

HOUSING RESOURCE GUIDE

This document is a storehouse for resources, guides, and tools for individuals, homeowners, small builders, communities and municipalities to encourage the development of diverse housing options in Lamoille County.

Municipal & Community Resources:

Zoning For Great Neighborhoods - A municipal guide recommending incremental changes to bylaws and offering sample language for local boards and commissions to consider. Use this guide to learn about techniques that allow a wider range of housing and help address the mismatch between Vermont's available homes and the changing needs of Vermonters.

Housing-Ready Toolbox – A guide for local decision-makers and community members on how to assess local housing needs, start housing committees, model zoning ordinances and outreach recommendations and resources.

Municipal & Community Resources:

HOME Act (Act 47) – The HOME Act passed during the 2023 legislative session requiring municipalities with land use and development regulations to amend said documents. This legislation supersedes local regulation if the latter hasn't been amended to conform with statute. The complete bill can be viewed [here](#).

H. 687 – H. 687 passed the House and Senate and received a veto override during the 2024 legislative session. This an Act 250 reform, housing, and conservation bill.

More information will be provided over the Fall/Winter of 2024

Homeowner & Small Builder Resources:

Accessory Dwelling Unit Guide – A guidance document to help homeowners create accessory dwelling units for rent. The guide contains information on topics such as design, budgeting, financing, construction, and leasing. All topics are supported by sample worksheets or documents.

Homes for All Toolkit - A design and do toolkit for small-scale home builders, investors, and community leaders.

For more info visit: <https://accd.vermont.gov/homesforall>

Homeowner & Small Builder Resources:

Capstone Community Action – CCA provides housing supports and no cost weatherization to eligible households.

Efficiency Vermont – EVT provides energy audits, rebates, financial assistance and financing for residential and commercial energy efficiency projects.

General Public Resources:

Lamoille Housing Partnership – LHP collaborates with communities to create and preserve quality affordable housing opportunities and provides income eligible, affordable rental apartment opportunities in Hardwick and Lamoille County.

Downstreet Housing & Community Development - Downstreet strengthens the communities of Central Vermont by creating permanently affordable homes, promoting equity and inclusion, and connecting people to the resources and services they need to thrive.

Lamoille County Resource Page – A list of local and state resources to assist with housing, finances, legal, medical, employment, transportation, etc. needs.

Housing & Homelessness Data:

2023 Vermont Council on Housing & Homelessness Report – This comprehensive report provides recommendations to support affordable housing development and help reduce and prevent homelessness. Established by Governor Scott's Executive Order 01-23.

2025-2029 Vermont Housing Needs Assessment - A statewide housing needs assessment prepared for the Vermont Department of Housing & Community Development addressing demographics, housing stock, housing needs, homelessness and more...

2024 Lamoille County & Hardwick Housing Assessment – A regional housing needs assessment prepared for available resource to help area communities increase their understanding of the area's housing ecosystem and a tool to inform future planning.

2024 Lamoille Health Collaborative Housing & Homelessness Score Card – This document provides homelessness and shelter data for Lamoille County and identifies housing challenges and interventions.