

Homes to Get or Stay Out of Crisis and Homelessness

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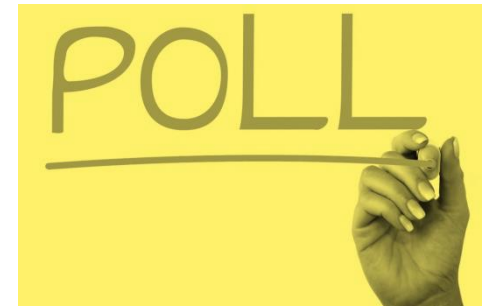
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EVENT OVERVIEW

1. INTRODUCTION KEYS TO THE VALLEY
2. KEY CONCEPTS
3. WHY THESE HOMES MATTER & WHAT OUR RESEARCH SHOWED
4. PROVIDER PRESENTATIONS
5. TOOLBOX OF SOLUTIONS
6. WEBSITE OVERVIEW
7. DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS



WILL POP UP A COUPLE TIMES



INITIATIVE INTRODUCTION

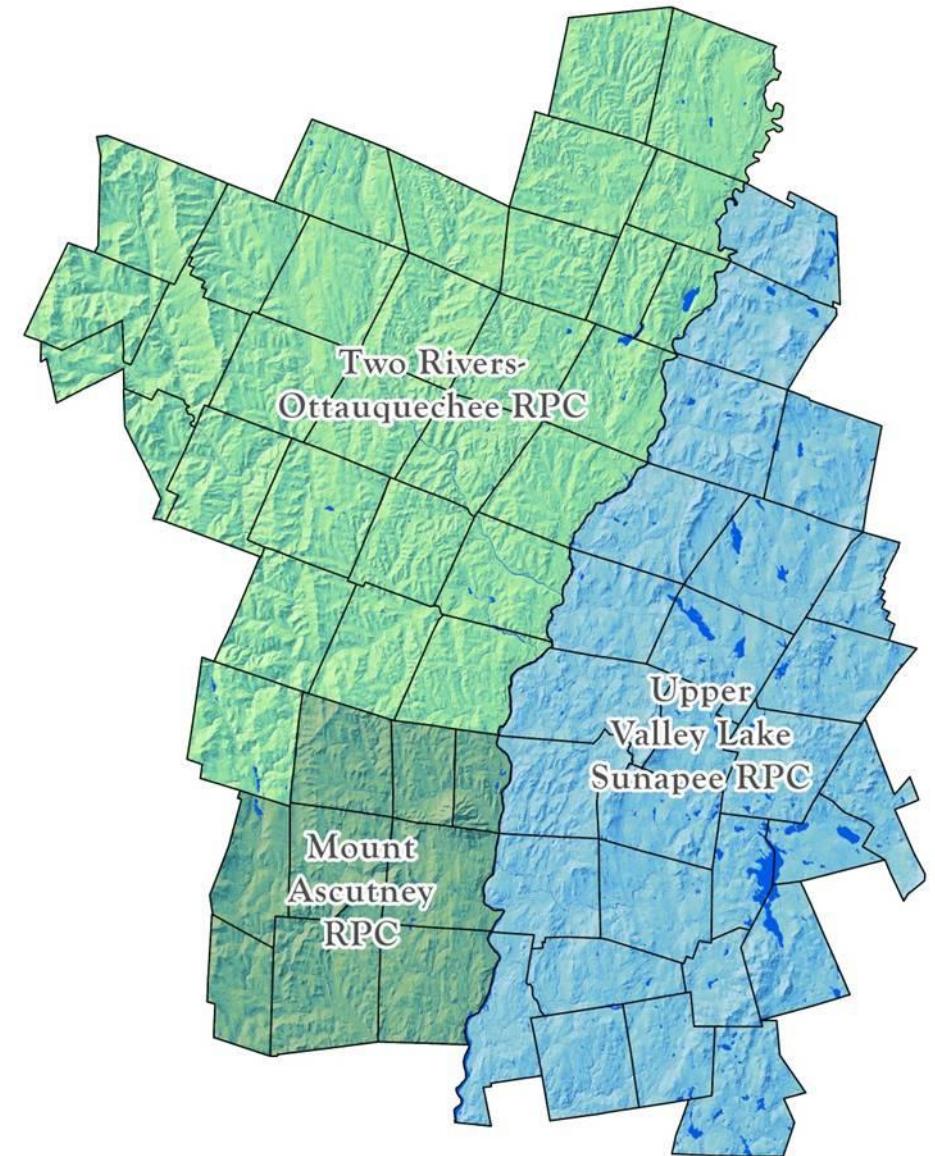
OUR MISSION

1 REGION, 2 STATES, 3 COMMISSIONS, and 67
COMMUNITIES – DIVERSE & INTERCONNECTED

IDENTIFY HOUSING NEEDS AND HURDLES

ADVANCE PROGRESS ON A LONG STANDING
CHALLENGE

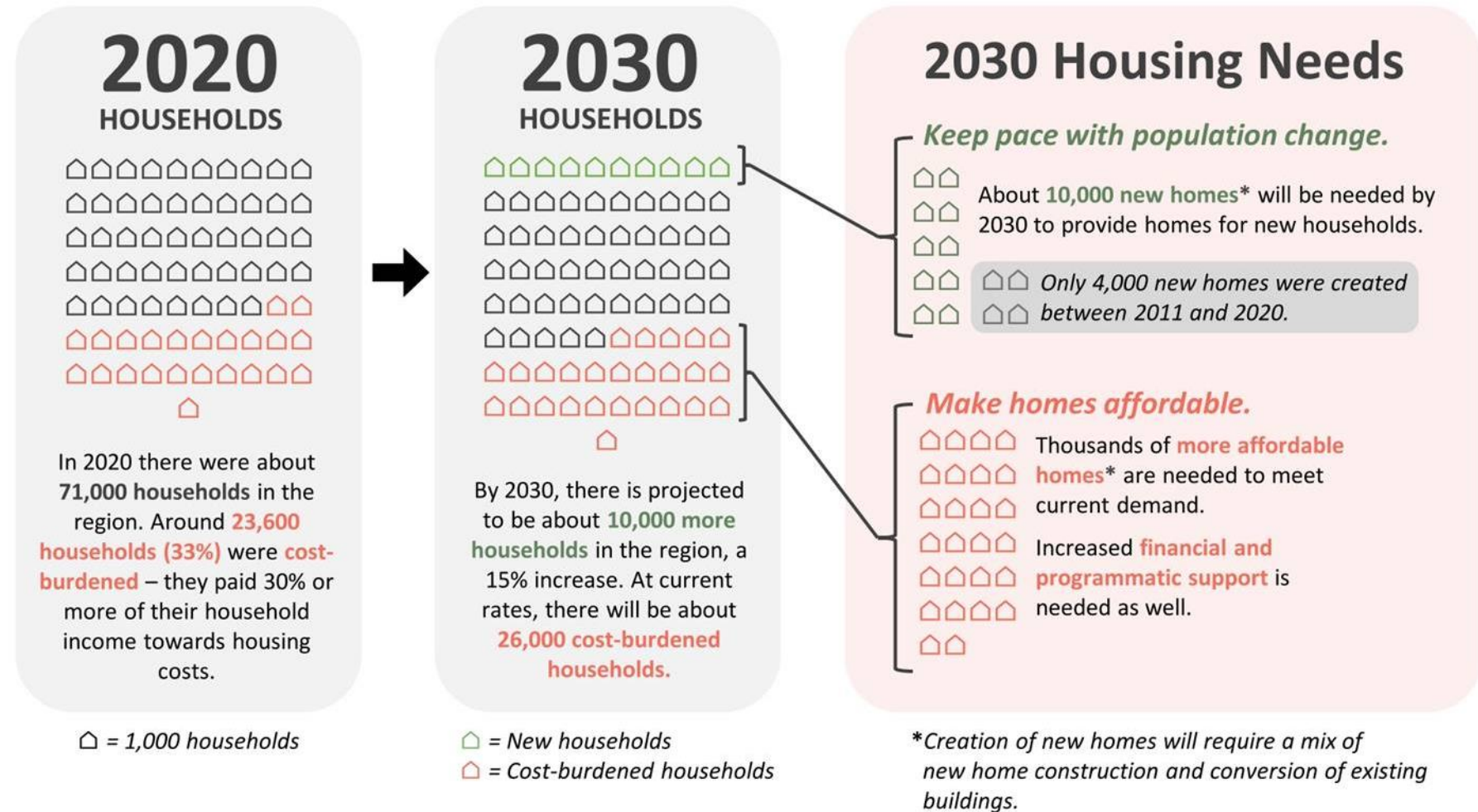
SUPPORT AN ATMOSPHERE OF INDEPENDENT, LOCAL
ACTION ALONG SIDE REGIONAL COLLABORATION



2030 HOUSING NEEDS PROJECTIONS

10,000 MORE HOMES BY THE STATUS QUO

33% OF HOUSEHOLDS WILL CONTINUE TO BE COST BURDENED



Description: To maintain the Region's current level of housing supply and start to address affordability challenges, more new homes need to be built or converted from existing in the next decade than the last decade.

Source: Keys to the Valley 2021 Regional Housing Projections, Vital Communities New Homes Count, 2017 ACS 5-year estimates of owner and renter households. Find out more at www.keystothevalley.com

HOMES THE REGION NEEDS



Emergency Housing



**Homes Affordable
for All Incomes**



**Homes with
Supportive Services**



**Homes with access
to Internet, Public Transit,
and Walkable Destinations**



Accessible Homes



Small Homes

KEY CONCEPTS

1. WHAT IS EMERGENCY HOUSING?

A short term accommodation for adults, families, and children who are homeless or in crisis.



Emergency Housing

KEY CONCEPTS

2. WHAT IS A HOME WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES?

Housing with supportive services provides safe homes in conjunction with needed services.

Both transitional and permanent.

In a permanent location or for any home.

Includes programs with and without affordability targets.



Homes with
Supportive Services

Sometimes called “**SUPPORTIVE HOMES**”

KEY CONCEPTS

3. Housing First Programs

A critical link between these two types of housing.

connecting
individuals and
families in to homes
with supportive
services



increased
understanding of
specific needs of
those experiencing
homelessness

WHY THESE HOMES MATTER

“losing homes to foreclosure; have no other choice but to stay as long as possible; nowhere to go, MUST have pets (ADA service dog).”

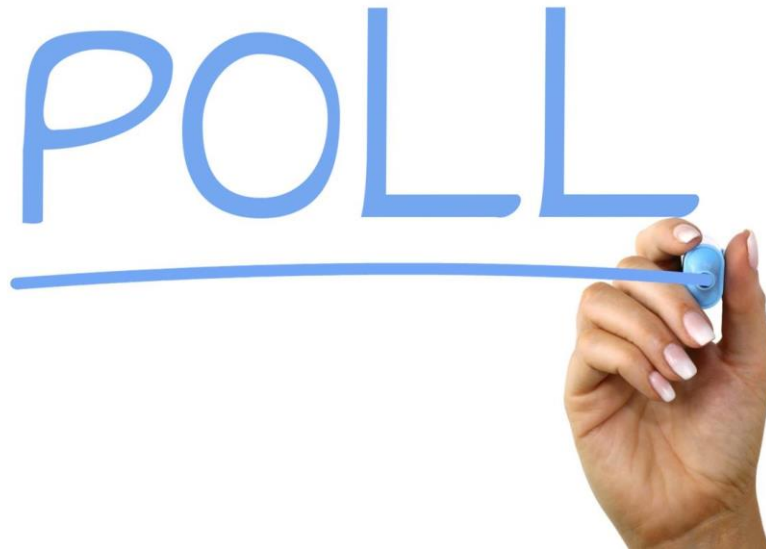
“I would prefer to stay in Lyme, but senior housing is not available. My current homes is too large to manage by myself.”

“I’m going to be homeless at some point. If I had good skills training w/office tech and able to be self-employed, work virtually – web design, para-legal, then I could afford someplace when this is over.”



INTERACTIVE POLL

LET'S TAKE A MOMENT TO HEAR MORE FROM OUR AUDIENCE





WHAT OUR RESEARCH SHOWED

WHAT WOULD HELP YOU GET OUT OF HOMELESSNESS?

RENTAL ASSISTANCE

EMPLOYMENT

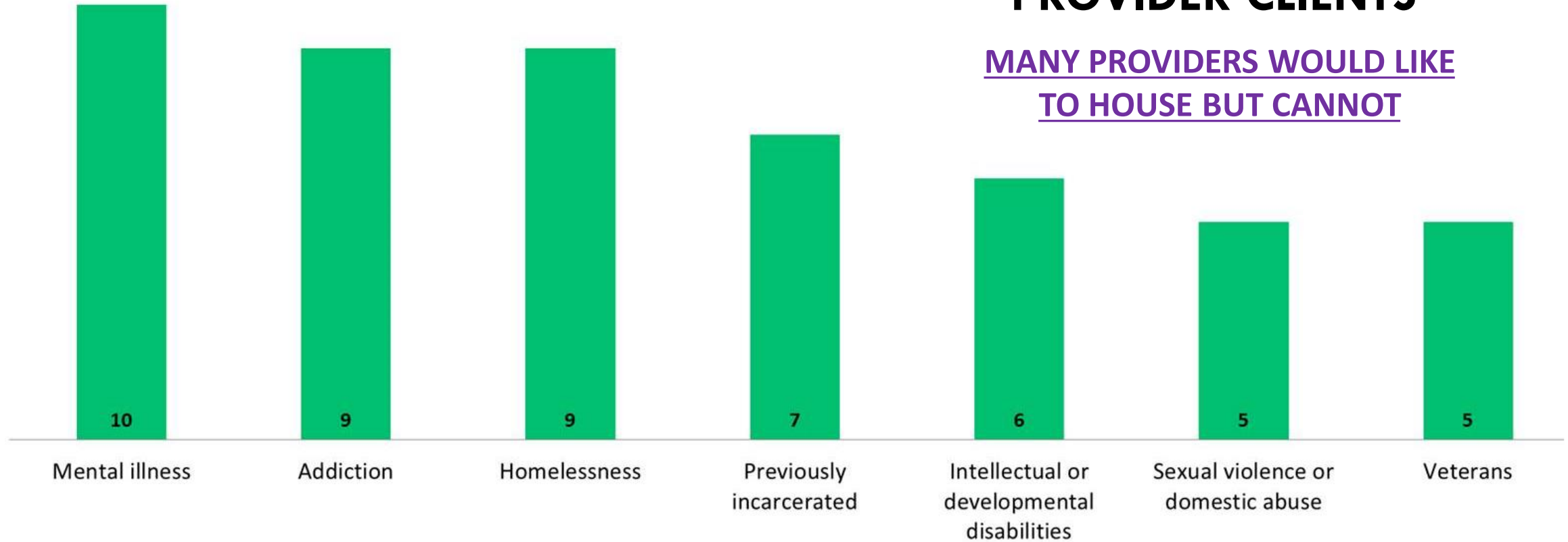
SKILLS TRAINING

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WHAT OUR RESEARCH SHOWED

PROVIDER CLIENTS

MANY PROVIDERS WOULD LIKE
TO HOUSE BUT CANNOT

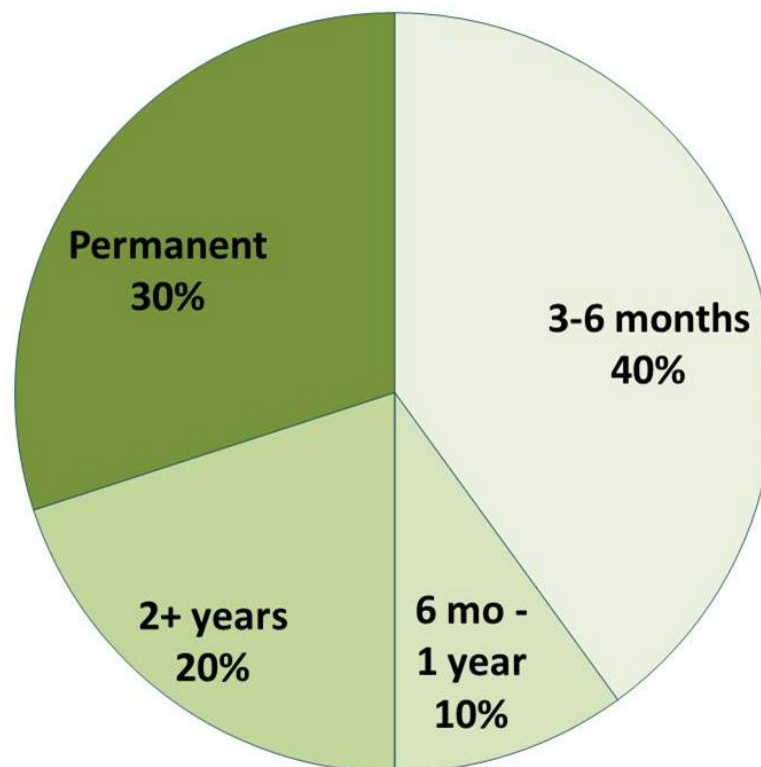


Description: Providers were asked which are the needs of the population(s) they serve.

Source: Keys to the Valley 2020 survey of providers of homes with supportive services. Find out more at www.keystothevalley.com

WHAT OUR RESEARCH SHOWED

CLIENT LENGTH OF STAY



Description: Length of time clients stay at homes with supportive services.

Source: Keys to the Valley 2020 survey of providers of homes with supportive services. Find out more at www.keystothevalley.com

MIX OF SOLO AND COMMUNAL LIVING ENVIRONMENTS



WHAT OUR RESEARCH SHOWED

PROVIDER RESPONDENTS IN THE REGION REPRESENTED

SERVING 86 INDIVIDUALS

WITH WAITLISTS BETWEEN 25-100 INDIVIDUALS

PLANNED INCREASE CAPACITY FOR 10 BEDS



WHAT OUR RESEARCH SHOWED

PROVIDER BARRIERS TO EXPANSION

FUNDING

OPERATIONAL SUPPORT

AFFORDABLE LAND WITH PUBLIC TRANSIT AND WATER/SEWER

HIGH COST OF DEVELOPMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD RELUCTANCE

PROVIDER PRESENTATIONS

- SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY SERVICES
- SPRINGFIELD SUPPORTED HOUSING PROGRAM
- VISIONS FOR CREATIVE HOUSING SOLUTIONS





TOOLBOX OF SOLUTIONS HIGHLIGHTS

THREE MAJOR OBJECTIVES

- COLLECT BETTER DATA
- END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS
- PROVIDE MORE HOMES WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

SIX MAJOR TOOL TOPICS

- BETTER DATA
- MORE PROGRAMS IN PRIORITY LOCATIONS
- REGIONAL COORDINATION
- PUBLIC EDUCATION
- MUNICIPAL INVOLVEMENT
- FUNDING

BETTER DATA

WHAT KIND OF DATA?

- ✓ NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR HOMES WITH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES
- ✓ EXPERIENCES OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITIES
- ✓ EXPANDED POINT-IN-TIME COUNTS
- ✓ INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES LIVING WITH OTHERS
- ✓ STORIES

REGULAR UPDATES

WHY?

- ❖ BETTER INFORMED PROGRAMS
- ❖ BETTER INFORMED FUNDING REQUESTS
- ❖ REDUCE STIGMA
- ❖ ADDRESS SERVICE GAPS
- ❖ ADDRESS SYSTEMIC DISCRIMINATION
- ❖ ADAPTABILITY

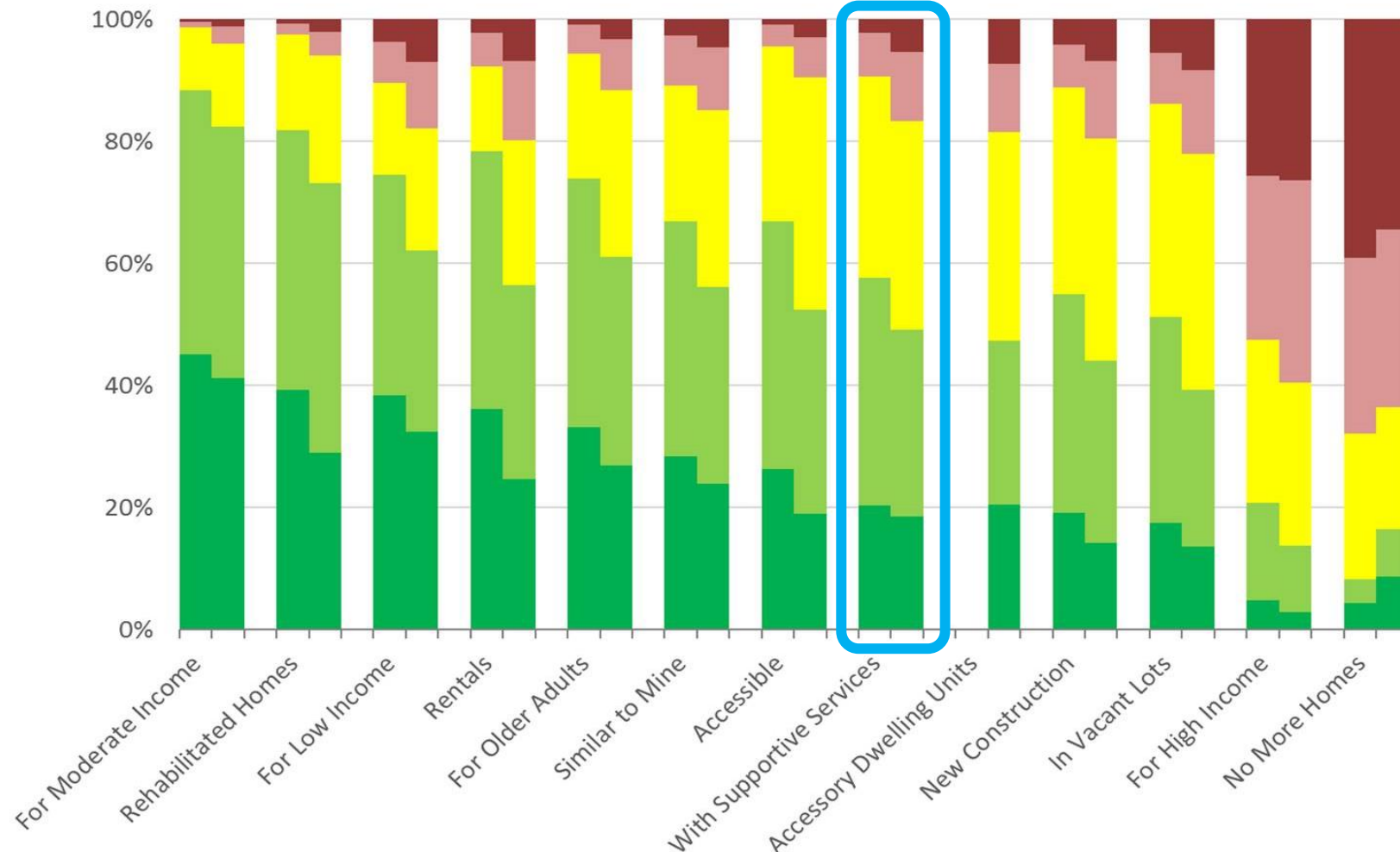


PUBLIC EDUCATION

In Town - left column

In Neighborhood - right column

Agree Strongly Agree Neither Disagree Disagree Strongly



**EDUCATIONAL
OPPORTUNITY**

Description: Residents weigh in on what types of homes are needed in their town and neighborhood.

Source: Keys to the Valley 2020 public opinion survey. Find out more at www.keystothevalley.com

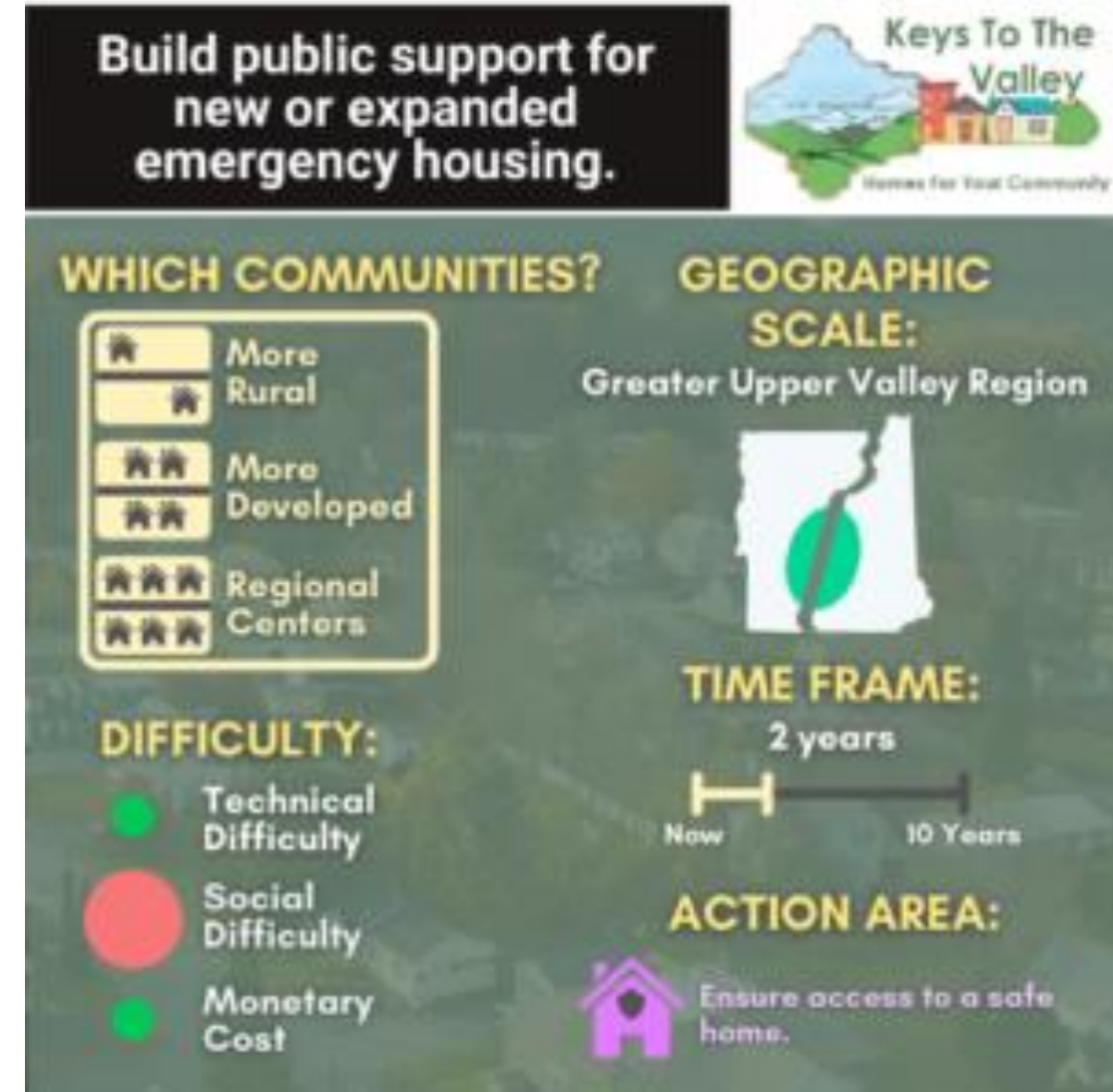
PUBLIC EDUCATION

WHAT KIND OF EDUCATION?

- ✓ RESPECTFUL AND NON-JUDGMENTAL COMMUNITY & SCHOOL DISCUSSIONS
- ✓ SHARE STORIES FROM LOCAL PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE
- ✓ SHARE STORIES FROM PROVIDERS
- ✓ INFORM RESIDENTS OF AVAILABLE SERVICES
- ✓ TARGETED MESSAGING FOR NON-ENGLISH SPEAKERS
- ✓ USE VARIED COMMUNICATION CHANNELS

WHY?

- ❖ REDUCE STIGMA
- ❖ IMPROVE ACCESS
- ❖ ADVANCE SOLUTIONS



MUNICIPAL INVOLVEMENT

WHAT CAN THE MUNICIPALITY DO?

- ✓ CONNECT REGULARLY WITH PROVIDERS
- ✓ ADVANCE COMMUNITY DISCUSSIONS
- ✓ CLEARLY DEFINE AND ALLOW AS PERMITTED USE IN LAND USE REGULATIONS
- ✓ INCORPORATE INTO COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATES
- ✓ HELP SECURE FUNDING FOR LOCAL ACTIONS

WHY?

- ❖ REDUCE STIGMA
- ❖ ELIMINATE LOCAL BARRIERS
- ❖ IMPROVE COORDINATION
- ❖ ALIGN WITH LOCAL PRIORITIES
- ❖ ADVANCE SOLUTIONS

Allow homes with supportive services as a permitted use in zoning districts.

WHICH COMMUNITIES?



GEOGRAPHIC SCALE:

Neighborhood / Village

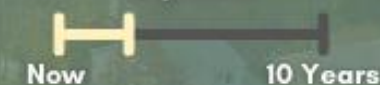


DIFFICULTY:

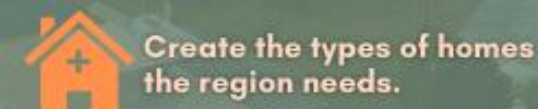


TIME FRAME:

2 years



ACTION AREA:



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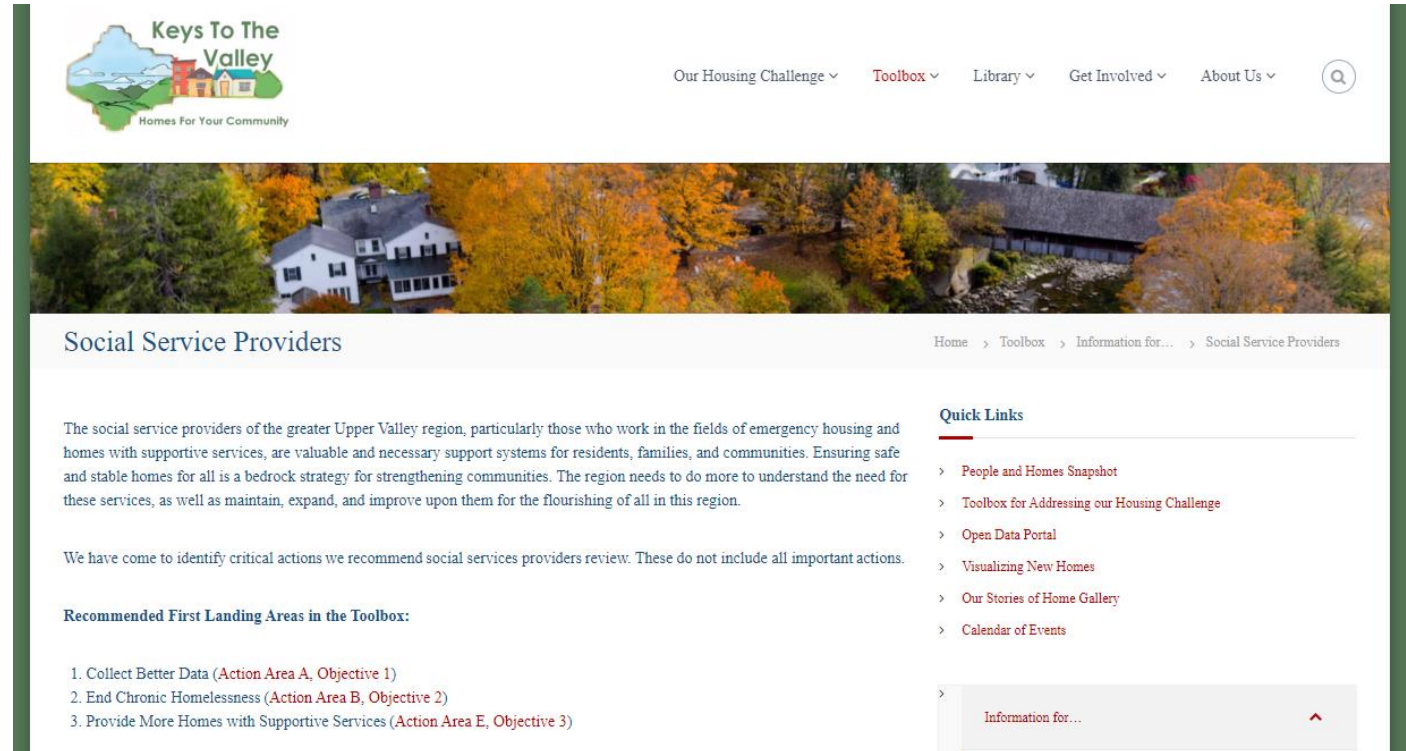




WEBSITE RESOURCES

HIGHLIGHTS

- OUR HOUSING CHALLENGE
PERSPECTIVES REPORT
EMERGENCY HOUSING & HOMES WITH
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES REPORT
OUR STORIES OF HOME
- TOOLBOX OF SOLUTIONS
INFORMATION FOR: SOCIAL SERVICE
PROVIDERS
- LIBRARY
GLOSSARY OF TERMS
OPEN DATA PORTAL
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION





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Story of Home
Claremont, NH

MORE PROGRAMS

WHAT KIND OF PROGRAMS?

- ✓ LOW-BARRIER SHELTERS
- ✓ HOLISTIC PROGRAMS (e.g., Housing First)
- ✓ SUPPORTIVE HOMES OF DIVERSE KINDS

WHY?

- ❖ MEET PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE
- ❖ ADDRESS SERVICE GAPS
- ❖ END CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS

Build low-barrier shelters in
downtown and village centers
and provide needed
transportation.



WHICH COMMUNITIES?



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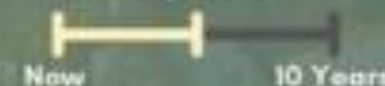


DIFFICULTY:



TIME FRAME:

5 years



ACTION AREA:



Ensure access to a safe home.

REGIONAL COORDINATION

WHAT KIND OF COORDINATION?

- ✓ PROGRAMMATIC RELATIONSHIPS
- ✓ REGIONAL EVALUATION
- ✓ REGULAR CONVENING

WHY?

- ❖ SHARE BEST PRACTICES
- ❖ SHARE CHALLENGES
- ❖ IDENTIFY & ADDRESS SERVICE GAPS
- ❖ COLLABORATE ON SOLUTIONS

Convene providers of emergency housing and homes with supportive services.



WHICH COMMUNITIES?



GEOGRAPHIC SCALE:

Greater Upper Valley Region



TIME FRAME:

Ongoing



DIFFICULTY:

- Technical Difficulty
- Social Difficulty
- Monetary Cost

ACTION AREA:



Spread knowledge of the region's housing needs.

INCREASED FUNDING

WHAT KIND OF FUNDING?

- ✓ FROM STATE, REGIONAL & LOCAL ENTITIES
- ✓ A PRIORITY FOR REGIONAL FUNDING POOLS
- ✓ FOR BOTH START UP AND OPERATIONAL COSTS

WHY?

- ❖ AFFORDABLE FOR ALL
- ❖ QUALITY HOMES AND SERVICES
- ❖ STRONG WORKFORCE
- ❖ RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

And...



Increase long-term funding to help maintain and expand homes with supportive services.



WHICH COMMUNITIES?



GEOGRAPHIC SCALE:

Greater Upper Valley Region



TIME FRAME:

Ongoing



DIFFICULTY:



ACTION AREA:



Create the types of homes the region needs.