Housing Albemarle
Next steps

A NEW HOUSING POLICY FOR ALBEMARLE COUNTY
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The 2019 *Comprehensive Regional Housing Study and Needs Assessment* demonstrates significant housing needs for members of our community today. In order to meet the housing needs of our current residents -- and those of future county residents -- additional tools are needed for the County’s ‘affordable housing tool box’. The updated housing policy will provide us with those tools.
Meeting housing needs

Community engagement

• Community meetings
  • Learn
  • Listen
  • Find Solutions
• Advisory committees
• Focus groups

Drafting policy recommendations

Creation of an implementation strategy

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County staff began preparing for this project earlier this year and has now begun the community engagement period, which will run through the end of November. Between November and March 2020, staff will work the Stakeholder Advisory Committee to develop and draft the new policy recommendations, as well as the tools needed to meet the recommended housing goals. Drafts of both of these documents will be presented to the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission members during a joint work session in April of next year.
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