



Burlington

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Burlington Resident Housing Needs Survey

We want to hear what you think the town's housing needs are. We are working on a plan to address the housing needs of current and future residents and workers in our town as required by State statute. This Housing Plan will lay out strategies that the town can take over the next five years to address these housing needs **while still protecting the qualities we love about our town.**

There will be **multiple opportunities for input from residents** during the housing plan development process including at least two community wide forums we plan to host in 2022. Thank you in advance for taking this survey to give us your feedback!

- Burlington's Housing Plan Steering Committee

Please note: Individual responses to the survey will be **ANONYMOUS**; only group summary survey results will be reported.

1. Please select the option that best represents your current housing situation in Burlington:

- ☐ Own a single family home
- ☐ Own a unit within a multiple unit building (townhouse or condominium)
- ☐ Renting a single family home
- ☐ Renting in a building with multiple units
- ☐ Renting an apartment in or on the property of a single family home (over the garage/ backyard)
- ☐ Other (please specify)

2. Please select the option that best represents who you live with (check all that apply):

- ☐ I live alone
- ☐ I live with my partner or spouse
- ☐ I live with my school aged children
- ☐ I live with my adult children
- ☐ I live with my parents
- ☐ I live with roommates

3. Are any of the following statements TRUE about your housing situation (check all that apply):

- ☐ Rent is too expensive (costs more than 30% of your household income)
- ☐ Rental situation feels unstable (e.g., worried that homeowner may sell or raise the rent)
- ☐ Mortgage is too expensive (costs more than 30% of your household income)
- ☐ The property taxes I pay on my home make it unaffordable for me and make it so that I may need to move to a town with lower property taxes
- ☐ Heat and/or electricity costs more than you can afford
- ☐ House/apartment is not well maintained and there are health/safety issues
- ☐ House/apartment is bigger than what I/we need
- ☐ House/apartment is smaller than what I/we need
- ☐ House/apartment is not as accessible as I would like it to be (1st floor bedroom/bathroom, zero-step entrance)
- ☐ None of the above are true for my household.

4. If you are currently renting, why have you chosen to do so? (choose all that apply)

- ☐ N/A
- ☐ Want flexibility to be able to move when I want
- ☐ Only planning to be here short-term
- ☐ I can't afford to buy/own/maintain the type of home I want in Burlington
- ☐ The type of home I am looking for is not available in Burlington
- ☐ Other (please specify)

5. If you own a home, did you know that zoning allows you to convert existing space in your home into an apartment you could rent? (Note: these are called "accessory apartments" and you can also construct an accessory apartment in a separate structure or in your garage/barn.)

- ☐ Yes, I was aware of this option to create an accessory apartment
- ☐ No, I was not aware of this option
- ☐ N/A, I do not own my home

6. If you already have an "accessory apartment" on your property or in your home that you rent, which of the following are true:

- ☐ I mainly rent it for short term stays (through Airbnb, VRBO, or other short term rental platforms)
- ☐ I mainly rent it for long term tenants (a year or more)
- ☐ I mainly rent it during the school year (9 months)
- ☐ Only used for family or guests
- ☐ I am not renting the accessory apartment now, it is vacant.
- ☐ N/A

7. If you would consider adding an accessory apartment to property you own, what might you need to make that work?

- ☐ I would need a grant or loan to help pay for the construction of the accessory apartment.
- ☐ I would need professional advice on accessory apartment construction costs, options, and/or permitting.
- ☐ I am not interested in adding an accessory apartment to my home or on my property.
- ☐ Not applicable

8. Have you experienced challenges to finding the type of housing you would like to have in Burlington?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

9. IF YES, what challenges have you experienced (check all that apply)?

- ☐ Limited/no supply of 1-2 bedroom "downsizing" options
- ☐ Limited/no supply of senior housing options
- ☐ Limited/no supply of rental options I can afford (no more than 30% of household income)
- ☐ Limited/no supply of homes to purchase in my price range
- ☐ Limited/no supply of homes in walking distance to a village center
- ☐ Limited/no supply of homes that are accessible and ADA compliant (Americans with Disabilities Act)
- ☐ Not applicable
- ☐ Other (please specify)

10. Do you anticipate that at some point, you or your parents or children might have to move out of Burlington to find the housing you/they need?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

11. Do the property taxes on your house influence whether you will continue to reside in Burlington?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Other (please specify)

12. Have your parents or adult children experienced challenges to finding suitable housing in Burlington?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ They are not interested in living here
- ☐ N/A

13. If yes, what challenges have your parents or adult children experienced? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Limited/no supply of 1-2 bedroom "downsizing" options
- ☐ Limited/no supply of senior housing options
- ☐ Limited/no supply of rental options they can afford (no more than 30% of household income)
- ☐ Limited/no supply of homes to purchase in their price range
- ☐ Limited/no supply of homes that are accessible and ADA compliant (Americans with Disabilities Act)
- ☐ Not applicable

14. What do you think the Town of Burlington needs more of? (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Housing options that allow older adults to "downsize" (smaller sized homes with lower maintenance needs)
- ☐ Housing options that are affordable to people who work in Burlington.
- ☐ Rental housing options that young families and young adults can afford.
- ☐ Rental housing options that seniors can afford.
- ☐ Programs that allow older adults to remain in their homes by helping with the costs of rehabilitation and/or accessibility modifications like ramps and accessible bathrooms.
- ☐ First time homebuyer options that allow renters to purchase their first home.
- ☐ Other (please specify)

- ☐ None of the above

15. Do you think the cost of housing in Burlington affects the town's ability to attract/retain younger people or young families?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

16. Do you think the cost of housing in Burlington affects the town's ability to recruit fire/ambulance volunteers and other municipal volunteers?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

17. Do you think the cost of housing in Burlington affects the town's ability to keep seniors (65 yrs and older) in town?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

18. Do you think the cost of housing in Burlington affects the ability of people who work in town to live here?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

19. Should the Town of Burlington provide funding in the municipal budget to assist with affordable housing efforts, as other Northwest Connecticut communities have done?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure, would need more information

20. How long have you lived in Burlington?

- ☐ 5 years or less
- ☐ 6-10 years
- ☐ 11- 20 years
- ☐ More than 20 years

21. How old are you?

- ☐ under 18
- ☐ 18-24
- ☐ 25-34
- ☐ 35-44
- ☐ 45-54
- ☐ 55-64
- ☐ 65-74
- ☐ 75 or older

22. Please select the option that best describes your current employment status: (check all that apply)

- ☐ Employed by a Burlington-based employer
- ☐ Employed by an employer located outside of Burlington
- ☐ Self employed
- ☐ Retired
- ☐ Unemployed
- ☐ Work from home/remote work
- ☐ Employed part-time

23. If you have any other comments or feedback for the Burlington Housing Plan Steering Committee related to housing issues that could be addressed in the draft Housing Plan, please include them here.

24. If you would like to be emailed about events and information on the Burlington Housing Plan as it is being drafted. Please include your email address here. (OPTIONAL)

Email Address