



The City of Lynn, through the Lynn Housing Authority and Neighborhood Development and the Mayor's Office, is working with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to develop Housing Lynn: A Plan for Inclusive Growth. This community-driven effort will consider market-rate and Affordable Housing need and establish housing goals. The final plan will recommend actions the City and its partners can take to increase housing security for Lynn residents and proactively guide the type, amount, and location of future housing.

Why Plan Now?

Lynn has long been an affordable place to live, even as Boston and other surrounding communities became increasingly expensive over the past couple of decades. But that's changing: Greater demand to live in the inner core and not enough new housing has driven up costs in Lynn. The City has welcomed development in recent years, but it hasn't been sufficient to meet demand and stabilize prices. It's also primarily been high-end development that many current residents can't afford.

How can future development benefit both current and new Lynn residents? How can Lynn's diversity be preserved as the city grows? To answer these and other questions, the city needs a plan. With input from the community, Housing Lynn will establish goals for new market-rate and

Affordable Housing development, preservation and upkeep of existing housing stock, and protections for Lynn residents who are at risk of being pushed out by rising housing costs.

Planning for inclusive growth will help Lynn balance different housing needs as well as different planning priorities, including housing and economic development. The city finds itself at a crossroads: New development brings benefits like tax revenue, jobs, and housing. It also tends to appeal to higher-income residents who can bid up the cost of housing. For the full Lynn community to enjoy the benefits of new development, the city will proactively set goals and guide outside investment and public resources to support the initiatives needed to achieve them.

Plan Goals

The City and MAPC share the following goals for Housing Lynn:

- An inclusive process that engages residents whose voices aren't typically heard in planning and development decisions
- Increased awareness of unmet housing need in Lynn
- Greater understanding and support for strategies to expand the housing supply and mitigate displacement
- A final plan to guide future housing policy and development that represents the goals of Lynn's diverse residents

What will Housing Lynn include?

Housing Lynn is a community-driven process that will establish goals and strategies to expand Lynn's housing stock and increase affordability for people with a range of incomes. To fulfill all requirements of a Housing Production Plan under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40B, the plan will include:

- Background on past Lynn plans and recent context
- Analysis of demographic and housing data, including projections, to understand current and future housing need and demand
- An analysis of development constraints, impacts, and opportunities, including specific locations suited to specific kinds of residential development
- Housing goals and actions the City and its partners can take to grow the stock of Affordable Housing and market-rate housing in Lynn

Get Involved

The planning process aims to engage people across Lynn to ensure the plan reflects the diverse perspectives of the community. In particular, the project team will reach out to groups historically excluded from urban planning, such as people of color, renters, low-income residents, non-native English speakers, and many others.



Housing Lynn will be guided by an advisory committee of local stakeholders, and will engage the broader community at three public forums and various focus groups. We need you to share your knowledge of Lynn and hopes for the future. Here's how you can connect with the planning process:

- Join us at one of our public forums! The first forum will be on January 28th at LHAND in the Community Room.
- Sign up for our email list here mapc.ma/housing-lynn-news for regular updates on engagement events and plan progress.
- Visit mapc.org/housing-lynn for plan materials and draft content.
- Email housinglynn@mapc.org if you have questions about the plan or ideas for creating better housing in Lynn.

SEPT – DEC 2019

Content and initial data analysis

NOV 2019

City summit with community discussion on housing

JAN 2020

Housing Lynn kick-off

JAN – JUN 2020

Visioning and opportunities analysis

JUN – SEPT 2020

Goal and strategy development

SEPT – OCT 2020

Plan refinement

