housing is one piece to attracting new residents and filling jobs. However, if prospective employees feel their child’s educational needs cannot be met or internet access needed for work, school, or play is unavailable, they will look to other jobs and regions. Many noted that housing, schools, and high-speed internet are all necessary to make the region a magnet for growth.
STRATEGY: MULTI-LEVEL

• Policies and Programs should be appropriate and should:
  • Be strategic
  • Build on community/county/regional character
  • Understanding of the market
  • Results driven
  • Be a catalyst for private market reaction

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Policies and Programs must meet different scales:
- Regional/county
- City

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<td>Providing housing options for individuals at all income levels, including higher market rate units</td>
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<td>Variety, both in housing and lot size, provides for unique neighborhoods and accommodates changing household preferences, but more importantly provides affordable housing options</td>
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<td>Leading Consortium (gap financing for market rate units)</td>
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<td>Capturing the benefits of existing housing stock while providing updated, affordable, and/or needs specific housing</td>
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| Lot Development | Rental Development | Housing Variety | Housing Rehabilitation | Senior Housing |
REGIONAL STRATEGIES
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- Housing Partnership
  - Take multiple partners
  - Non-Profit developer
  - Economic development organizations
  - Cities & Counties
REGIONAL STRATEGIES

- Financing Mechanisms
  - State & federal funding will not solve the problem
  - Regional funding sources
  - Combined with local funding tools
REGIONAL STRATEGIES

• Codes & codes enforcement
  • Small and rural communities sharing resources
REGIONAL STRATEGIES

• Programs
  • Often need to be local
  • Purchase/Rehab/Resale programs
  • Rehab programs
CASE STUDIES
LAKE OF THE OZARKS REGIONAL HOUSING STUDY

- Four County Regional Housing Study
  - Morgan
  - Miller
  - Camden
  - Laclede
LAKE OF THE OZARKS REGIONAL HOUSING STUDY

- Dramatically different environments
  - Economic drivers
  - Access
  - Housing quality
  - Incomes
LAKE OF THE OZARKS REGIONAL HOUSING STUDY

- **Common Themes**
  - Workforce housing needs
    - Type of workforce varied
  - Lot shortage
    - Environmental impacts varied widely
  - Infrastructure
    - Age, access, and ability to extend
  - Rental housing shortage
  - Rehabilitation needs
  - Wage stagnation
LAKE OF THE OZARKS REGIONAL HOUSING STUDY

- County Level Themes
  - Housing competition with the seasonal rental market
  - Market economics – under valuations
  - Need for market rate rentals
  - Varying levels of construction cost
  - Distance between affordable housing and jobs
    - Affordable housing existed but not where they needed it
LAKE OF THE OZARKS REGIONAL HOUSING STUDY

• High level Goals:
  • Encourage investment in existing housing stock
  • Expand workforce development to include building trades
  • Grow the number of rental units
  • Increase the supply of affordable lots across the region
  • Invest for success
  • Share risk to meet needs that the private market cannot meet alone
LAKE OF THE OZARKS REGIONAL HOUSING STUDY

- Follow Up:
  - Regional Level:
    - Formed a Housing Task Force
    - Community Development Corporation
  - Local Level:
    - Camdenton Zoning Ordinance revisions
    - Osage Beach waving some fees
  - Modular housing discussions
CASE STUDY 2
• Eleven County Regional Study:
  1. Brown
  2. Crawford
  3. Daviess
  4. Dubois
  5. Greene
  6. Lawrence
  7. Martin
  8. Monroe
  9. Orange
  10. Owen
  11. Washington
Regional Assets
- Good job prospects
- Employers were engaged
- Existing partnerships
- Natural resources
- Strong school districts
- Good regional examples
- Sense of “nows” the time
Strategic Housing Goals

- Develop plans for sharing risk with developers to lower high cost of new and repaired infrastructure
- Develop consistent codes and code enforcement across the region to evaluate housing quality
- Find nonprofit developers and technical assistance to support these efforts
Strategic Housing Goals

- Expand housing options, especially for retirees, seniors, and young professionals
- Further the development of high-speed internet and quality schools
- Find ways to bring developable land to market
- Address the current state tax structure that prioritizes owner-occupied versus renter-occupied structures to encourage more rental construction in the rural counties
Moving Ahead:

- **Bloomington Housing & Neighborhood Study**
  - Neighborhood level strategies
  - Recover Forward Bloomington
    - $450,000 affordable home ownership program
    - $250,000 energy efficiency funding for commercial & Residential
  - New income tax
    - Weatherization
    - Residential solar financing
    - Residential green infrastructure and native landscaping
INDIANA UPLANDS

Moving Ahead:

• Hoosier Housing Ready Toolkit
  – Laying the foundation for rural prosperity
  – Ten steps for communities to take
  – Housing ready worksheets
  – Proforma templates

https://rural.indiana.edu/impact/housing/housing-ready-toolkit.html
INDIANA UPLANDS

Moving Ahead:

- Regional Opportunity Initiatives
  - Development of a Uplands Housing Series
  - Grand workshops

ROI Housing Series: Session 3 Multi-Family Housing

Posted on September 17, 2020

In ROI's next session, we will discuss challenges with rental housing units in the Indiana Uplands and explore exciting multi-housing projects underway.

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https://regionalopportunityinc.org/housing-series/
County Projects:
- Number have been delayed by COVID
- Owen County has two projects planned
- Huntingburg, IN leveraging local tools to build infrastructure
CASE STUDIES: SHARED RISK
City Bonds – Greensboro, NC

• 2016 voters approved a $25 Million bond
• Purchase, construction, & improvement of housing for low to moderate income households
• Projected to leverage $54 million in investments
• 1,007 housing units being improved or created
Newton, IA

- Population: 15,000 East of Des Moines
- 2010 – Zero units were constructed
- 2014 City approved incentives to builders, real estate developers, property owners, and homebuyers
- Expansion of quality and quantity of housing
Phase 2 Program – Sioux City, IA

• Intent: preserve and improve uninhabitable properties
• New owners or investors with intent to repair & live or sell the home
• Provides up to $40K per home as a forgivable loan over ten years
• Have to address building code deficiencies and then can use the balance for other improvements
• Money comes from general fund
Campus Town Redevelopment Incentive Program – Maryville, MO

- Intent: remove blight & encourage infill development
- Focused on predominately student housing neighborhood adjacent to NWMS Campus
- Approximately 45 dangerous structures removed in 3 years
- 12 new projects ranging from duplexes to 16 unit apartment
- Potential to expand
Employer Programs – Schuyler School District

- Workforce Housing Initiative Pilot Program (WHIPP)
  - $1,000 renter subsidy for 5 years
  - $2,000 ownership subsidy for 5 years or
  - $10,000 lump sum for down payment & closing costs
- Rental guarantees from 5 business partners in the community
Local Investors – Fairfield, IA

- Population 9,500 in southwest Iowa
- Community stakeholders combined equity
- 27+ townhomes & duplexes
- Project included
  - Private equity
  - TIF
  - Tax abatement
  - Iowa workforce housing tax credits
- Units were $160K to $220K

571 Polson Developments
CLOSING

• Why a Regional Approach
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QUESTIONS

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