

# Livable Community Housing Evaluation

Community Surveyed \_\_\_\_\_

## Available Housing

<p>1. Is each of these types of housing available within your community?</p>	<p><b>YES</b></p> <p>▼</p>	<p><b>NO</b></p> <p>▼</p>
a. Single-family homes .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>
b. Multifamily homes .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>
c. Accessory dwelling units .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>
d. Assisted living facilities.....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>
e. Continuing care retirement communities .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>
f. Nursing homes .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>
<p>2. Is affordable housing available in each of these housing types?</p>		
a. Single-family homes .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>
b. Multifamily homes.....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>
c. Accessory dwelling units .....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>
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f. Nursing homes.....	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>
<p>3. Are affordable housing options located near basic shopping opportunities or near a regular transit route? .....</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>
<p>4. Are affordable housing options located near recreational opportunities?.....</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>
<p>5. Do public transit routes serve areas of town that offer accessible and affordable housing?.....</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>2</sub>	<input type="checkbox"/> <sub>1</sub>



YES NO

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- 6. Are there multifamily housing units that are accessible to people with varying or changing physical abilities?
7. Are there any special housing complexes or apartment buildings especially for older people in your community?
8. Are these locations within walking distance of basic shopping and recreational activities?
9. Are you aware of individuals who are unable to find appropriate housing within your community? For example, do affordable, accessible multifamily housing or assisted living facilities have long waiting lists?

Property Tax Relief

- 10. Does your community offer any property tax reductions for homeowners over age 65?
11. If so, are such programs limited to individuals whose income is below a specific threshold?
12. Is this program well publicized?
13. Is the application process easy to complete?

Repairing and Modifying Homes

- 14. Does your community offer a weatherization assistance program?
15. Does your community offer a list of agencies or qualified individuals that specialize in affordable, reliable repairs for older residents?
16. In addition to assistance with these activities, does your community have a program that helps older persons evaluate the need for home repair, modification, weatherization, etc.?
17. Does your community have a program to assist with routine or seasonal home maintenance chores (snow removal, yard work, gutter cleaning)?
18. Does your community offer a financial assistance program for home modifications or maintenance and repairs?
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## About You

**D1. Do you currently live in the community surveyed?**

- <sub>1</sub> No  
<sub>2</sub> Yes

**D2. If yes, How long have you lived in the community? \_\_\_\_\_ (in years)**

**D3. Contact Information**

Name:
Address:
Phone:
Fax:

## Need Help? Try These Resources

### Local Planning and Zoning Department

Your local Planning and Zoning Department can give you a map noting specific zoning districts in the city, along with information on the types of housing in those zones. You can also get information on legal requirements regarding shared housing and accessory housing units.

### Local Government Assessor's Office

The local government Assessor's Office is the place to go with questions about property tax exemptions for older adults. Members of your group also may have personal experience in this area.

### Local Area Agency on Aging

The local Area Agency on Aging may be a good place to begin to check on home repair or weatherization services. That agency might also have information on housing units that are particularly accessible and welcoming to older residents. The team will want to follow up directly as well by contacting various housing complexes for information about rent levels and accessibility.

### **Other Local Resources**

Local library staff, the Department of Public Safety, local police, and staff or volunteers from a local nonprofit housing provider, or nonprofit home repair organization may be able to provide information.

### **Building Permit Office**

The Building Permit Office will know whether the community or the state has visitability requirements for subsidized single-family homes or whether specific multifamily housing developments include accessible housing units. You can also contact the local public housing authority that administers HUD programs and ask to see a consolidated housing plan. These may be available online at (<http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd>).

Thank you for completing this evaluation. Please mail or fax it to:

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