

Local Housing Action Agendas.

Local Housing Action Agendas (LHAA) will translate Central Ohio’s regional housing vision and recommendations from the Regional Housing Strategy (RHS) into meaningful local action on housing issues across a diverse region. Once complete, a Local Housing Action Agenda articulates how individual jurisdictions in Central Ohio will act on regional and local housing needs. The Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission will lead this process in partnership with local jurisdictions.

Relationship to Regional Housing Strategy.

Step	Regional Housing Strategy	LHAA
Step #1. Understand local housing needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Regional housing needsRegional housing forecastsSubmarket analysisDisplacement risk analysisOpportunity mappingFindings from community engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Local statement of housing needSupporting data
Step #2. Set priorities for local action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Implementers’ ToolkitInvestment allocation portfolioCase studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">List of priority housing needs and related actions (jurisdiction-wide and targeted)
Step #3. Define local action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Implementers’ ToolkitInvestment allocation portfolioCase studies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Recommendations to address jurisdiction-wide and targeted priority housing needs
Step #4. Demonstrate commitment to local action	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Evaluation framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Ways to track and communicate implementation progress

Key Components.

Local Housing Action Agendas will include two primary components:

- Overview of housing needs:** Each Local Housing Action Agenda will have an overview of local housing needs, including communitywide needs; needs affecting specific places or groups of people in a community; and priority needs to address through local action.
- Recommendations for local action:** Each Local Housing Action Agenda will outline specific actions tailored to local opportunities, challenges, and capacity to address local priority needs.

Guiding Principles.

Local Housing Action Agendas will be guided by three overarching principles:

- Context sensitivity:** This process recognizes and accounts for the unique practical and political realities at the local level in Central Ohio by working with individual communities to identify their most pressing housing needs and tailoring the approaches in the Implementer’s Toolbox to each community in the region.
- Equity:** Mirroring the RHS’ focus on housing as a platform for equitable growth and recovery, equity is a cross-cutting consideration in developing these Local Housing Action Agendas. Each part of the process embeds equity by asking local stakeholders to answer a set of equity-focused questions about the decisions being made.
- Building resilience:** The RHS was developed during the 2020 COVID-19 global pandemic. Committing to and taking local action on housing issues—in ways that use housing as a platform for equitable growth and recovery—will promote stability and resilience among residents, both in response to COVID-19 and in the event of future shocks.

Four Step Process:

- 1 Understand local housing needs**
This step builds a common understanding of how regional housing issues identified through the RHS affect a jurisdiction and identifies housing needs to address locally over the next 5–10 years.
- 2 Set priorities for local action**
This step connects and prioritizes jurisdiction-level housing issues to actions that address these needs over the next 5–10 years.
- 3 Define local action**
This step develops recommendations that tailor priority actions to local context and capacities, including any targeted housing issues.
- 4 Demonstrate commitment to local action**
This step results in a full Local Housing Action Agenda and launches local implementation, including ways to track and communicate progress that aligns with regional resources for implementation.

Local Engagement.

The process to develop a Local Housing Action Agenda relies on a local advisory group to provide continuous, candid feedback on local needs; priority needs and related actions; and local implementation considerations.

Formats.

- The format of the local housing action agenda will also be tailored to meet the unique needs and goals of each jurisdiction in Central Ohio. A local housing action agenda could take many different forms to support effective implementation:
- Local municipal policy (resolution, ordinance)
 - Local housing plans
 - Local comprehensive plans (as chapters devoted to housing or generally)
 - Local land use policies
 - Stand-alone document