



Affordable Housing Facts

The term affordable housing conjures up many images in people's minds. Affordable housing is no longer plain looking high rises that are an eyesore and a drain on the community. Moderately-priced housing is designed to house the workforce within the community which helps promote long term employment retention, cut down on commutes and therefore become more environmentally friendly, and it has many other benefits.

Affordable housing does not lower the property values in my community.

- Many studies have documented that contemporary affordable housing developments have no impact on nearby property values.
- In some cases it has been shown to increase nearby property values.

Affordable housing residents will and do fit into the community.

- Many of the residents of affordable housing are already members of the community and are often working in the community.

Affordable housing developments are a not a waste of taxpayer money.

- Affordable units are typically funded by a variety of resources outside of taxes.
- The residents of affordable housing pay taxes just like every other resident.

Land in the community is not too expensive for affordable housing.

- The cost of land can be lessened by tools such as land trusts or land banks.
- Often land that is higher priced is in good shape and therefore requires less money to prepare for development.

Affordable housing does not look like 'cheap housing'.

- All housing built in the community has to comply with the same building and design standards.
- Affordable housing is not built with 'sub-quality' materials; the cost is lower because of funding from public and private sources.

Traffic will not increase and the affordable housing will not be a burden on the schools and roads.

- Studies show that residents of affordable housing drive fewer cars.
- All housing developments create an impact on the community regardless of the cost. There have been no studies to show that affordable housing has a larger burden on schools or roads.

Affordable housing does contribute to the local tax base.

- All affordable developments pay taxes in the same way as all other housing.