Housing Strategies in Montgomery County

What's Changing, What's Not-and Why It Matters

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- → Montgomery County has several housing-related projects in the works, including <u>Thrive Montgomery 2050</u>, the <u>Attainable Housing Strategies Initiative</u> and area master plans. At the same time, we are working to strengthen our existing inclusionary zoning tools, like the Moderately Priced Dwelling Unit program.
- → These are all different tools and they each accomplish different things on the ground, but the results have one unified purpose: to welcome more Montgomery County residents home.
- These projects work together to essentially allow private property owners to choose what kinds of residences to build and to allow more diversity of housing types: single-family homes, duplexes, triplexes, townhouses, cottage courts, "granny flats," and others.
- → More varied housing options in more neighborhoods means that residents can realistically afford to live in the places and homes they choose—and can invest in small starter homes.



- → None of these projects will dictate what you choose to do with your own private property, nor will they require you to do anything. These plans contain ideas, strategies, and zoning changes to simply allow property owners to have more options for their land and the residences on it, enabling a more inclusive and attainable housing situation especially in downcounty neighborhoods.
- → These changes do three important things for Montgomery County and its residents.
 - First, we **undo policies** that resulted in de facto segregation and broad racebased housing inequities.
 - Second, we prepare for an anticipated influx of thousands of new residents in the coming decades by **creating equitable**, **sustainable strategies** for the housing they'll need.
 - Finally, we **avoid sprawl** by adding housing in areas of the County that already have infrastructure to support new residents resulting in **better environmental outcomes.**

When it comes to housing, Montgomery Planning is working to offer more housing choice and prepare for the future of our county.

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