



# Community Housing Conversations

## BACKGROUND



The Town of Hamden adopted an Affordable Housing Plan (Plan), as required by the State of Connecticut in June of 2022. The Plan analyzed demographics, housing, and employment to identify the Housing Needs in the Town of Hamden. The Affordable Housing Plan is available on the Hamden Planning and Zoning Department or by scanning the QR Code:

## PURPOSE & GOALS

The Town of Hamden along with community members will work together to implement the Plan to address housing needs, wants, and opportunities for the benefit of all Hamden residents.



### MYTH

### TRUTH

Affordable housing will reduce property values	Property values stay stable or may increase
Affordable housing is cheap, ugly and oversized	Affordable housing must be built in compliance with the Town's building & fire codes and applicable standards
Affordable housing will increase crime	Affordable housing helps create stability, and helps retain people who already live and work in the community.
Affordable housing burdens the school system and increases traffic	Affordable housing developments typically have fewer children and less cars

Housing demand drives up costs when there is not enough inventory available. This creates a burden for working families, young professionals, and seniors trying to find an affordable place to live.

Hamden residents have an important role to play as they can help address the misconceptions around housing development. This will be instrumental in ensuring integrity of our neighborhoods and vibrancy of our Town.

## NEXT STEPS

This effort is intended to provide community members with information and materials on the content, goals and strategies developed as part of the Plan.

Town-wide meetings will be scheduled with policy makers and housing providers to:

- **Facilitate** community conversations
- **Listen** to any resident concerns
- **Address** any misinformation
- **Provide** material on available programs.