

# Marshfield Affordable Housing Trust Fund

## Action Plan

### Goals with strategies

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- 1. Education – Engage a wide range of residents in at least two outreach efforts a year over the next three years in an effort to educate about local housing needs with the intent to build support for affordable housing.**
  - a. Host an annual housing forum to share information on local housing needs, engage residents in the work of the trust and present available housing resources.
  - b. Facilitate an annual joint meeting among key municipal boards (e.g., Community Preservation Committee, Marshfield Housing Authority, Planning Board) and/or local housing organizations (e.g., Habitat for Humanity, NeighborWorks Housing Solutions) to share updates on housing efforts, consider opportunities for collaboration and educate on local housing needs.
  
- 2. Monitoring – Establish a system for annual monitoring of current and future affordable housing in Marshfield for FY2026.**
  - a. Initiate a conversation with MAPC about establishing a South Shore Regional Housing Services Office that Marshfield could contract with for affordable housing monitoring services. *(possibly longer-term)*
  - b. Determine the scope of monitoring services needed in Marshfield.
  - c. Develop a database of housing consultants that could provide monitoring services.
  - d. Release Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit affordable housing monitoring services. *(at least short-term)*
  
- 3. Development – Support the creation of 50 housing units, affordable to people earning up to 80% area median income (AMI), over the next four years.**
  - a. Identify one to two municipal sites to explore for the development of affordable housing.
  - b. Lead feasibility work on one to two municipal sites, culminating in the release of at least one RFP.
  - c. Fund affordable housing development on one to two municipal sites.
  - d. Identify a local development proposal including affordable units for the housing trust to support through the permitting process.
  - e. Develop and post a Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) to encourage local development of affordable housing.

