

Affordable Housing Plan Scorecard: Westport

WESTPORT'S SCORE: 3 OUT OF 5



PLAN SUBMISSION

Plan submitted	5/5
Plan submitted on time	0/5
Plan Submission score	5/10

PLANNING PROCESS

Planning Process score	7/15
Plan articulates a community values statement	1/2
opportunities for community participation	
Planning process was inclusive with meaningful	4/7
Planning process had a communications strategy	2/3
Plan had invested and inclusive leadership	0/3

HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Housing Needs Assessment score	14/30
Plan includes regional and state housing market analysis	0/2
Plan includes land use and zoning assessment	3/9
Plan includes housing needs assessment	8/16
Plan includes local history and context of affordable housing	3/3

ACTION AND IMPLEMENTATION

Action and Implementation score	29/45
Plan includes actions and implementation strategies	20/32
Plan includes goals	5/7
Plan includes actions that explain or build on already existing programs	4/6

TOTAL	55/100
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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 Affordabilty 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 Westport 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 cthousing opportunity. org to learn how scores were calculated and see how other communities in Connecticut are planning for affordability.

