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This annual report summarizes local tools and incentives that promote new affordable housing in the Twin Cities area. This information was gathered through a survey that Metropolitan Council staff sent to every municipality under Council jurisdiction in the sevencounty Twin Cities area. The response rate for this survey was 62 percent (112 out of 182 communities responded).

In accordance with the 1995 Livable Communities Act (Minnesota Statutes, section 473.254, subdivision 10), the Metropolitan Council is responsible for producing an annual report that includes information on government, non-profit and marketplace efforts in producing affordable and life-cycle housing.

The goal of the Livable Communities Act (LCA) is to stimulate housing and economic development in the sevencounty metropolitan area. The LCA authorizes the Metropolitan Council to levy funds to create affordable housing, promote redevelopment through the clean -up of polluted sites, and develop neighborhoods that are pedestrian and transit-friendly. Metro-area municipalities participate in the Livable Communities Act program voluntarily. The requirements for eligibility to receive LCA funding are: (1) that communities choose to participate in the program, (2) that they negotiate affordable and life-cycle housing goals with the Metropolitan Council, and (3) that they agree to invest local funds in implementing their local housing goals.

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Highlights

Twin Cities area municipalities use a variety of fiscal tools to assist or facilitate the development or preservation of affordable or life-cycle housing:

- 69 municipalities, or 62 percent of survey respondents, used tax-increment financing (TIF) for affordable or life-cycle housing.
- 55 municipalities, or 49 percent of survey respondents, used federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for affordable or life-cycle housing.
- 44 municipalities, or 39 percent of survey respondents, collaborated and participated with a community land trust or other non-profit organizations to preserve long-term housing affordability.

Many Twin Cities municipalities conduct housing preservation or housing maintenance programs to maintain or improve their existing housing stock:

- 56 percent of municipalities returning a survey had a rental housing maintenance code and enforcement program/initiative in 2009.
- 54 percent of municipalities returning a survey had an owner-occupied housing maintenance code and enforcement program/initiative in 2009.
- 54 percent of municipalities returning a survey had an owner-occupied hosing rehabilitation loan or grant program in 2009.

49 municipalities reported reducing, adjusting, eliminating, waiving or flexibly implementing a local official control, development, or building requirement in order to reduce development costs for affordable or life-cycle housing. The most common adjustments to local controls reported in this year's survey were:

- Setback reductions, used by 30 municipalities, or 27 percent of survey respondents;
- Reduced lot sizes and widths, used by 23 municipalities, or 21 percent of survey respondents;
- Parking variances, used by 17 municipalities, or 15 percent of survey respondents;
 and
- Mixed-use developments, used by 15 municipalities, or 13 percent of survey respondents.

Other tools municipalities used to promote affordable family or senior housing included:

- 22 municipalities, or 20 percent of survey respondents, reported approving the development, reuse of, or municipal reinvestment in existing housing in 2009 for future use as affordable family housing or senior housing.
- 13 municipalities, or 12 percent of survey respondents, reported acquiring land in 2009 to be held for the future development of new affordable family housing or senior housing.

The following pages list how survey respondents report using fiscal tools and incentives to promote and preserve affordable and life-cycle housing in their communities.



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	Anoka County Andover Anoka Blaine Centerville Circle Pines Columbia Heights Columbus Coon Rapids	Fridley Ham Lake Hilltop Lexington Lino Lakes Oak Grove Ramsey St. Francis	Carver County Chanhassen Chaska Hamburg Hancock Township Laketown Township	New Germany Norwood Young America Victoria Waconia Watertown	Dakota County Apple Valley Burnsville
Collaboration for long-term affordability ¹					$\boxtimes \boxtimes$
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)					
Credit enhancements					
General Obligation bonds			\boxtimes		
Housing revenue bonds					
Land write-down or sale					\boxtimes
Livable Communities grants					\boxtimes
Local fee waivers or reductions					
Local property tax levy					\boxtimes
Local tax abatement					
Tax Increment Financing (TIF)					
Taxable revenue bonds					
Other					

¹ Collaboration and participation with a community land trust or other non-profit organization to preserve long-term affordability.



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	Castle Rock Township Eagan Eureka Township Farmington Hastings Inver Grove Heights Lakeville Lilydale Mendota	Mendota Heights Nininger Township Ravenna Township Rosemount South St. Paul Sunfish Lake West St. Paul	Hennepin County Bloomington Brooklyn Center Brooklyn Park Champlin Crystal Dayton Eden Prairie	Edina Excelsior Golden Valley Hopkins Independence Loretto Maple Grove	Medicine Lake Medina Minneapolis Minnetonka Minnetonka Beach
Collaboration for long-term affordability1					$\boxtimes\boxtimes$
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)					
Credit enhancements					
General Obligation bonds					
Housing revenue bonds					$\boxtimes \boxtimes$
Land write-down or sale					
Livable Communities grants		\boxtimes			
Local fee waivers or reductions					\boxtimes
Local property tax levy					
Local tax abatement					
Tax Increment Financing (TIF)					$\boxtimes \boxtimes$
Taxable revenue bonds					
Other					

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	Minnetrista Mound New Hope Orono Osseo Plymouth Richfield Robbinsdale Rogers Spring Park St. Anthony St. Louis Park	Tonka Bay Wayzata Ramsev Countv	Arden Hills Falcon Heights Lauderdale Maplewood Mounds View	New Brighton Roseville St. Paul Shoreview White Bear Lake	Scott County Belle Plaine Elko New Market Prior Lake Savage Shakopee	Washington County Afton Bayport
Collaboration for long-term affordability ¹					$\boxtimes \boxtimes$	
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)						
Credit enhancements						
General Obligation bonds				\boxtimes	\boxtimes	
Housing revenue bonds						
Land write- down or sale						
Livable Communities grants		\boxtimes				
Local fee waivers or reductions						
Local property tax levy						
Local tax abatement		\boxtimes				
Tax Increment Financing (TIF)						
Taxable revenue bonds						
Other						

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	Baytown Township	Cottage Grove	Forest Lake	Lake St. Croix Beach	Landfall	Mahtomedi	Oak Park Heights	Oakdale	St. Paul Park	Scandia	West Lakeland	Township	Willernie	Woodbury
Collaboration for long-term affordability ¹		\boxtimes	\boxtimes					\boxtimes	\boxtimes					\boxtimes
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)		\boxtimes							\boxtimes					
Credit enhancements														
General Obligation bonds Housing revenue bonds														
Land write- down or sale														
Livable Communities grants		\boxtimes	\boxtimes			\boxtimes		\boxtimes	\boxtimes				\boxtimes	
Local fee waivers or reductions			\boxtimes											
Local property tax levy			\boxtimes					\boxtimes						\boxtimes
Local tax abatement														
Tax Increment Financing (TIF)		\boxtimes	\boxtimes					\boxtimes	\boxtimes					\boxtimes
Taxable revenue bonds						\boxtimes								
Other							\boxtimes							

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Criterion #7: Please identify examples during 2009 in which the municipality reduced, adjusted, eliminated, waived, or in some fashion was flexible in the implementation of a local official control, development, or building requirement; OR for which it is the municipality's policy and practice to reduce, adjust or eliminate such requirement, when requested to do so, to reduce development costs for the development of affordable or life-cycle housing.

	Anoka County Andover Anoka Blaine Centerville Circle Pines Columbia Heights	Columbus Coon Rapids East Bethel Fridley Ham Lake Hilltop Lexington Lino Lakes Oak Grove Ramsey St. Francis	Carver County Chanhassen Chaska Hamburg Hancock Township	Mayer New Germany Norwood Young America Victoria Waconia	Dakota County Apple Valley Burnsville
Allow alternate construction methods					\boxtimes
Cluster development					\boxtimes
Density bonus system					\boxtimes
Density transfers					
Floor area ratio waiver					
Inclusionary housing requirement					
Increased building height flexibility					\boxtimes
Mixed-use development					
Parking variances (on- street parking; reduced parking area; public area parking; other parking variances)					
Private street allowances					$\boxtimes \boxtimes$
Reduced lot sizes and widths	$\boxtimes \boxtimes$				$\boxtimes \boxtimes$
Setback reductions					$\boxtimes \boxtimes$
Service availability charge (SAC) credits					
Soil correction variance					
Special or conditional use permits					\boxtimes
Street width reduction variance					\boxtimes
Other					



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Allow alternate	Castle Rock Township Eagan Eureka Township Farmington	Hastings Inver Grove Heights Lakeville Lilydale Mendota	Nininger Township Ravenna Township South St. Paul Sunfish Lake West St. Paul	Hennepin County Bloomington Brooklyn Center Brooklyn Park Champlin Crystal	Dayton Eden Prairie Edina Excelsior Golden Valley	Independence Loretto Maple Grove Maple Plain	Medicille Lake Medina Minneapolis
construction methods Cluster development							$\boxtimes \boxtimes$
Density bonus system							$\boxtimes \boxtimes$
Density transfers							
Floor area ratio waiver		\boxtimes					
Inclusionary housing requirement							
Increased building height flexibility							$\boxtimes \boxtimes$
Mixed-use development							
Parking variances (on- street parking; reduced parking area; public area parking; other parking variances)							
Private street allowances							\boxtimes
Reduced lot sizes and widths				\boxtimes		\boxtimes	$\boxtimes \boxtimes$
Setback reductions		$\boxtimes \boxtimes$	$\boxtimes \boxtimes$				$\boxtimes \boxtimes$
Service availability charge (SAC) credits		$\boxtimes \boxtimes$					
Soil correction variance							
Special or conditional use permits							
Street width reduction variance							
Other		\boxtimes					\boxtimes



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	Minnetonka Minnetonka Beach Minnetrista Mound New Hope	Orono Osseo Plymouth Richfield Robbinsdale Rogers Spring Park St. Anthony St. Louis Park Tonka Bay	Ramsey County Arden Hills Falcon Heights Lauderdale Maplewood Mounds View New Brighton Roseville St. Paul Shoreview White Bear Lake	Scott County Belle Plaine Elko New Market Prior Lake Savage Shakopee
Allow alternate construction methods				
Cluster development			N/2	
Density bonus system				
Density transfers				
Floor area ratio waiver Inclusionary housing				
requirement				
Increased building height flexibility				
Mixed-use development				
Parking variances (on- street parking; reduced parking area; public area parking; other parking variances)				
Private street allowances			\boxtimes	
Reduced lot sizes and widths				
Setback reductions	\boxtimes			
Service availability charge (SAC) credits				
Soil correction variance				
Special or conditional use permits				
Street width reduction variance				
Other		$\boxtimes \boxtimes$		



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Allow alternate	Washington County	Afton	Bayport	Baytown Township	Cottage Grove	Forest Lake	Lake St. Croix Beach	Landfall	Mahtomedi	Oak Park Heights	Oakdale	St. Paul Park	Scandia	West Lakeland Township	Willernie	Woodbury
construction methods						\boxtimes										
Cluster development												\boxtimes				
Density bonus system																
Density transfers						\boxtimes										
Floor area ratio waiver Inclusionary housing																
requirement						\boxtimes										\boxtimes
Increased building height flexibility										\boxtimes						
Mixed-use development												\boxtimes				\boxtimes
Parking variances (on- street parking; reduced parking area; public area parking; other parking variances)																
Private street allowances						\boxtimes										\boxtimes
Reduced lot sizes and widths		\boxtimes										\boxtimes				\boxtimes
Setback reductions									\boxtimes	\boxtimes	\boxtimes	\boxtimes				\boxtimes
Service availability charge (SAC) credits											\boxtimes					
Soil correction variance																
Special or conditional use permits																\boxtimes
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ner	Housing maintenance code and enforcement							
Owner	Housing rehabilitation loan or grant program			1				
	Housing maintenance code and enforcement							
Rental	Housing rehabilitation loan or grant program]				
	Local tool sharing center or program			1	\boxtimes			
Other	Acquisition/ rehabilitation /resale initiative or program]				
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		Castle Rock Township Eagan	Farmington Hastings	inver Grove neignts Lakeville Lilydale	Mendota Mendota Heights Nininger Township	Ravenna Township Rosemount South St. Paul Sunfish Lake	West St. Paul	Hennepin County Bloomington Brooklyn Center Brooklyn Park Champlin Crystal	Eden Prairie Edina Excelsior	Golden Valley Hopkins Independence	Maple Grove Maple Plain Medicine Lake	Minneapolis Minnetonka Minnetonka Beach Minnetrista
ler	Housing maintenance code and enforcement				$\boxtimes \boxtimes$							
Owner	Housing rehabilitation loan or grant program	\boxtimes			\boxtimes							
	Housing maintenance code and enforcement		\boxtimes		$\boxtimes \boxtimes$							
Rental	Housing rehabilitation loan or grant program			\boxtimes	\boxtimes	\boxtimes						
	Local tool sharing center or program			\boxtimes		\boxtimes	\boxtimes			\boxtimes		
Other	Acquisition/ rehabilitation /resale initiative or program			\boxtimes								
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		Mound New Hope	Orono Osseo Plymouth Richfield Robbinsdale Rogers	Spring Park St. Anthony St. Louis Park Tonka Bay Wayzata	Ramsey County Arden Hills Falcon Heights	Lauderdale Maplewood Mounds View New Brighton	Roseville St. Paul Shoreview White Bear Lake White Bear Township	Scott County Belle Plaine Elko New Market Prior Lake Savage Shakopee	Washington County Afton Bayport	Baytown Township Cottage Grove
her	Housing maintenance code and enforcement								\boxtimes	
Owner	Housing rehabilitation loan or grant program									
	Housing maintenance code and enforcement								\boxtimes	
Rental	Housing rehabilitation loan or grant program									
	Local tool sharing center or program	\boxtimes		\boxtimes						
Other	Acquisition/ rehabilitation /resale initiative or program			\boxtimes						
	-			\boxtimes			\boxtimes			



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		Forest Lake	Lake St. Croix Beach	Landfall	Mahtomedi	Oak Park Heights	Oakdale	St. Paul Park	Scandia	West Lakeland Township	Willernie	Woodbury
ier	Housing maintenance code and enforcement				\boxtimes							\boxtimes
Owner	Housing rehabilitation loan or grant program	_					\boxtimes					\boxtimes
	Housing maintenance code and enforcement					\boxtimes	\boxtimes	\boxtimes				\boxtimes
Rental	Housing rehabilitation loan or grant program	\boxtimes					\boxtimes					\boxtimes
	Local tool sharing center or program											
Other	Acquisition/ rehabilitation /resale initiative or program	\boxtimes										\boxtimes
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In 2009, did your community approve the

reinvestment in existing housing for future use

development, reuse of, or municipal

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In 2009, did your community acquire land to

be held for the development of new

affordable family housing or any senior

Criterion #10

	housing (exclusively 55+) but for which no housing units have been constructed or started?	as affordable family housing or senior housing where the development has not yet been undertaken or completed for reasons beyond the municipality's control?
Anoka County		
Andover		
Anoka		
Blaine		
Centerville		_
Circle Pines		
Columbia Heights		
Columbus		
Coon Rapids		
East Bethel		
Fridley		\boxtimes
Ham Lake		
Lino Lakes		
Hilltop		
Lexington		
Lino Lakes		
Oak Grove		
Ramsey	\boxtimes	
St. Francis		
Carvor County		
Carver County Chanhassen		
Chaska		
Hamburg		
Hancock Township		
Laketown Township		
Mayer		
New Germany		
Norwood Young America		
Victoria		
Waconia		
Watertown		
Dakota County		
Apple Valley		
Burnsville		\boxtimes
Castle Rock Twp.	_	<u>_</u>
Eagan	\boxtimes	\boxtimes
Eureka Township		
Farmington		
Hastings		
Inver Grove Heights		
Lakeville		K-7/
Lilydale		\square

Criterion #10	In 2009, did your community acquire land to be held for the development of new affordable family housing or any senior housing (exclusively 55+) but for which no housing units have been constructed or started?	In 2009, did your community approve the development, reuse of, or municipal reinvestment in existing housing for future use as affordable family housing or senior housing where the development has not yet been undertaken or completed for reasons beyond the municipality's control?
Mendota		
Mendota Heights		
Nininger Township		
Ravenna Township		
Rosemount		
South St. Paul		
Sunfish Lake		
West St. Paul		
West Ot. 1 au		
Hennepin County		
Bloomington		
Brooklyn Center		
Brooklyn Park		
Champlin		
Crystal		
Dayton		
Eden Prairie		N7/
Edina		
Excelsior		
Golden Valley		
Hopkins		
Independence		
Loretto		
Maple Grove		
Maple Plain		
Medicine Lake		
Medina		
Minneapolis	\boxtimes	
Minnetonka		\boxtimes
Minnetonka Beach		
Minnetrista		
Mound		
New Hope		
Orono		
Osseo		
Plymouth		
Richfield		
Robbinsdale		\boxtimes
Rogers		
Spring Park		
St. Anthony		
St. Louis Park		
Tonka Bay		
Wayzata		

Criterion #10	be held for the development of new affordable family housing or any senior housing (exclusively 55+) but for which no housing units have been constructed or started?	development, reuse of, or municipal reinvestment in existing housing for future use as affordable family housing or senior housing where the development has not yet been undertaken or completed for reasons beyond the municipality's control?
Ramsey County		• •
Arden Hills		
Falcon Heights		
Lauderdale		
Maplewood		
Mounds View		
New Brighton		
Roseville		
St. Paul		\boxtimes
Shoreview		
White Bear Lake		
White Bear Township		
Scott County		
Belle Plaine		
Elko New Market		
Prior Lake		
Savage		
Shakopee		
Washington County		
Afton		
Bayport		
Baytown Township		
Cottage Grove		
Forest Lake	\boxtimes	\boxtimes
Lake St. Croix Beach		
Landfall		
Mahtomedi		∇7
Oak Park Heights		\boxtimes
Oakdale	N	
St. Paul Park	\boxtimes	
Scandia		
West Lakeland Township		
Willernie		N
Woodbury		