

# IL HOUSING BLUEPRINT

THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN ILLINOIS

## LISTENING TOUR 2020

As our world changes, our housing needs change too. Agencies, organizations, and residents across Illinois are working together to build a Housing Blueprint to ensure that we understand and can meet the housing needs of communities across our state both now and in the future.

The Blueprint's Listening Tour provides the opportunity to meet and engage with residents statewide. IHDA and other partners working on the Blueprint will be hosting these meetings to discuss and listen to residents' experiences, needs, and hopes surrounding housing in their community. These discussions will help to shape the goals and work of the Housing Blueprint in the years to come.

## WE'RE HERE TO LISTEN TO YOU

## DEKALB-KANE COUNTY REGION MEETING

Wednesday, September 16, 2020 | 2:00pm-4:00pm | Virtual Attendance Only  
Co-Hosted by Norman Walzer | Center for Governmental Studies at Northern Illinois University

### WebEx Information (Virtual Meeting Option):

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/Blueprint-DeKalb-Kane-County>  
Event Number: 133 904 5394 | Password: IL\_BP\_Region%3 | Call-In Number: (312) 535-8110

## MEETING AGENDA

- Introduction to IHDA and your Co-Host
- The Housing Blueprint and Illinois' future
- Resident discussion

## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS

1. Is the housing stock currently available suitable for those that are 65 years and older, the fastest-growing population group? What actions are needed?
2. What can be done to make available housing more age-friendly to attract residents in the future that will help stabilize the population base?
3. How will the existing housing stock in our region adjust to changes in NIU's student base to keep the community an attractive place to live? What is needed?
4. What changes in housing issues or policies are needed in pursuing the new vision for the Annie Glidden North area?
5. Will current housing be suitable for employees in the DeKalb-Sycamore area to choose living in this general area over commuting to larger centers? What housing actions or policies can be considered? Are real estate taxes an issue?
6. What is the best way for communities with abandoned subdivisions to engage with developers or adjust local zoning to welcome new home starts?

## MORE ABOUT THE HOUSING BLUEPRINT

The Housing Blueprint is a statewide planning endeavor that will develop a vision for the future of housing in Illinois, and lay out a plan for achieving it. The Blueprint is coordinated by the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA), however it is a product of the collective participation and collaboration of a wide and diverse group of agencies, organizations, and residents from across the state. Together, these groups have committed to sharing their perspectives, knowledge, and expertise to link to and leverage existing efforts already underway.

The Blueprint also strives to engage and raise the voices of all Illinoisans to understand the realities, needs, and hopes for housing within communities both now and in the future. Repeated on an annual basis, the Housing Blueprint provides an opportunity to reflect on our state's past impacts and achievements, assess opportunities for growth and change, and continually engage residents to be more inclusive of and relevant to the many communities throughout our state. We invite all individuals to take part in the Blueprint's process.

### ELEMENTS OF THE BLUEPRINT:

ORGANIZATIONAL COLLABORATION

IHDA PROGRAMMATIC ANALYSES

MARKET ANALYSES

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

RACIAL EQUITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

### OUTCOMES OF THE BLUEPRINT:

GOAL IDENTIFICATION

WORKING GROUPS

PROGRAMMATIC AND POLICY CHANGE

## MORE ABOUT YOUR CO-HOST

**NORMAN WALZER**  
SENIOR RESEARCH SCHOLAR ON SPECIAL PROJECTS  
CENTER FOR GOVERNMENTAL STUDIES AT  
NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY



NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Center for  
Governmental Studies

*Outreach, Engagement, and Regional Development*

Norman Walzer, Senior Research Scholar at the Center for Governmental Studies (CGS) (recently retired), chairs the Governor's Rural Affairs Council Subcommittee on Rural Economic Development and Infrastructure and works part-time with CGS on national and state policy initiatives. Expertise includes community and economic development, governmental structure and local public finance, and community strategic planning/visioning. He started and directed the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University.

*We will also be joined by Joanne Rouse, Community Services Coordinator at the City of DeKalb*

## MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

### VISIT [ILHOUSINGBLUEPRINT.ORG](http://ILHOUSINGBLUEPRINT.ORG)

Explore the data, read the findings, and be a part of the entire planning process

### TAKE THE RESIDENT SURVEY

Visit

[ILHOUSINGBLUEPRINT.ORG/HOUSING-BLUEPRINT-STATEWIDE-RESIDENT-SURVEY](http://ILHOUSINGBLUEPRINT.ORG/HOUSING-BLUEPRINT-STATEWIDE-RESIDENT-SURVEY)

Or use the QR Code:

