**Ocean County Invites Public Input on Housing and Development**

Help shape the future of housing and development in Ocean County by contributing to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan (ConPlan). Your input will help identify housing priorities, address key challenges, and allocate federal resources effectively. Participation ensures decisions reflect the community’s unique needs **and aspirations.**

**Submission Deadline:** Friday, February 14, 2025

Submit the survey via mail, fax, or email. For assistance or additional information, please contact:

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URL: <https://planning.co.ocean.nj.us/frmCECommDev>

Assistance is available for completing the survey or obtaining it in an alternate format.

Thank you for contributing to the development of the community’s future.

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| Language Assistance | Accessibility | Equal Housing Opportunity |

**Instructions**: Enter the required information by selecting or entering data in the fields and checkboxes.

# Organizational Information

Provide the organization’s name, contact information, and a brief description of services offered.

Agency Name (*Required*): Enter Name

Contact Person: Enter Contact Person

Telephone Number: Enter Telephone

E-Mail Address: Enter Email Address

**Primary Services**: Briefly describe services provided

# Client Housing Information

This section collects data on clients’ housing situations, challenges, and the frequency of issues like overcrowding and unsafe neighborhoods. It estimates the number of clients in various housing categories and identifies the top three housing challenges.

**Housing Categories**: Estimate the number of clients in each category (e.g., homeowners, tenants, homeless).

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Housing Category** | **None**  **(0%)** | **Few**  **(1-25%)** | **Many**  **(26-75%)** | **Almost All (76-100%)** |
| Homeowners |  |  |  |  |
| Tenants with subsidy (e.g. Section 8) |  |  |  |  |
| Tenants with no subsidy |  |  |  |  |
| Living with parents, relatives, or friends |  |  |  |  |
| Living with multiple households |  |  |  |  |
| Homeless (hotel or motel, or streets) |  |  |  |  |
| Residents of rooming or boarding houses |  |  |  |  |
| Other (specify): Enter Other |  |  |  |  |

**Top Housing Challenges**: Rank the top three issues faced by clients (e.g., homelessness, unaffordable housing), with 1 being the most critical.

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| **Housing Challenge** | **Rank (1, 2, 3)** |
| Homelessness | Enter Rank |
| Lack of affordable housing | Enter Rank |
| Substandard housing conditions | Enter Rank |
| Living with multiple households | Enter Rank |
| Unsafe or deteriorating neighborhoods | Enter Rank |
| Unaffordable rent or mortgage | Enter Rank |
| Credit issues | Enter Rank |
| Foreclosure | Enter Rank |
| Other (specify): Enter Other | Enter Rank |

**Frequency of Problems**: Indicate how often clients experience housing issues (e.g., overcrowding, substandard conditions).

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Housing Problem** | **None**  **(0%)** | **Few**  **(1-25%)** | **Many**  **(26-75%)** | **Almost All (76-100%)** |
| Homelessness |  |  |  |  |
| Lack of affordable housing |  |  |  |  |
| Substandard housing conditions |  |  |  |  |
| Living with multiple households |  |  |  |  |
| Unsafe or deteriorating neighborhoods |  |  |  |  |
| Unaffordable rent or mortgage |  |  |  |  |
| Credit issues |  |  |  |  |
| Foreclosure |  |  |  |  |
| Other (specify): Enter Other |  |  |  |  |

# ****Housing Problems and Frequency by Income Level****

This section assesses the severity and frequency of housing issues (e.g., overcrowding, substandard conditions) faced by households at different income levels.

**Severity of Housing Issues**: Indicate the severity of housing issues experienced by each group.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Housing Group** | **No Issue** | **Occasional Issue** | **Frequent Issue** | **Chronic Issue** |
| Homeowners |  |  |  |  |
| Tenants with subsidy (e.g. Section 8) |  |  |  |  |
| Tenants with no subsidy |  |  |  |  |
| Living with parents, relatives or friends |  |  |  |  |
| Living with multiple households |  |  |  |  |
| Homeless (hotel or motel, or streets) |  |  |  |  |
| Residents of rooming or boarding houses |  |  |  |  |
| Other (specify): Enter Other |  |  |  |  |

**Housing Groups:** Indicate how each group experiences often housing issues.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Housing Group** | **Never** | **Rarely** | **Frequently** | **Always** |
| Homeowners |  |  |  |  |
| Tenants with subsidy (e.g. Section 8) |  |  |  |  |
| Tenants with no subsidy |  |  |  |  |
| Living with parents, relatives or friends |  |  |  |  |
| Living with multiple households |  |  |  |  |
| Homeless (hotel or motel, or streets) |  |  |  |  |
| Residents of rooming or boarding houses |  |  |  |  |
| Other (specify): Enter Other |  |  |  |  |

**Incomes**: Estimate the proportion of households facing serious housing problems by income level.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Income Category** | **None**  **(0%)** | **Few**  **(1-25%)** | **Many**  **(26-75%)** | **Almost All (76-100%)** |
| Less than $10,000 per year |  |  |  |  |
| Between $10,000 and $25,000 per year |  |  |  |  |
| More than $25,000 per year |  |  |  |  |

**Area Median Incomes**:Specify the number of households facing serious housing problems by income level.

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| **Area Median Income (AMI)** | **Number of Households** |
| Extremely Low Income (0-30%) | Enter Number |
| Very Low Income (31%- 50) | Enter Number |
| Low Income (51%- 80%) | Enter Number |
| Moderate Income (81%-120%) | Enter Number |

# Income and Employment of Clients

This section categorizes clients by income sources and evaluates the severity of housing problems for each group to identify areas needing additional support.

**Income Category of Clients: S**elect the appropriate income group for each client based on their gross income level.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Gross Monthly Income** | **None**  **(0%)** | **Few**  **(1-25%)** | **Many**  **(26-75%)** | **Almost All (76-100%)** |
| Working full-time at less than $2000/month |  |  |  |  |
| Working full-time at more than $2000/month |  |  |  |  |
| Working part-time at less than $1000/month |  |  |  |  |
| Public Assistance and Benefits (e.g. unemployment, TANF, GA) |  |  |  |  |
| Disabled (SSI or Social Security Disability) |  |  |  |  |
| Senior citizen receiving pensions, SS, or other benefits exceeding $7,000/year |  |  |  |  |
| Senior citizen receiving pensions, SS, or other benefits under $7,000/year |  |  |  |  |
| People with no regular source of income |  |  |  |  |
| Other (specify): Enter Other |  |  |  |  |

**Serious Housing Problems by Income Group**: Rate the severity of housing problems for each income group based on their current circumstances.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Gross Monthly Income** | **No Housing Issue** | **Minor Housing Issue** | **Moderate Housing Issue** | **Severe Housing Issue** |
| Working full-time at less than $2000/month |  |  |  |  |
| Working full-time at more than $2000/month |  |  |  |  |
| Working part-time at less than $1000/month |  |  |  |  |
| Public Assistance and Benefits (e.g. unemployment, TANF, GA) |  |  |  |  |
| Disabled (SSI or Social Security Disability) |  |  |  |  |
| Senior citizen receiving pensions, SS, or other benefits exceeding $7,000/year |  |  |  |  |
| Senior citizen receiving pensions, SS, or other benefits under $7,000/year |  |  |  |  |
| People with no regular source of income |  |  |  |  |
| Other (specify): Enter Other |  |  |  |  |

# Client Demographics

This section provides an overview of client demographics, categorizing them based on household status, age, and disability.

**Demographics**: Estimating the percentage of clients in each category.

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| **Demographic Category** | **None (0%)** | **Few**  **(1-25%)** | **Many (26-75%)** | **Almost (76-100%)** |
| Single |  |  |  |  |
| Married with children |  |  |  |  |
| Married without children |  |  |  |  |
| Single-parent household |  |  |  |  |
| Senior citizen |  |  |  |  |
| Disabled/Handicapped |  |  |  |  |

# Evaluation of Access to Essential Resources

This section evaluates the ease of access to resources and services that impact client stability and well-being.

**Accessing Resources**: Evaluate the difficulty of accessing essential resources and services.

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Resource/Service** | **Very Difficult to Access** | **Moderately Difficult to Access** | **Easy to Access** |
| Access to affordable housing |  |  |  |
| Access to adequate and affordable child care |  |  |  |
| Access to decent and affordable health care |  |  |  |
| Accessing Mental Health Services |  |  |  |
| Access to job opportunities (including both low-wage and living-wage jobs) |  |  |  |
| Access to job skills or training programs |  |  |  |
| Access to public transportation |  |  |  |
| Access to broadband internet |  |  |  |
| Other (specify): Enter Other |  |  |  |

# Trends and Future Outlook

This section reviews changes in clients’ situations over the past year, anticipates developments for the next year, and outlines housing priorities for the next five years to guide planning and resource allocation.

**Client Situation and Housing Outlook**

Evaluate how clients’ situations have changed over the past year and what may occur in the coming year. Also, list the top three housing priorities for the next five years, and explain any contributing factors (e.g., expanded access to housing vouchers or other resources).

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| **Past Year** | **Next 12 Months** |
| Improved, but still facing challenges | Anticipate improvement |
| Declined | Anticipate worsening |
| Stayed the same | Anticipate no change |

**Top Three** Housing Priorities for the Next Five Years

* 1. Enter No. 1
  2. Enter No. 2
  3. Enter No. 3

**Explanation**: Enter Explanation

# Survey Participation and Feedback

Indicate willingness to participate in future surveys and provide any additional comments.

* **Follow-Up Participation**:

Yes

No

Maybe

* **Comments**: Enter feedback or suggestions