COUNTY-WIDE MANUFACTURED HOME ACTION PLAN



Town Council Meeting April 6, 2022



Agenda

1. Background

2. County-Wide Action Plan Overview

3. Proposed Next Steps

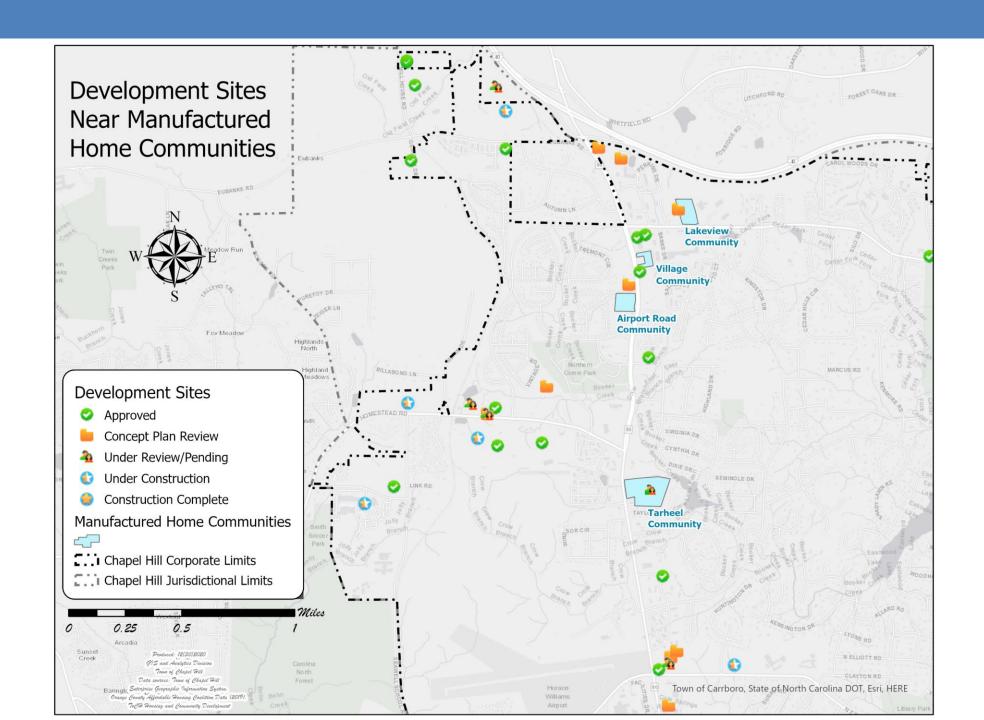


Recommendation

Provide feedback on County-wide Manufactured Home Action Plan







Background

 Created a Manufactured Homes Strategy in 2018 to address redevelopment threat



County-wide Manufactured Homes Action Plan

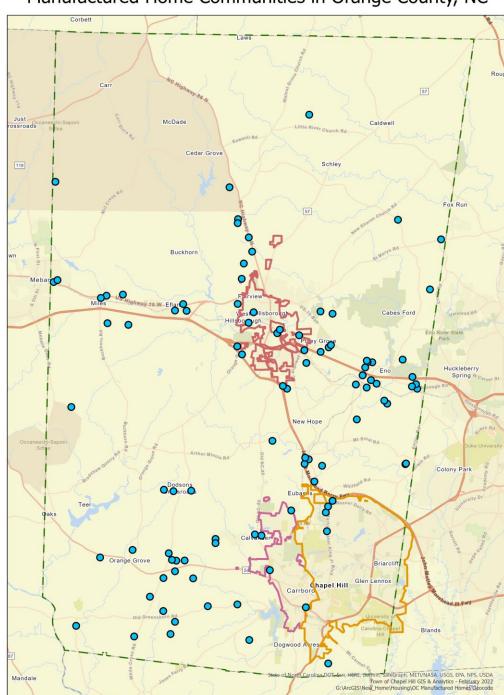








Manufactured Home Communities in Orange County, NC



MANUFACTURED HOMES ACTION PLAN

- Collaborative effort between Towns and County
- Guiding Principles
 - Engagement findings as foundation for strategies
 - Include a variety of strategies to fully address the different issues.
 - Manufactured housing is an important source of naturally occurring affordable housing
 - The Plan is a living document that will be updated and adapted over time







County-Wide Manufactured Homes Strategy Action Plan

Orange County, North Carolina Jointly Developed by the Manufactured Home Staff Working Group of the Towns of Carrboro, Chapel Hill, and Hillsborough and Orange County

Introduction

The Manufactured Homes Strategy Action Plan is designed to provide a plan to address the redevelopment threats facing manufactured home communities in Orange County. The Plan is a collaborative effort between the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro, Hillsborough, and Orange County that outlines specific objectives, strategies, action steps, partners and resource needs to address the redevelopment threat facing manufactured home communities. If we are successful in implementing this action plan, we will

- 1. Preserve manufactured home communities.
- Minimize resident displacement due to redevelopment
- Create a Relocation Assistance Package to provide meaningful relocation assistance

Housing and Community staff from the local governments will be playing a leading role in implementing the strategies and action steps listed in the plan, while also collaborating with many Town and County departments and community partners.

This plan recognizes manufactured housing is an important source of naturally occurring affordable housing serving diverse populations, including vulnerable community members. It uses resident engagement as the foundation for the strategies proposed.

- Use engagement findings as foundation for strategy selection and implementation.
- include a variety of strategies to fully address the different issues. There is no silver bullet. 3. Manufactured housing is an important source of naturally occurring affordable housing serving diverse populations, including vulnerable community members.
- 4. The Plan is a living document and open to input and change.

Several manufactured home communities in the county are under threat of redevelopment and resident displacement. Many homes are also in need of repair and rehab assistance. There are unique challenges faced by manufactured home residents, most of whom own the homes they live in but not the land it sits on. This plan provides a framework and strategies to address these challenges while considering the limited authority and resources local governments and

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MANUFACTURED HOMES ACTION PLAN

- Strategic objectives:
 - 1. Preserve Manufactured Home Communities
 - 2. Minimize resident displacement due to redevelopment
 - 3. Provide meaningful relocation assistance options for residents facing displacement









MANUFACTURED HOMES ACTION PLAN STRUCTURE

	Strategy	Action Steps	Lead Entity and Potential Partners	Resources
1a ★	Support efforts to create resident-owned communities (ROCs)	 Assist ROC USA and CCE in exploring opportunities to form ROCs Provide funding assistance for acquisition Support resident engagement efforts 	 Lead: County and Towns ROC USA Carolina Common Enterprise MHC Owners MHC Residents Nonprofit Providers 	\$\$\$\$ 1
1b	Pursue acquisition opportunities of manufactured home communities	Explore opportunities to preserve MHPs through acquisitionUse available funding sources for acquisition	Lead: County and TownsMHC OwnersNonprofit Providers	\$\$\$\$\$ \!\!\!\
1c	Explore land use policies that support manufactured home communities	 Conduct study of effective land use policies to support preservation Consult with policy experts to determine policy recommendations 	Lead: TownsConsultantsUNC School of GovernmentPlanning Departments	\$ ††
1d	Work with manufactured homeowners to improve park quality	 Engage MHP owners in need of infrastructure improvements Provide infrastructure improvement loans to improve quality of MHPs Implement the County's land banking program 	Lead: CountyMHC OwnersMHC Residents	\$\$ 1
1e	Rehab and repair homes in MHPs	 Coordinate with the OC Preservation Coalition to facilitate the completion of home repairs Explore aligning rehab programs and policies between jurisdictions to increase homes repaired 	Lead: PartnersOC Home PreservationCoalitionMHC Residents	\$\$ ††
1f	Create an early warning system to identify MHPs at highest risk of redevelopment	 Identify key indicators to include in early warning system 	Lead: TownsGIS and Planning DepartmentsMHC Owners	\$ ^

\$ \$ \$ * indicates \$1 million or more









★= policy or funding decision required by elected body

\$ = level of financial resources needed collectively

= level of staff resources needed collectively

Objective 1: Preserve Manufactured Home Communities

- a) Support efforts to create Resident-Owned Communities
- b) Pursue acquisition opportunities
- c) Explore land use policies that support manufactured home communities
- d) Work with manufactured homeowners to improve park quality
- e) Rehab and repair manufactured homes
- f) Create an early warning system











Objective 2: Minimize Resident Displacement

- a) Pursue on and off-site construction as part of redevelopment
- b) Explore land use and regulatory policies that can be applied to redevelopment of manufactured home communities

c) Implement master planning processes to proactively create development

plans that minimize displacement





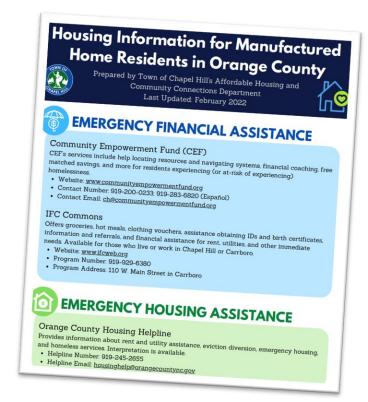






Objective 3: Provide Meaningful Relocation Assistance Options

- a) Proactively engage residents to connect them with resources
- b) Use publicly owned land to create relocation opportunities
- c) Provide housing search assistance
- d) Identify communities with vacancy
- e) Provide financial assistance to relocate homes
- f) Provide financial assistance to secure new housing











Resources for Action Plan Implementation

Dedicated resources

- Affordable Housing Land Banking Fund (Orange County)
- Displacement Mitigation Assistance Program (Orange County)

Potential resources

- Chapel Hill: Affordable Housing Fund, Affordable Housing Development Reserve, CDBG, Affordable Housing Bond
- Carrboro: Affordable Housing Special Revenue Fund
- Orange County: Urgent Repair Program, HOME Program











Partners

- Community Organizations
 - Carolina Common Enterprise/ROC USA and other housing organizations
 - Organizations providing language services and/or working with Latinx communities
 - Chapel Hill Carrboro City Schools
 - Banks and lending institutions
- Local Government Departments
- State Organizations
 - North Carolina Housing Finance Agency
 - North Carolina Affordable Housing Coalition
- Park Owners











Key Next Steps

- 1. Continued engagement with residents
 - Distribute Housing Resource Guide
 - Collaborate with community partners for ongoing resident engagement
- 2. Continue work already underway
- 3. Pursue priority strategies not yet underway



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Council can endorse the Action Plan as outlined in resolution R-8





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