### Spurring Single Family Residential Investment











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# Session Agenda

- Barriers to Home Ownership
- Development Costs
- Affordable Housing Strategies
- Example Projects

#### Affordability Gap Between Cost & Income

- Existing Housing Costs are High
  - Selling at or above list price
  - Many times dwelling is in need of remodeling
- New Construction is Even Higher



- Development costs: Land, infrastructure, entitlements, etc.
- Construction costs: Contractors & materials
- Costs are Higher than FMV
- Lack of Equity





## Housing Costs

- Median Sale Price Existing Homes = \$192,200
  - Sauk County (Zillow)
- 2019 Avg. Constr. Cost New Home = \$257,720
  - 1,640 sf, 3 bedroom, 2 car garage
  - \$157 per square foot
  - Does not include lot & fees
  - Total cost = \$300,000+





#### What is Affordable?

 Industry Standards: Housing costs that are 28% to 30% of the owners gross income.

#### For example:

- Sauk County Median Household Income
  - Allowable Housing Cost: (\$56,732 x 30%)
- Example: Housing Costs for \$200,000 home
  - Debt Service: \$1,000 / month (\$185,000 loan)
  - Real Estate Taxes: \$355 / month
  - Insurance: \$65 / month



= \$ 1,418 / month





### Workforce Housing

- Wisconsin Realtors Association; "Workforce housing is the supply of housing in a community that meets the needs of the workforce in the community." (Teachers, police officers, firemen, factory workers, etc.)
- Urban Land Institute; "Housing that is affordable to households earning 60% to 120% of the area median income."

# Barriers to Home Ownership What is Affordable Workforce Housing?

#### For example:

- 2018 Sauk County Median Household Income

= \$ 56,732

- Allowable Housing Cost:

 $(\$56,732 \times 30\%) = \$ 1,418 / month$ 

- Affordable house

= +/- \$200,000

- 60% of Median Household Income

= \$ 34,039

- Allowable Housing Cost:

 $(\$34,039 \times 30\%) = \$ 850 / month$ 

- Affordable House

= +/-\$120,000

- 120% of Median Household Income

= \$ 68,078

- Allowable Housing Cost:

 $($68,078 \times 30\%) = $1,702 / month$ 

- Affordable House

= +/-\$240,000



#### Fair Market Value vs. Actual Cost

#### For example:

- New house: land & construction cost = \$350,000
- Fair market value based on appraisal = \$270,000
- Normal down payment (5% of FMV) = \$13,500
- Actual down payment = \$93,500



# Development Costs New Single Family Residential

- Land Acquisition
- Entitlements & Fees
- Professional Services
- Infrastructure
- Home Construction
- Marketing & Commissions
- Carrying Costs







## Development Costs

#### On-Site Infrastructure

<u>Activity</u>	Cost Per Foot*	
Street	\$ 225	
Sidewalk	\$ 25	n
Watermain	\$ 115	
Sanitary Sewer	\$ 95	
Storm Water	\$ 105	1
Total	\$ 565	



- \*Note: Infrastructure cost can vary depending upon geographic location, street width, design standards and soil conditions.
- \*\*Note: Off-site infrastructure may also be required: sewer & water extensions, lift station, water main loop, etc.



# Development Costs Infrastructure Cost Per Lot

Lot Size Cost Per Lot

100' wide \$ 28,250

80 ' wide \$ 22,600

60' wide \$ 16,900







# Home Affordability Conclusion

Gap Between Housing Cost & Income



## Ways to Encourage Affordable Housing

- 1. Create Awareness Make it a High Priority
- 2. Update Local Development Regulations
- 3. Utilize Good Land Use Practices
- 4. Proactive Use of Public Funding
- 5. Develop Public/Private Partnerships



### 1. Create Awareness: Make it a Priority

- Get the Facts and Educate the Public
- Involve Key Stakeholders
- Create & Adopt a Plan to Create Affordable Housing for all Residents
- Encourage Fair Housing Opportunities
- Take a Leadership Role in Implementation

## 2. Update Local Development Codes

- Update Zoning Ordinance Density,
   Mixed-Use, Zero Lot Line, PUDs or
   Special Zoning Districts, etc.
- Update Development Regulations Infrastructure, Permit & Impact Fees, Parking, etc.



#### 3. Utilize Good Land Use Practices

- Smart Growth & New Urbanism –
   Development of Mixed-Use, Higher-Density
   Town Centers
- Infill Development Restoration of Existing Structures & Use of Vacant or Underutilized Land Within Urbanized Areas
- Urban Redevelopment –
   Acquisition/Demolition of Blighted Structures
   & Develop New Residential



## 4. Proactive Use of Public Funding

- Tax Incremental Financing
- Intergovernmental Programs
  - Grants, Tax Credits, Low Interest Loans, Subsidies, etc.
- Funding Agencies
  - Wisconsin Department of Administration (DOA)
  - WHEDA
  - USDA Rural Development
  - Wisconsin Department of Health Services
  - Community Action Agencies



## 5. Develop Public/Private Partnerships

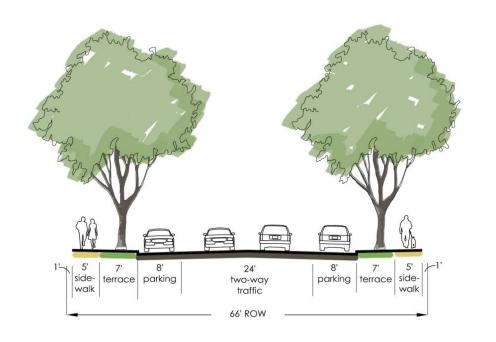
- Local Development Corporations & Housing Authorities – Collaborative Effort
- Regional Development Organizations & Housing Authorities – Utilize Outside Resources
- Partner With Developers & Landlords Facilitate and Incentivize

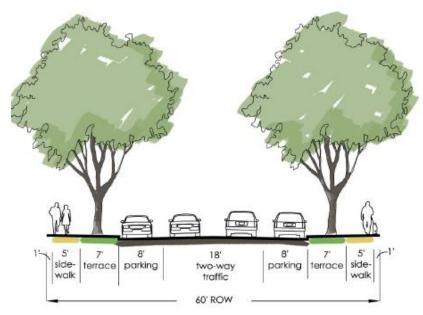
#### Benefits From Best Practices

- Reduces Land & Infrastructure Costs
- Eliminates Blight & Revitalizes Distressed Neighborhoods
- Reduces Sprawl & Preserves Land
- Increases Tax Base
- Provides Affordable, Decent, Safe & Sanitary Housing



## Alternate Infrastructure Design





## Standard Design

Cost per Lineal Foot = \$250

#### Reduced Width

Cost per Lineal Foot = \$220

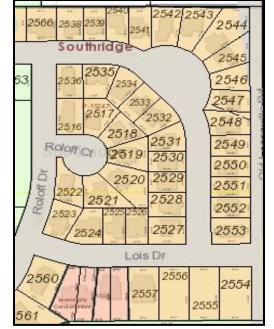
12% Cost Reduction



## High-Density Single Family

- New Workforce Housing
- Public/Private Partnership (City & Private Developer)
- Zoning Planned Unit Development (Smaller Lots & Smaller Houses)
- Special Conditions to Address Quality of Life Within Higher Density Subdivision
- 100% Private Developer Funded
- 60'Wide Lots vs. 80' or 100'
- Reduce Land & Infra. Cost by 25% to 40%



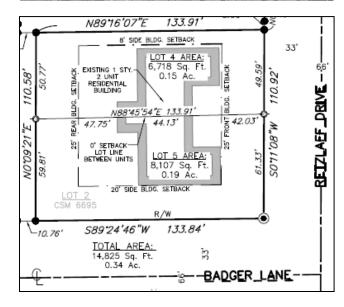




## Zero Lot Line Zoning

- Owner Occupied Housing
- Lower Infrastructure & Land Cost
  - 50' Wide Lot Per Unit vs. 80' or 100'
  - 40% to 50% Cost Savings
- Reduces Building Costs
  - Shared Common Wall
- Lower Admin. Cost vs. Condos
- Easier to Finance vs. Condos
- Market Response
  - Very strong for 1<sup>st</sup> buyers, empty nesters & retired







## Senior / Workforce Housing Transition

- 36.9% of Households in Wis. are Occupied by Seniors
- Create New Senior Housing
  - Independent Living Multi-Family Assisted Living Units
- Transition Existing Senior Housing Units to Families
  - Creates Affordable Housing for Workforce
  - Creates Affordable Housing for Young Families with Children
  - Increases Population in Existing Housing Stock (Convert 50 Units from 1.3 to 3.5 Persons/Household = 110 More Persons)
  - Increases Workforce & Student Populations
- Provide Incentives
  - Senior Tax Credits, TIF, Grants, Etc.
  - Workforce Down Payment, Rehab, Energy, TIF, Etc.



### Tax Incremental Financing

- Best Financial Tool Available to Municipalities
- Mixed-Use TIDs
  - Up to 35% can be Newly Platted Residential
  - Residential must meet one of the following:
    - At least three units per acre density
    - Conservation subdivision
    - Traditional neighborhood
- Affordable Housing Extension
  - TID may be extended one year
  - 75% of funds must be used for affordable housing
  - Remaining funds may be used to improve housing stock
  - Affordable Housing means costs are less than 30% of income



## Tax Incremental Financing Eligible Costs

- Land Acquisition
- Infrastructure
- Developer Incentives
- Site Development & Redevelopment
- Marketing & Promotion
- Affordable Housing Activities
  - RLF for Rehabilitation
  - First Time Homebuyer Program
  - Homeowner Incentives



## Example TIF Project #1

## Private Developer With TIF Assistance

- 40 acres in a Mixed-Use TID
- Development Plan
  - Meets 3 lot per acre density & conservation subdivision regmt's.
  - 22 conventional single family lots
  - 34 zero lot line lots
  - 64 multifamily units
  - 34' wide streets
  - No sidewalks Ped./bike trail
- Development Agreement
- Developer Financed
- City provides PayGo TIF





# Example TIF Project #2

## Community is Developer

- 7 acres in a Mixed-Use TID
- Development Plan
  - Meets 3 lot per acre density reamt.
  - 7 conventional single family lots
  - 12 zero lot line lots
  - 48 multifamily units
- Community Financed
- Private Developer for Apts.
- TIF Assistance for Multi-Family & Single Family





### Questions?

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