

IL HOUSING BLUEPRINT

THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN ILLINOIS

2021-2022 LISTENING TOUR

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

WILL COUNTY RESIDENTS

Thursday, February 17 | 6:00pm | Virtual
Co-Hosted by Community Builders Network of Will County | Co-Facilitator Martha Sojka, Will County Community Development Division |

WebEx Information (Virtual Meeting Option):
Event Number: 2461 477 0913 | Password:
BP_Will_Res | <https://tinyurl.com/Blueprint-Will-Residents> | Call-In Number: (312) 535-8110

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS/

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

1. What are your housing needs? Are they going to be met in the future?
2. What are your hopes for the future of your community?
3. What are the strengths of your community, and what do you want others to know about your home?
4. What are some things that could improve your community life and housing?
5. Are all residents in your community being served with stable housing, jobs, and resources? If not, what would help?
6. Does your community provide the type of housing that promotes local job growth?
7. Does your community have adequate housing for its workforce?
8. Do you have access to desired housing near your workplace?
9. Are special-needs populations given adequate housing options?
10. Can those who provide essential services in your community afford to live there?
11. Do elderly residents have adequate alternatives for remaining in your community as they age?
12. Are homeless and/or those at risk of homelessness growing in your community?
13. What negative housing trends do you notice in your community?
14. What positive housing trends do you notice in your community?
15. What do you love best about your community?

MEETING AGENDA

- Introduction to IHDA and your Co-Host
- The Housing Blueprint and Illinois' future
- Priority areas from the 2021 Blueprint
 - **ADDRESSING RACIAL EQUITY**
 - **PROMOTING RESILIENCE AMONG COMMUNITIES**
 - **ALIGNING INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING TO PROMOTE ACCESS**
- Resident discussion

To ensure the safety of residents in light of COVID-19, we will provide an option for virtual attendance at all of our meetings. The option for in-person attendance will vary by meeting dependent on the needs of our hosts across the state. Please visit [HTTPS://ILHOUSINGBLUEPRINT.ORG/ATTEND-A-COMMUNITY-MEETING/](https://ilhousingblueprint.org/attend-a-community-meeting/) for login information.

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



ABOUT YOUR Co-HOST

Martha Sojka is the Community Development Administrator for the Community Development Division of the Land Use Department of Will County. She oversees the administration and investment of Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CDBG, ESG and HOME funds and works to collectively address challenges with housing, public infrastructure, health disparities and food insecurity throughout the County. Martha's career in housing and community development began after earning a Master's degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago in Urban Planning and Policy in 2003. She is also a member of the Community Builders Network of Will County which is a cross-sector group of community leaders working to increase awareness, influence policy and expand capacity so communities can build housing solutions that meet their unique needs.

MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Take the Resident Survey – visit:

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

Or use the QR Code:



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

