

**Dane County Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee  
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1	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Modify #6 under Homelessness and Housing Crisis Services</b> as follows: Provide needed services and amenities to the homeless, including case management and credit counseling, and showers, restrooms, lockers and make personal storage space accessible 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.
2	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Homelessness and Housing Crisis Services:</b> Expand eviction prevention activities, including case management, financial assistance available throughout the county at JFF sites, housing counseling and legal services.
3	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Homelessness and Housing Crisis Services:</b> Ensure no one seeking shelter will be denied access to shelter.
4	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Homelessness and Housing Crisis Services:</b> Provide additional daytime shelter space in the downtown area [by obtaining] site for daytime homeless resource center operations and [providing] sufficient annual funding for daytime homeless resource center operations
5	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Homelessness and Housing Crisis Services:</b> Recommend policies to prevent the criminalization of homelessness.
6	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under incentive programs:</b> Provide incentives for landlords to provide housing to homeless and low-income households.
7	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Housing Assistance:</b> Provide an approach for reducing the number of homeless children in schools in Dane County by 50% by September 1, 2015.
8	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Housing Assistance:</b> Recommend policies to prevent foreclosures, evictions, utility shut-offs and to help stabilize people in their housing.
9	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Housing Assistance:</b> Expand successful housing first programs and case management, <b>and make</b> financial assistance available throughout the county at JFF sites, housing counseling and legal services.
10	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Housing Assistance:</b> Assist households in applying for and maintaining benefits and documentation necessary for those benefits.
11	HIC	<b>Chapter 7: Intergovernmental Cooperation</b>	<b>Add Intergovernmental Coordination:</b> Pursue inter-jurisdictional agreements and collaboration between the City of Madison Community Development Authority and the Dane County Housing Authority to: (1) permit section 8 voucher program participants to move across jurisdictional lines without being re-screened for admission to the program; and (2) facilitate collaborative affordable housing development throughout Dane County, both inside and outside of the City of Madison”.
12	HIC	<b>Chapter 7: Intergovernmental Cooperation</b>	<b>Add under Intergovernmental Coordination:</b> Create a regional affordable housing trust fund as recommended by the Affordable Housing Trust Fund Subcommittee of the Health and Human Needs Committee to provide dedicated funding to increase affordable housing stock throughout the county.

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13	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Housing Assistance:</b> Affirmatively further fair housing as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
14	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Residential Development:</b> Increase the number of single room occupancy/efficiency housing units by 100 units and the number of housing units affordable to households supporting themselves on SSI or W-2 by 100 units by September 1, 2015.
15	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Residential Development:</b> Facilitate development of a tiny house eco-village, and promote full diversity.
16	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Land Availability for Housing:</b> Conduct an inventory of existing city & county state, US land and properties, and privately held land land for potential affordable housing creation, transitional community living spaces and to support the homeless
17	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add “transportation”</b> to item #1 under <b>Policies and Programs for Neighborhood and Community Design</b> – “Identify and promote linkages between transportation and housing policies and economic development...”
18	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Policy and Demographic Research:</b> Create a staff position responsible for housing policy.
19	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Policy and Demographic Research:</b> Provide an annual report by September 1 of each year to the County Board that tracks and assesses the affordable and accessible housing needs in Dane County by community, using information initially provided by federal, county and cities sources.
20	HIC	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add # 1 A (7) under Homelessness and Housing Services:</b> Case management that includes obtaining and sustaining income and/or benefits.
21	DPD Staff	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Special Needs and Aging Demographic:</b> Support rural communities and the aging population.
22	DPD/DCHA Staff	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Special Needs and Aging Demographic:</b> Promote policies and programs that support aging in place
23	DPD Staff	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Special Needs and Aging Demographic:</b> Review housing needs related to human trafficking, and develop recommendations.
24	DPD/DCHA Staff	<b>Chapter 2: Housing</b>	<b>Add under Special Needs and Aging Demographic:</b> Review policies and programs that support coordination of public health and housing, and develop recommendations.
	<b>ADDT'L POLICIES</b>		DC should explore opportunities for true participatory government so that money could go to areas of the city and could be controlled by residents in the community – OP #2
	<b>FROM BREAKOUT GROUPS</b>		Decentralize/scatter affordable housing – in particular looking at socio-economic and racial segregation to increase diversity both racially and economically in our communities – OP #3
	<b>RECS from OP group</b>		
			Dane County should promote the co-operative housing model to expand

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			affordable housing opportunities to Dane County residents. OP #5
			Create guidelines for shelters that enable permanently banned individuals from returning to the shelter. OP #6 see text on page 16
			Create a wet house. OP #7
			Look at legal reforms that expand tenant protections in the eviction process OP #8
			Review municipalities to see if each is doing their fair share to provide affordable housing and supportive housing for low-income and homeless persons and families –OP add for clarification. OP #9
			Create a local section 8 program. OP #10
	Remove from chapter		
	Remove duplicate from chapter		Dane County should support the development of a public bank. OP #12
	Remove from chapter		
			Promote pride in place by supporting neighborhood organizing and place making, to help renters appreciate their property and address stereotypes.
			Enlist help of homeless to renovate vacant/underutilized properties (sweat equity)
			Assist municipalities in code enforcement efforts to maintain housing quality standards and avoid displacement of tenants.
		?????????	Create affordable housing for homeless with property acquired by Dane County and match homes with homeless.
			Build Promote and or develop assisted housing (for elderly) in rural areas.#5
			Consider selling the splits of county acquired land with splits; transfer them if the town approves; and, or use the revenue generated from the splits toward affordable housing and housing for the homeless.
			Provide more transportation options for rural elderly; coordinate with support services. #8
			Promote a higher minimum wage.
			Recognize the interdependence of the human right to housing and access to living wage jobs.
	Rec's from Fair Housing Center	<b>Move to education and outreach</b> Incentive Programs, Pg. 18, No. 7	<b>Move to outreach and education</b> ” add: Promote first time homebuyer programs, increase strategic marketing and work with the financial services community to attract and keep members of historically underserved populations, such as people of color, individuals with disabilities, and others in Dane County.
		Intergovernmental Coordination, Pg. 19, No. 12	Also under IC – add: Increase education and outreach to housing consumers on issues of housing discrimination, their rights under fair housing law, and the remedies for violations of fair housing law
		Intergovernmental Coordination, Pg. 19, No. 14	Also add under IC: Provide outreach to jurisdictions in Dane County around implementing zoning codes and ordinances which affirmatively further fair housing.
		Land Availability for Housing, Pg. 24, No. 7	Under “Land Availability for Housing” modify “Develop an integrated set of model community and neighborhood design principles...” by adding “and which affirmatively further fair housing as a goal.”

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		Policy & Demographic Research, Pg. 27, No. 8	Also add: Dane County should obtain and review statistics on the Resolution of Fair Housing complaints files with the appropriate jurisdictions.
		Education & Outreach, Pg. 23, No. 14	Also add: In addition, we recommend that the additional publicity efforts be made to alert homeowners in Dane County of the services available and to work with the local lending institutions and other groups to inform and educate homeowners regarding their rights.
		Policy & Demographic Research, Pg. 28, No. 9	Also add: Conduct an annual review (through the Dane County Controller's Office or other appropriate department) of the lending practices of financial institutions within Dane County. (Review would be conducted using data from the Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, the census and other relevant sources, similar to the one conducted by the Milwaukee Comptroller's Office.
		See last section on Pg. 28	Add a section on: Comprehensive Fair Housing Services, and include:
			The County should continue to support fair housing services (conducting housing discrimination complaint intake, case management, investigations and legal referral services to victims of discrimination complaint intake, case management, investigation and legal referral services to victims of discrimination, investigations of systemic forms of illegal discrimination, outreach and education throughout the community, and research advocacy on community and economic development issues).
			As part of the partnership between the Fair Housing Center of Greater Madison (FHSGM) and Dane County, the staff of the County Board and appropriate county departments should be trained on fair housing law and familiarized with the services of FHSGM to facilitate referrals of fair housing and fair lending inquiries.
			Support pro-integrative housing moves for Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program participants.
			The County should review remedies available under the Dane County Fair Housing ordinance to ensure such remedies are equivalent to those under the Federal Fair Housing Act and the WI Fair Housing Law.
		Affordable Housing & Housing Supply, Pg. 15, No. 1.H.	Dane County should revisit its decision to suspend its Affordable Housing Down Payment Assistance Program in an effort to add more affordability to the housing market.
REALTORS ASSOCIATION COMMENTS/ RECS		Intergovernmental Coordination, Pg. 19, No. 15	Support efforts to encourage cooperative development agreements between communities and housing policies that are mutually supportive among communities.
			Ensure members of the Dane County CDBG Urban Consortium are affirmatively furthering fair housing and meeting the requirements for recipients of CDBG funding, including those outlined in their cooperation agreement with the county.

**The Dane County Comprehensive Plan can be found at:  
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