



Affordable Housing Plan Scorecard: Newtown

**NEWTOWN'S SCORE:
1.5 OUT OF 5**



PLAN SUBMISSION

Plan submitted	5/5
Plan submitted on time	5/5
Plan Submission score	10/10

PLANNING PROCESS

Plan had invested and inclusive leadership	0/3
Planning process had a communications strategy	1/3
Planning process was inclusive with meaningful opportunities for community participation	3/7
Plan articulates a community values statement	2/2
Planning Process score	6/15

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Plan includes local history and context of affordable housing	2/3
Plan includes housing needs assessment	4/16
Plan includes land use and zoning assessment	0/9
Plan includes regional and state housing market analysis	0/2
Housing Needs Assessment score	6/30

ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Plan includes actions that explain or build on already existing programs	3/6
Plan includes goals	2/7
Plan includes actions and implementation strategies	2/32
Action and Implementation score	7/45

TOTAL 29/100

Connecticut is facing a housing affordability crisis that is particularly acute in Fairfield County, where more than one-third of households and more than half renters spend more than 30% of their income on housing.

To address this, the Connecticut legislature passed General Statutes Sec. 8-30j in 2017, requiring every municipality to adopt an affordable housing plan by June 1, 2022.

These plans represent an opportunity for towns and cities to demonstrate their commitment to meaningful local action that will create more affordable homes. According to *Planning for Affordability in Connecticut*, a guidebook for municipalities published by the Connecticut Department of Housing in December 2020, town plans should outline tangible steps for increasing access to housing for people of all income levels and backgrounds in all communities.

How is Newtown doing so far?

To answer this question, Fairfield County's Center for Housing Opportunity (FCCHO) has developed scorecards to assess the plans in the County and the degree to which they will make our region more affordable for everyone.

Visit cthousingopportunity.org to learn how scores were calculated and see how other communities in Connecticut are planning for affordability.

