

HOUSING






Housing is a fundamental pillar of a community's well-being, providing not just shelter but also a foundation for health, education, and economic prosperity. It fosters a sense of belonging and stability, allowing individuals and families to thrive. Attainable and accessible housing ensures that everyone has a place to call home, fostering a diverse and inclusive community. When housing is secure, communities flourish, with lower crime rates, better educational outcomes, and increased economic vitality.

Without new housing:

- . Housing costs rise substantially with increased demand
- . Living conditions deteriorate as households fit more people into less space
- . Extended families and connections move apart
- . The economy suffers as households have less to spend on other goods or employees are harder to find
- . Households must pay more to maintain old buildings
- . Homelessness and other drastic impacts rise
- . Crime may increase

Use the boxes on the right and **tell us your thoughts** on these housing types including:

- . *Where they might be appropriate?*
- . *How they might address housing needs?*
- . *Possible adverse impacts to Fairfield County?*

TYPE	CHARACTERISTICS	TELL US:
<p><i>Detached Single Family</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Larger lots and larger developments . Greater adverse traffic, stormwater, and natural resource impacts . Generally in highest demand among the population . Usually the most expensive new housing product . Around 67% of houses in Fairfield County today 	
<p><i>Attached Single Family (Townhome)</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . More land efficient than detached dwellings . Desirable starter homes or for downsizing retirees . Similar benefits but less impactful than detached dwellings 	
<p><i>Duplex or Triplex</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . More land efficient than detached dwellings . Can be incorporated seamlessly into existing neighborhoods . Less adverse impacts than single family dwellings . Opportunities for rental income to support housing costs 	
<p><i>Multi-Family Apartments</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Most space efficient dwelling type . Least traffic and stormwater impacts . Can complement commercial spaces to create mixed use areas and economic development . Positive tax benefits to the County . Does not fit within most neighborhoods 	
<p><i>Manufactured Homes</i></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Quickest and cheapest method of producing housing . Often considered unsightly . Provides some benefits of single-family homes to residents at lower cost 	