



Marquette County Housing Solutions Submit

December 8 & 9, 2021

DRAFT AGENDA

Wednesday, December 8: Marquette County Housing Needs & Local Solutions

1:00 Opening & Welcome

Sarah Lucas, Lake Superior Community Partnership

1:15 Marquette County Housing Needs: Data and Strategies

Ryan Soucy, CUPPAD

We know we need housing, but what kind, how much, and where? Recent studies and planning initiatives can help us set the stage for housing solutions by helping us understand what our current needs are. The 2020 Marquette County Housing Needs Assessment provides data that helps us understand what our current needs are, and the Marquette County Resiliency Plan further explores the impact of housing needs and potential solutions.

2:00 Using Land Bank Tools & TIF for Housing

Anne Giroux, Marquette County Finance Director

Michigan's land bank authorities offer important incentives and tools that can be used to offset development costs and incentivize new housing. Hear from Marquette County Finance Director Anne Giroux about Marquette County Land Bank projects and opportunities.

3:15 Local Government Housing Tools

Nate Heffron, City of Negaunee; Craig Cugini, City of Ishpeming; Jason McCarthy, Marquette Township, Sean Hobbins, City of Marquette Assistant Manager

Zoning is one of the most important tools that local governments have in planning and encouraging more housing, but other tools, like development benefit agreements and tax incentives, offer important opportunities to streamline development or offset costs, making projects more affordable. Learn more about what local governments in Marquette County are doing to accommodate and incentivize housing development.

Thursday, December 9: Future Housing Solutions

9:00 Housing Policy Update

Kent Wood, Housing Michigan Coalition; Luke Forrest, CEDAM; Marty Fittante, InvestUP

The Housing Michigan Coalition is championing a package of bills designed to provide more tools that local governments can use to increase housing development opportunities. What's more, federal and state funding may offer important opportunities for flexible dollars that can support new development and lower costs for homebuyers and renters. Learn about significant new funds for housing and housing-related programs – including community revitalization - in Michigan's budget, and how some communities may leverage local resources to fund housing projects, as well as legislation and related statewide policy developments, and how they might impact local governments.



10:30 Innovative Housing Models:

Developers, nonprofits, and local governments throughout Michigan are trying innovative new approaches to overcome obstacles to housing development. Hear from development and community partners about how these projects are financed and supported, and what it takes to create a successful project.

11:30 Roundtable: Taking Action

All participants are invited to participate in a facilitated discussion on implementing tools and identifying resources discussed throughout the summit.