



Region D – Regional Housing Partnership

What is a Regional Housing Partnership?

In September 2022, the Michigan State Housing Development Authority launched its first-ever [Statewide Housing Plan](#). The goal of the statewide Housing Plan is to address housing challenges and promote the availability of safe, affordable, and sustainable housing options for all residents within the state.

To be successful, the plan requires a collaborative, statewide, data-driven approach that identifies and provides steps on how to overcome our housing challenges. These are complex issues that cannot be resolved overnight, and this is where the Regional Housing Partnerships come in. They aim to have every stakeholder in the housing industry working together, to identify and implement solutions that will result in meaningful changes at the individual, neighborhood, community, regional, and state levels.

Housing North was [officially chosen as the Regional Housing Partnership lead](#) for Region D through the Statewide Housing Partnership at the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA).

What does the Regional Housing Partnership do?

The Regional Housing Partnerships (RHP) work with local governments, nonprofits, developers, businesses, local health departments, grassroots organizations, and other partners to create and implement [action plans](#) that address the housing needs of their regions in alignment with Michigan’s Statewide Housing Plan.

RHP Task: Developing a Regional Action Plan

The process started in June of 2023 when the results of a 10-County [Housing Needs Assessment \(HNA\)](#) were released. The HNA helped to inform the goals, strategies and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in the plan, using the Statewide Housing Plan as a guide.

In July and August of 2023 two stakeholder meetings were held to create the working groups and steering committees for the Regional Housing Plan and develop the draft plan. One virtual community input session was held in August ([here is a link to the summary](#)) and a community survey was created and open for 8 weeks. ([Here is a link to the results](#)). Housing North staff, Steering Committee Members and stakeholders also had one on one conversations with individuals, organizations and partners who could not participate in the above events and survey.

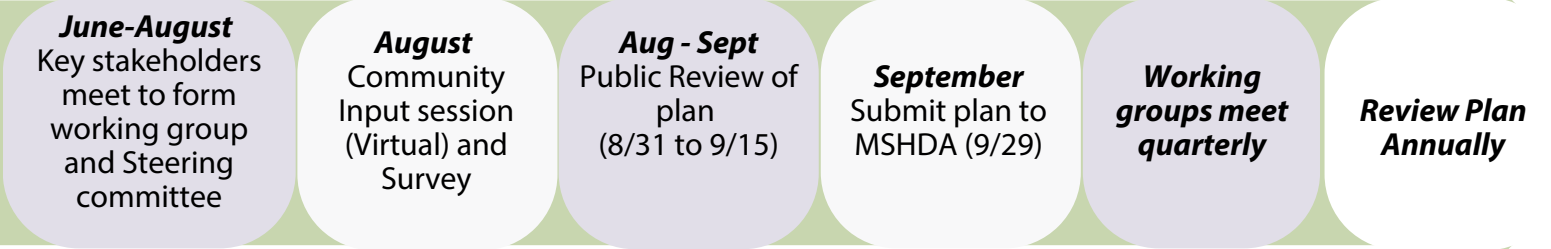




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PRIORITY AREAS IDENTIFIED BY KEY STAKEHOLDERS

- 🏠 HOUSING ECOSYSTEM
#3 GOALS AND #12 STRATEGIES
- 🏠 ENDING & PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS
#2 GOALS AND # 7 STRATEGIES
- 🏠 HOUSING STOCK
#4 GOALS AND #14 STRATEGIES



PRIORITY GOALS - REGION D

- 🏠 INCREASE THE SUPPLY OF THE FULL SPECTRUM OF HOUSING, INCLUDING WORKFORCE HOUSING AND MISSING MIDDLE THAT IS AFFORDABLE AND ATTAINABLE TO MICHIGAN RESIDENTS.
- 🏠 INCREASE ACCESS TO STABLE AND AFFORDABLE QUALITY HOUSING OPTIONS FOR HOUSEHOLDS WITH EXTREMELY LOW INCOMES.
- 🏠 EXPAND THE USE OF EQUITABLE AND HOLISTIC LOCAL PLANNING AND ZONING PRACTICES TO INCREASE HOUSING SUPPLY.
- 🏠 INCREASE THE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE HOUSING ECOSYSTEM BY ENHANCING COLLABORATION ON HOUSING AMONG STATE AGENCIES, PHILANTHROPY, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, TRIBAL NATIONS, EDUCATION AND THE WIDE VARIETY OF PRIVATE-SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS THAT MAKE UP THE HOUSING ECOSYSTEM.



THIS IS A 3-5 YEAR PLAN THAT CAN BE UPDATED AND ADAPTED AS NEEDED.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE PLAN](#)

