Buncombe County

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Community Input Sessions: Defining the Public Interests (Erwin Hills)

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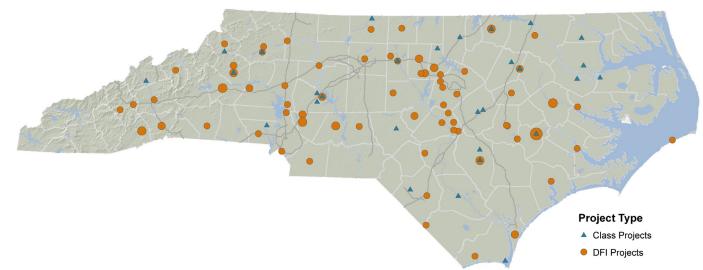
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Development Finance Initiative (DFI)

DFI is a program of SOG that works with communities in NC to attract private investment for transformative projects.

DFI brings:

- Real estate development and finance expertise
- Ability to bridge public and private interests
- Neutrality, non-partisanship, responsiveness



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Buncombe County 2030 Goals for Housing

2030GOALS

UPDATED *Thursday, February 23, 2023*

Since July 1, 2021, Buncombe County has provided **\$7.7M** in funding support to **20** affordable housing projects aligned with our affordable housing goals. These activities have created **84** additional affordable housing units and have provided needed home repairs to **164** units in which low- and moderate-income households reside. These units created and repaired represent **9%** of Buncombe County's 2030 impact goal (**2,750** units created or repaired). You can use this interactive dashboard to keep up with the county's progress towards its 2030 goals. If you'd like more information regarding Buncombe County's Affordable Housing efforts please visit our **website**.



Overall Progress

https://www.buncombecounty.org/governing/depts/planning/ah-county-goals.aspx

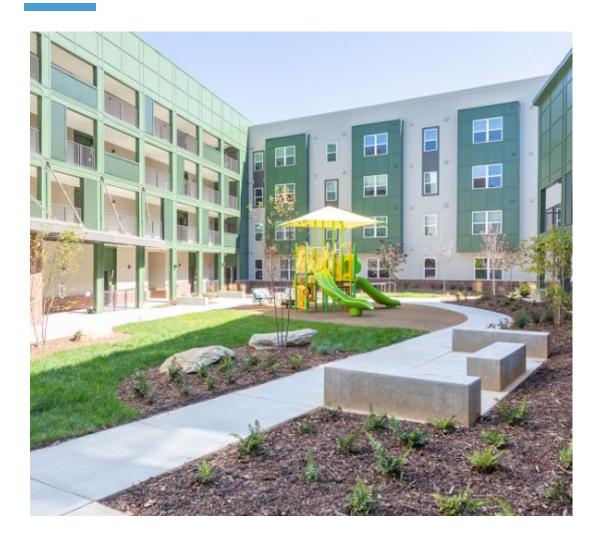
Summary of Housing Needs

- Over **8,100 LMI renter households** in Buncombe County with severe housing problems.
 - Demand greatest for units to accommodate small elderly households and small families.
- Pressure on LMI households increasing across all housing types, as rents and cost of living rise, and vacancy remains low.
- Stock of unsubsidized affordable housing at risk and approximately **915** subsidized units set to expire in next 10 years.
- Homeownership increasingly out of reach as interest rates and home prices rise.

Who does Affordable Housing serve?

	Extremely Low-Income	Low-Income	Low-to-Moderate Income
Household Size	30% AMI	60% AMI	80% AMI
1-Person	16,900	33,750	44,950
2-Person	19,300	38,600	51,400
3-Person	21,700	43,400	57,800
4-Person	24,100	48,200	64,200
5-Person	26,050	52,100	69,350
6-Person	28,000	55,950	74,500

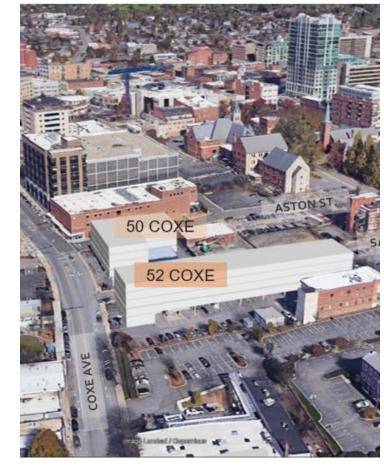
Affordable Housing in Buncombe County



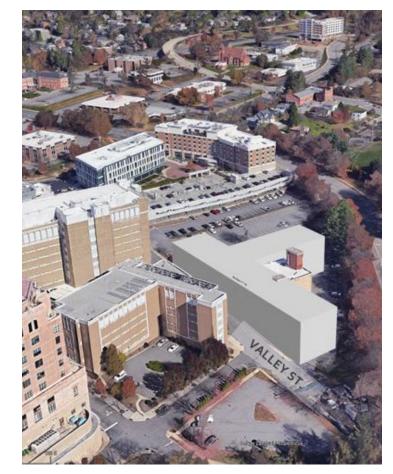




DFI first helped the County choose sites suitable for affordable housing development



50-52 Coxe Avenue







180 Erwin Hills



Goal: Identify <u>private</u> development partner(s) to finance, build, and operate project(s) that meets community vision



What are Guiding Public Interests?

Guiding Public Interests	Feasible Development Plans	
Community vision and values	Defined For example, the plan will include: • Number of units by income target • Amount of additional space for other	
Relevant		
Encompass range	USES	
Reflect tradeoffs	 # and type of parking spaces Orientation of the buildings	
Input for criteria to evaluate development plans and select development partner	Amount and type of private and public (if any) investment	

Next Steps

- Guiding public interests will be finalized based on feedback received today.
 - Board will endorse interests for each site.
- DFI will use public interests to identify various feasible development plans.
- In the fall, the public will be asked to provide feedback on which development plan best meets the public interests, if at all.
- The County and DFI will solicit a development partner to execute on the vision.

Small Group Discussion

- Break into small groups with a DFI facilitator
- In small groups, go through each <u>draft</u> public interest:
 - Development of the Erwin Hills site should:
 - Maximize the number of new apartments (rental) affordable to low- and moderate-income families (80% AMI and below).
 - Attract as much private investment as possible in order to maximize the impact of public investment in affordable housing.
 - What's missing?
- The facilitator will guide and take notes about the discussion.
- Notes will be shared with the larger group.
- Q&A

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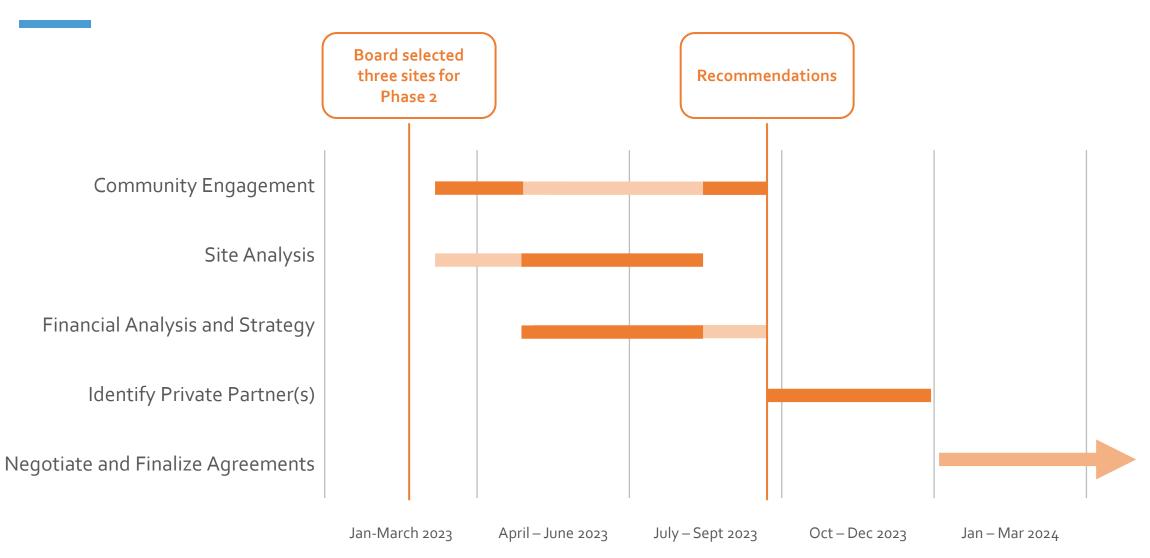
Publicinput.com/AffordableHousingDevelopment to learn about the process and upcoming engagement opportunities.

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DFI Phase 2 Timeline (For Each Site)



*Timing of community engagement to be determined in conjunction with County staff following selection of sites. Note: Timeline subject to change based on delays in Phase 2 site selection, type and scale of community engagement, and other delays in Board decision making.

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