

04-06-2022 Town Council Meeting Responses to Council Questions #2

ITEM #9: Endorse the County-Wide Coordinated Manufactured Homes Action Plan

Council Question:

While there are some estimates of cost denoted qualitatively, there are no specific estimates. Do we have any idea as to the adequacy of the potential funds listed to actually carry out the actions listed? Will any of the costs be programmed into our 2022-2023 budget?

Staff Response:

There are currently two dedicated funding sources at the County that can be used to implement action steps around preserving manufactured home communities and mitigating displacement, with a little over \$1 million available from those sources. The Town is considering programming funding in the 2022-2023 budget for manufactured home engagement related strategies.

Funding for implementation of the strategies (beyond already funded staff positions) would likely come from the sources listed in the Potential Resources section of the plan or ARPA funds.

While we have a good sense of the costs in the plan, the decision to denote specific estimates qualitatively was intentional as many of the strategy implementation costs would vary greatly depending on where in the County they are implemented, the size of the community, whether it's the local government, landowner, developer, or other entity covering the costs, and several other factors. If the Action Plan is endorsed by Council, one of the next steps is to work with our partners and engage residents to begin prioritizing implementation of the strategies not already underway.

Council Question:

Have we assigned responsibilities to specific individuals within Town government for the action items shown?

Staff Response:

Many of the strategies in the Action Plan overlap with the strategies in the Town's Manufactured Home Strategy document created in 2018. For the overlapping strategies already underway, Town staff have already been implementing those strategies. For new strategies that Council would be endorsing in the Action Plan, staff resources would mostly come from the Affordable Housing and Community Connections and Planning departments, along with the Geographic Information Systems (GIS) team. Additionally, for the robust resident outreach we hope to conduct if Council endorses the Action Plan, we hope to hire part-time program support staff and collaborate with community partners to carry out this outreach.