

## ATTAINABLE HOUSING STRATEGIES INITIATIVE: WORK SESSION #6

### Description

Over the last 9 months, Montgomery Planning has led the Attainable Housing Strategies initiative (AHS), in which various proposals were reviewed and refined in an effort to spur the development of more diverse types of housing in Montgomery, including Missing Middle Housing. This process has also provided opportunities for public feedback which has been incorporated into the Planning Board's recommendations. At this work session, the Planning Board will review a draft copy of the AHS final report. This report provides the findings of the analysis and presents the recommendations of the Planning Board on developing tools that can encourage the creation of a more diverse range of housing typologies.

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## DESCRIPTION

On March 4, 2021, the Montgomery County Council directed Montgomery Planning staff to review and analyze housing options in the county. In order to comprehensively explore these housing options, Montgomery Planning launched the Attainable Housing Strategies (AHS). This is an initiative aimed at evaluating and refining various proposals to spur the development of more diverse types of housing, including Missing Middle Housing in Montgomery County.

At this sixth AHS work session, Planning staff will provide an overview of the draft AHS final report and will seek feedback, comments and direction from the Planning Board on next steps. The draft AHS report includes a summary of the Planning Board’s recommendations from previous work sessions, as well as a number of technical appendices providing further background on analysis staff performed and how final decisions were made.

Not included in this draft report is the appendix providing the specific zoning modifications that would implement the recommendations identified in the report. Staff will return to the Planning Board in January with the draft zoning modifications after receiving confirmation of the report’s content and the Board’s recommendations during this work session. An additional appendix containing a summary of research on how other jurisdictions have addressed similar efforts is also still in progress and not included with the current draft.

The final report will not be transmitted to the County Council until early 2022, after the Board has had an opportunity to review the appendix with the corresponding zoning modifications.

## ATTACHMENT

- Draft Attainable Housing Strategies Final Report