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STAKEHOLDER NEWSLETTER

Task 2 Housing & Transportation-Fair Housing Equity Assessment V1 #1 September 8, 2014

The Housing and Transportation Technical Report focuses on regional housing and transportation conditions, issues, and recommendations. HUD requires the Fair Housing Equity Assessment (FHEA). The FHEA focuses on neighborhood and citizen access to existing areas of high opportunity, the impacts of major public investments on protected classes, and the adequacy of fair housing services and activities in the region. Both reports involve active citizen participation, the collection, interpretation, and interdependent analysis of locally important issues surrounding housing, transportation and equity.

Work on this task began in November, 2013 and is expected to be completed by January, 2015.



Village Green Apartments, Glens Falls, NY

These plans will consider ways to:

- Provide more transportation choices and timely access to employment centers, educational opportunities, services, and other basic needs.
- Promote equitable, affordable housing.
- Increase mobility and lower the combined cost of housing and transportation.
- Coordinate policies, remove barriers to private-public cooperation, leverage funding and increase effectiveness to plan for future growth.
- Enhance the unique characteristics of all communities by investing in healthy, safe, and walkable neighborhoods—rural, urban, or suburban.



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Progress November, 2013-August, 2014

Learning to understand what is happening now in the AGC region requires “all ears to the ground”. Over the past ten months we have:

- Completed a H&T-FHEA Stakeholder Analysis and Outreach. More than 104 stakeholders have signed on to our Listserv. Many agreed to serve as project advisors, sounding boards, and outreach partners.



Warren Hamilton Housing Coalition Meeting 9-2-14

- Hosted six (6) focus group events attended by 30 stakeholders. Input provided guidance on current concerns and possible solutions to improve housing, transportation and fair housing equity. Seven (7) additional outreach opportunities were scheduled for late August and early September 2014.



NAACP Meeting 9-4-14

FOCUS GROUPS & OUTREACH EVENTS

3/10/14 Transportation Focus Group

4/22 & 24/14 Housing-Transportation-Fair Housing Focus Group

5/20/14 DSS Commissioner Roundtable

6/19/14 & 7/30/14 Participating Outreach Providers

8/18-24/14 Outreach at Washington Cty. Fair

9/2/14 Outreach with Warren-Hamilton Housing Coalition

9/2/14 Outreach at Glens Falls Housing Authority

9/4/14 Outreach at Maple Street Food Pantry and Washington Cty DSS Lobby

9/4/14 Outreach with Glens Falls Division of NAACP

9/16/14 Washington County Roundtable



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GIS-BASED MAPS AND TABLES-SIX THEMES:

1. Current demographics, political, social, legal, and economic context.
2. Segregation and integration patterns and trends.
3. Concentrated areas of poverty (RCAPs and ECAPs or other underserved population).
4. Areas of opportunity and indices of opportunity--analyze conditions that allow areas of opportunity to exist and barriers to access opportunities.
5. Housing and Transportation Infrastructure- identify systemic issues of discrimination.
6. Physical Infrastructure-major public investments slated for the region and how these investments will impact low-income communities, communities of color and

- Researched and compiled a GIS-based set of 45+ maps and tables which form the backbone of the FHEA and technical reports.

- Designed and distributed a 52-item provider survey to 62+ stakeholder organizations and agencies. The purpose of the survey is to poll service providers about locally important issues. To date, 25 responses, representing a 40% response rate, have been received. The provider survey deadline is September 10, 2014—but additional surveys are welcome through month's end.

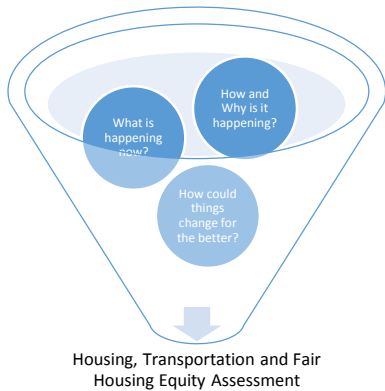
- Designed and distributed a 36 item citizen survey and a 25 item transit survey. These surveys are intended to reach out to certain designated groups including low-income individuals and families, limited English speakers, persons with disabilities, communities of color, and the elderly. Citizens are expected to provide input on locally important issues and help AGC determine what actions are needed. More than ten (10) agencies are partnering with the AGC to distribute and collect the citizen survey by September 15, 2014.

- Collected 100+ articles and reports to understand what others are doing to improve mobility and livability.



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These activities will lead to two reports that provide:

- A regional housing, transportation, and equity profile.
- An identification of critical needs that inhibit Access to Opportunity.
- Concept Plans for high priority capital projects.
- Funding, leverage opportunities, and financing strategies to implement needed improvements or services.
- Identification of critical points where multi-jurisdictional agreements are needed to improve service effectiveness

and reduce costs for municipalities, businesses, and residents.

- Map Series using GIS documenting existing conditions, and scenario alternative visions and recommendations.
- A set of supplementary, locally important benchmarks and outcomes that support implementation and monitoring.
- Recommendations that address critical needs and a framework for setting investment priorities, implementing decisions, and forwarding recommendations for funding.

What Does the Work Plan Look Like?

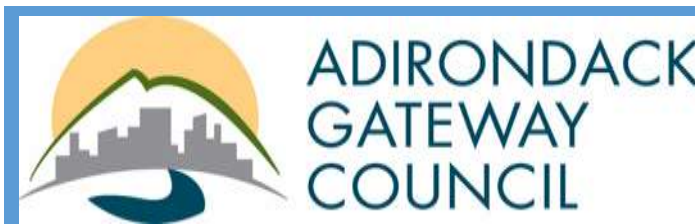
2A Task 2 H&T Technical Report

- 2A-1 T2 Stakeholder Analysis & Outreach
- 2A-2 T2 Scoping Meeting
- 2A-3 Draft T2 Report Outline-Data/Analysis Design
- 2A-4 Create T2H&T Focus Group
- 2A-5 Monitor Online Feedback
- 2A-6 T2Focus Group Mtg #1-TRANS
- 2A-7 T2 Public Mtg #1
- 2A-8 Consortia Mtg #1
- 2A-9 Revised T2 Report Outline and Data/Analysis Design
- 2A-10 T2 Data Collection and Synthesis
- 2A-11 T2 Analysis/Assessment
- 2A-12 T2 Straw Man Report
- 2A-13 T2 Focus Group Mtg #2-Housing
- 2A-14 Focus Group Meeting #3: H/T FHEA
- 2A-15 H/T FHEA Focus Group #4
- 2A-16 T2 Feedback
- 2A-17 T2 Revised Report

- 2A-18 T2 Focus Group Mtg #5
- 2A-19 T2 Focus Group #6 Call
- 2A-20 Consortia Mtg #3
- 2A-21 Final Draft T2 Technical Report
- 2A-22 Issue T2 Final Report

2B. Fair Housing Equity Assessment (FHEA)

- 2B-1 FHEA Data Collection & Analysis
- 2B-2 Identify Barriers & Develop Action Strategies
- 2B-3 Outreach & Education
- 2B-4 Develop FHEA report
- 2B-5 FHEA Public MTg #1
- 2B-6 Revise FHEA
- 2B-7 HUD Review-initial
- 2B-8 HUD Review-Final
- 2B-9 FHEA Public MTG #2
- 2B-10 Issue Final FHEA



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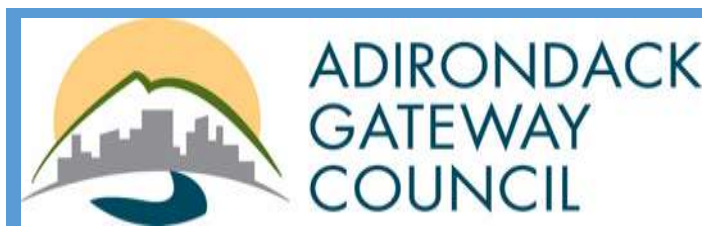
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