



Chester County Comprehensive Plan Update Housing Issues Facing Chester County

Top 6 Issues

- More quality affordable housing for low income residents and the homeless.
- More affordable housing for the middle income workforce.
- Improved transportation access to job centers.
- Housing needs of senior residents (residents at or nearing retirement age).
- Better access to fair housing such as group homes or Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible dwellings.
- Improved walkability and pedestrian environments in our communities.

All Identified Issues

- A need for more affordable housing for low income residents and the homeless.
- A need for more “workforce housing” (80%-120% of the HUD defined area median income).
- A lack of transportation choices between housing and job centers.
- A need to maintain school quality so that young families continue to desire living here.
- Barriers that prevent individuals from aging in place.
- Barriers to fair housing such as group homes or Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible dwellings.
- A need for improved walkability in communities.
- A need to minimize the impacts of gentrification associated with growth.
- The need to understand the existing housing supply (with respect to housing type) and resulting impacts on affordability.
- Limited availability of senior housing in many areas.
- A need to be responsive to an increasing desire and willingness of homeowners to downsize.
- The need for housing to link to broader community amenities such as trails, parks, and open space.
- A need to limit greenfield development.
- Limited housing options in and near Urban Centers.