

Information Item

Land Use Advisory Committee



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Topic

Demonstration of the Local Housing Data Tool

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Background

As part of the adoption of Imagine 2050, local governments are required to update their local comprehensive plans to include a housing element that addresses both existing and future housing needs. Part of the minimum requirements for this housing element include the completion of an existing housing assessment, which requires local governments to report the existing conditions of their housing stock. This assessment serves as the foundation for a community's broader existing housing needs and implementation strategies and must meet the Metropolitan Council's minimum data requirements.

Local Housing Data Tool

Completing the existing housing assessment can be a resource-intensive process, particularly for smaller cities and townships with limited staff capacity. To reduce that burden and support local governments in meeting their minimum requirements, the Met Council has developed the [Local Housing Data Tool](#). This interactive tool is designed to streamline the data assessment process by bringing required and supplementary housing data together in a single, user-friendly platform.

The tool allows users to:

- **Download minimum required data** to meet the Metropolitan Council's existing housing assessment requirements for local comprehensive plans.
- **Explore additional data** beyond the minimum requirements to support more in-depth local housing analysis and planning.
- **View data specific to their community**, allowing local government staff to focus on the conditions and trends most relevant to their city or township through charts and graphics.

This information item accompanies a live demonstration of the Local Housing Data Tool for the Land Use Advisory Committee. The demonstration will walk through the interactive tool's key features and functionality, highlight how local governments can use it to meet their minimum data requirements, and explore the broader data resources available to support local governments throughout the decade.