COMMUNITY PLANNER FORUM

Date: 03/21/2024

Start Time: 9:30 am

End Time: 11:00am

Facilitator: Jen Ceponis

Study/Project/Task: 1.61 Transportation Council Operations

Attendance

Name	Title	Affiliation
Jen Ceponis	Director of Regional Planning	Transportation Council
Sandy Misiewicz	Executive Director	Transportation Council
Linda von der Heide	Principal Planner	Rensselaer County Planning Dept
Peter Comenzo	Senior Planner	Town of Rotterdam
Mike Williams	Director of Planning	CDTA
Mark Castiglione	Executive Director	CDRPC
John Scavo	Director	Town of Clifton Park
Brian Marsh	Mayor	Village of Menands
Todd Fabozzi	Director of Sustainability	CDRPC
Ellen McNulty-Ryan	Mayor	Village of Green Island
Ryan Riper	Director of Planning & Engineering	Town of Wilton
Chaim Simon	Transportation Planner	Transportation Council
Timothy Lane	Village Trustee	Village of Menands
Kenneth Kovalchik	Town Planner	Town of Guilderland
Chris Bauer	Director of Transportation Planning	Transportation Council
David Bucciferro	Mayor	Village of Scotia
Sharon Butler	Assistant to Planning & Zoning	City of Cohoes

Catherine Lawson	Chair and Associate Professor of Geography and Planning / Director of AVAIL Lab	University at Albany / Lab
Scott Ostrander	Supervisor	Town of Milton
Kate Maynard	Director of Planning & Economic Development	CDRPC
Lindsey Buck	Senior Planner	Town of Stillwater
Emily Loughlin	Transportation Data Analyst	CDTA
Tony Tozzi	Director of Planning	Town of Glenville
Steve Feeney	County Planner	Schenectady County
Tom Hulihan	Director of Planning & Development	City of Rensselaer
Courtney Russell	Lifestyle Program Director	Livewell Group
Susan Barden	Principal Planner	City of Saratoga Springs
Madison Hrysko	GIS & Data Analys	CDRPC
Christine Schudde	Executive Director	Habitat for Humanity

Agenda Items:

1. **Welcome and Introductions**

Jen started the meeting with a welcome and introductions. In person attendees introduced themselves and online participants' names and affiliations were read for all to hear. Guidelines on the operations of the Transportation Council hybrid meetings were also detailed.

2. **Regional Housing Issues Overview and Speaker Panel**

Madison Hrysko presented the Capital District Housing Analysis by CDRPC. The details of the analysis can be found in the attached slides. The key findings were:

- A renter can afford a 1-Bedroom apartment in Albany and Saratoga County.
  - A 2-bed apartment is unaffordable for single renters in each county.
- Rent is outpacing renter's wage over time.
- Rent in a 1- or 2-bedroom apartment is more affordable when split between a partner or roommate.
- 2-person households can afford to own a home in Rensselaer and Schenectady County.
- Saratoga County has the largest homeowner gap, with over $100,000 dollars difference from the median average sale price affordability and affordable mortgage based on AMI.

A panel discussion which included Christine Schudde, Courtney Russell and Tom Hulihan followed the presentation. A little about the panelists:

Christine Schudde is the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity Capital District. Habitat is based in Albany and its goal is to expand access to equitable and affordable homeownership. The organization reduces the financial burdens of building and owning a home, for first-time, and often first-generation, homeowners by taking on most of the risks.

Courtney Rusell is the Lifestyle Program Director at the Live Well Group. Live Well develops middle-market rental homes for 55+ active adult communities centered on helping people live longer and enjoy a high quality of life. They have developments in Delmar and Castleton-on-Hudson.

Tom Hulihan is the Director of Planning & Development at the City of Rensselaer and formerly worked at the Troy Housing Authority. The Housing Authority manages over 1,000 apartments supported by HUD. At the City of Rensselaer, Tom is currently in the process of assisting the City in securing a "Pro Housing Community" designation from NYS.

Panel Discussion Notes:

Q: Why is the federal poverty line not a good indicator of the number of people in need of affordable housing and how should we be communicating what affordable housing is?

- Generally, housing affordability is determined based on 30-33% of household income. But this should be maximum percent of household income towards housing, not the standard because it doesn't include energy and transportation costs or allow for unplanned expenses.
- Subsidized housing uses 30% as standard but takes into account transportation, taxes, and childcare costs.
- Unexpected costs are not always factored into housing affordability. For many seniors who need to stop driving and give up their cars, there are new and unplanned transportation costs.

Q: What is overlap between affordable housing and availability of senior housing?

- There is a "forgotten middle" in terms of housing choice and what is affordable for middle-income older adults. Many older adult households cannot afford current traditional model.
- There are too few senior housing communities and long wait lists at existing communities.
- NYS supports an "age in place" model but there are few options for older adults who cannot age in place.
- Aging communities prefer building out rather than up, looking for community and built-in supports and amenities to help them thrive and live healthy lives.
- Technology influences senior housing preferences and lifestyles – those that are comfortable with technology may prefer to rely on services like Uber/Lyft, Instacart, etc. to assist with errands and get rides. Older Baby Boomers are less comfortable with technology.

Q: Why isn't older, existing housing stock, usually with lower prices, considered affordable housing or easily converted to affordable housing?

- The reality is that many vacant buildings have been vacant for so long and are in such a state of disrepair that they cannot be rehabbed.
- The legacy of redlining has had lasting affects on housing assessments and housing stock – appraisals will never support the cost of rehabbing.
- It is almost always less expensive to build from the ground-up or demolish and build than rehab an older building. A Habitat home costs at least $300,000 to build.

Q: Are Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) a solution?

- They part of the solution; with aging in place measures ADUs can be a solid option for older adults
- Makes host property more affordable and takes pressure off housing markets.

- Host property owner is almost always related to ADU tenant.

Q: How is zoning or other land use regulations a barrier to developing affordable/senior housing?

- Without some type of zoning that requires or encourages affordable housing, it makes it difficult to expand affordable housing; the burden of creating affordable housing cannot only be on non-profits.
- NYS is encouraging older adults to cohabitate, but some local land use laws prohibit unrelated persons from cohabitating.
- A regional approach to developing affordable housing is needed. Because of home rule and NYS laws, there are many different taxing designations and Habitat for Humanity is advocating for tax fairness.
- Affordable housing requirements may increase cost of market rate housing in order for development costs to balance each other.

Q: Why should a town/city/village become a Pro-Housing Community?

- The region needs more affordable housing.
- Communities that achieve designation will receive priority in their applications for key discretionary funding programs like Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DR), NY Forward, etc.

Q: What is an example of a local action that could support the development of more affordable/senior housing?

- "The Village Movement" is a grassroots movement that coordinates critical services for older adults. It connects people who want to age in place and live in close proximity to each other with services and amenities. It is usually membership based. On example of a local "village" is [The Albany Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Community](#) (NNORC).
- Towns/Cities/Villages can use marketing and PR strategies to promote vacant and underutilized lots, as well as the incentives available to developers.
- Permitting process and fees can delay development and/or increase costs. Creating more streamlined, predictable and low-cost process attracts development.

3. **CDRPC Planning Updates**
   a. **Regional Broadband Planning, Mark Castiglione (CDRPC)**
      CDRPC is managing Regional Broadband planning feasibility study for the Capital Region. The study will explore the creation of an Open Access Network (OAN) broadband network that could provide a competitive advantage for broadband in the region and spur economic development. If feasible, funding to implement the network may be available through the Broadband Equity Access and Deployment (BEAD) program.

      Currently, the NYS Challenge Process is now open. New Yorkers and broadband and digital equity stakeholders across NY are encouraged to participate in the process of verifying the eligibility of locations for ConnectALL Deployment Funding program. Public comment closes April 11th and can be submitted here: https://broadband.ny.gov/new-york-state-broadband-challenge-process.

   b. **Sustainability Updates, Todd Fabozzi (CDRPC)**

The Clean Energy Communities program has been overhauled with higher grant amounts available, including match-free funds.

CDRPC released the [Priority Climate Action Plan](#) for the Capital Region, as well as a [Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory Dashboard](#). An updated GHG inventory and model is being developed by CDRPC and the Consultant Team. A Citizen Input Survey is also available to collected feedback on key actions that residents are interested in to reduce GHG emissions.

c. 2020 Census, Mark Castiglione (CDRPC)
CDRPC is working with AVAIL labs to update the website with the most up-to-date Census data.

4. Transportation Council Planning Updates

a. Metropolitan Transportation Plan Status Update
The Transportation Council has initiated the In Motion: The Plan to 2050 and launched the project website: www.inmotionplan.org. Public involvement opportunities and project materials will be posted to the website and the Transportation Council's social media. Committee members are encouraged to share the In Motion website and encourage communities to take the survey linked at https://form.jotform.com/crtcmpo/long-range-survey.

b. New Policy Development Updates
The increased emphasis on Complete Streets and Equity, as well as new requirements in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL), have made developing regional policies a priority. These will be developed as part of the In Motion Plan.

c. 2024-25 Unified Planning Work Program
The Transportation Council adopted the [2024-25 Unified Planning Work Program](#) (UPWP). The key additions include the Halfmoon /Clifton Park Route 109 Corridor Study and the Niskayuna Complete Street Study NYS Route 7. The UPWP also continues the on-demand vehicle services, ADA Transition Plans ([solicitation is currently open](#)), Transportation Council/CDRPC [Technical Assistance Program](#), and a revamped Complete Streets task.

d. Public Participation Plan & LEP
An updated [Public Participation Plan](#) and [Limited English Proficiency Plan](#) were adopted in March 2024.

e. Equity Advisory Committee
The Transportation Council is preparing to re-start its Equity Advisory Committee and will be reaching out to stakeholders to invited them to participate. If Planner Forum members are interested in participating in the Equity Advisory Committee they should email Rima Shamieh (rshamieh@capitalmpo.org).

f. Planning Study Status

Transportation Council projects are summarized in the Project Summary Table, included with the attachment.

g. Funding/Assistance Opportunities

ADA Transition Plan Solicitation

Transportation Council / CDRPC Technical Assistance Program - If your community is interested in applying, you must contact CDRPC and Transportation Council to discuss your request. Send an email to techassist@CDRPC.org or call 518-458-2161 and provide your name, phone number and a time convenient for representatives to call you.

5. **Upcoming Training & Workshops**

NYS LTAP Center Cornell Local Roads Training Program

Spring Workshops
   – Roadway & Roadside Drainage, March 28
   – Saratoga County (Ballston Spa)
   – Rights & Responsibilities, April 30
   – Warren County (Warrensburg, NY)
   – Local Roads Done Right, April 11
   – Schoharie County (Cobleskill, NY)

NY Planning Federation Annual Conference, April 7-9

6. **Other Discussion item**

APA 2024 Trend Report for Planners

7. **2024 Meeting Schedule**

The Planners Forum will meet on the following dates in 2024:
   • June 20, 2024
   • September 19, 2024
   • December 19, 2024

Meeting Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am

WELCOME

Please type your name, title, and what organization or municipality you are representing today into the chat.

Hybrid Meeting Guidelines

- Mute your microphone

- You can choose to use just the phone function

- You can choose to turn your camera off if you want

- Use Zoom's chat function or "raise hand" if you have a question during the presentation

- The Transportation Council is no longer recording Planner Forum meetings

AGENDA

Agenda

1.   Regional Housing Issues
   - CDRPC Regional Housing Analysis
   - Speaker Panel

2.   CDRPC Planning Updates

3.   Transportation Council Planning Updates

4.   Upcoming Trainings & Workshops

5.   Other Regional, State, and Local Planning Updates

6.   2023-24 Meeting Schedule
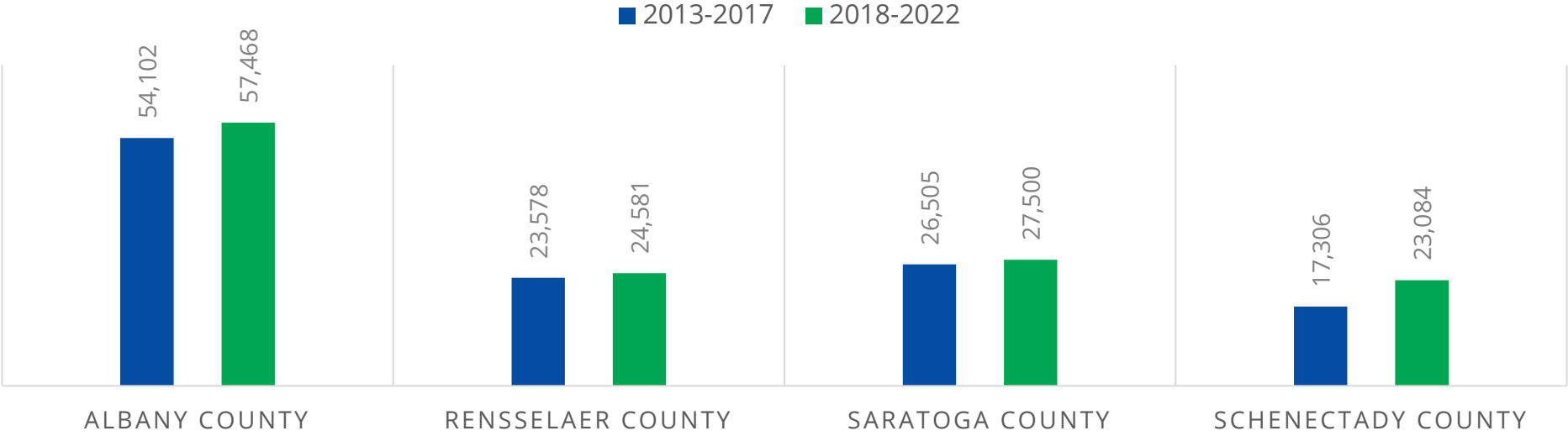   2024: June 20, September 19, December 19

Capital District Housing Analysis

Prepared by: Capital District Regional Planning Commission

CDRPC

	# Change	% Change
Albany County	3,366	6.2%
Rensselaer County	1,003	4.3%
Saratoga County	995	3.8%
Schenectady County	5,778	33.4%

CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF RENTER OCCUPIED HOUSING

■ 2013-2017 ■ 2018-2022

County	2013-2017	2018-2022
ALBANY COUNTY	54,102	57,468
RENSSELAER COUNTY	23,578	24,581
SARATOGA COUNTY	26,505	27,500
SCHENECTADY COUNTY	17,306	23,084

Source: US Census, 5-Year Estimates 2013-17 & 2018-22

MEDIAN RENTER INCOME BY COUNTY
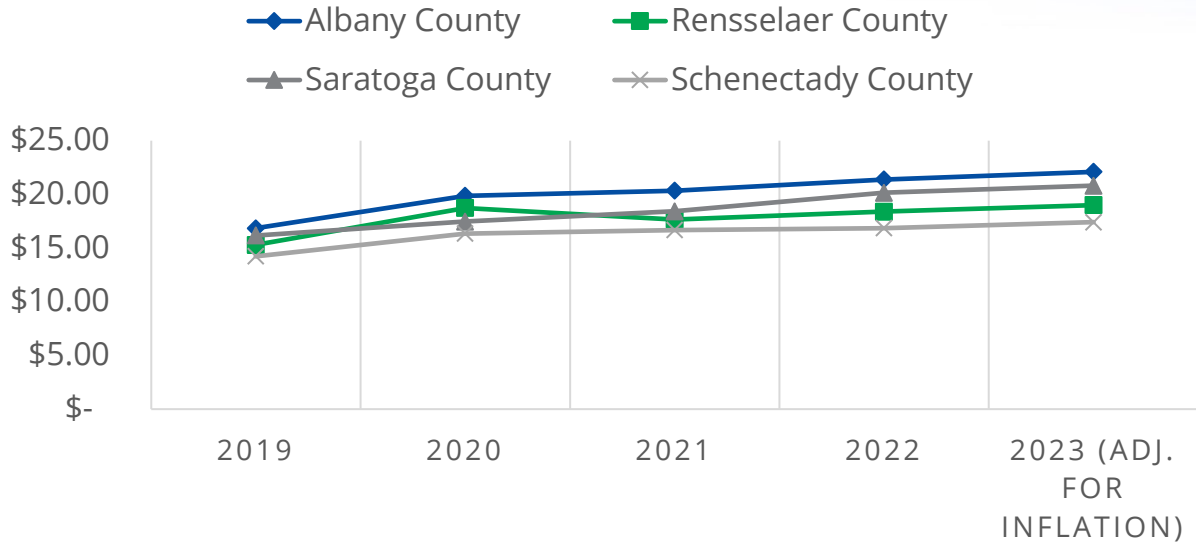
	2019	**2020**	**2021**	**2022**	**2023 (Adj. For Inflation)**
Albany County	$ 16.84	$ 19.87	$ 20.35	$ 21.39	$ 22.10
Rensselaer County	$ 15.29	$ 18.74	$ 17.67	$ 18.39	$ 19.00
Saratoga County	$ 16.17	$ 17.46	$ 18.42	$ 20.15	$ 20.81
Schenectady County	$ 14.24	$ 16.35	$ 16.68	$ 16.86	$ 17.42

Adjusted for Inflation Most Renters are Making Less Now Than in 2020…

	2020 (In 2023 $)	2023	$ Change 2020-2023	% Change 2020-2023
Albany County	$ 23.20	$ 22.10	-$1.11	-4.98%
Rensselaer County	$ 21.88	$ 19.00	-$2.88	-13.16%
Saratoga County	$ 20.39	$ 20.81	$0.42	2.10%
Schenectady County	$ 19.09	$ 17.42	-$1.68	-8.75%

Inflation Factor (2020 to 2023)
1.16763229

Fair Market Rent (FRM) Comparison

	2023			
	1 BR FMR	2 BR FMR	% Difference 1 BR	% Difference 2 BR
Albany-Troy-Schenectady MSA	$ 1,079	$ 1,313		
Columbia	$ 952	$ 1,107	13%	19%
Poughkeepsie-Newburgh-Middletown MSA	$ 1,233	$ 1,583	-12%	-17%
Greene	$ 931	$ 1,123	16%	17%
New York-Newark-Jersey City, NY-NJ-PA MSA	$ 2,170	$ 2,451	-50%	-46%
Sullivan	$ 838	$ 1,008	29%	30%
Ulster	$ 1,155	$ 1,498	-7%	-12%
Westchester	$ 1,669	$ 2,029	-35%	-35%

CDRPC

2023 Renter Hourly Wage Vs. Necessary Hourly Salary to Afford 1BR and 2BR Apartments

Chart legend: ■ Hourly Renter Wage 2023 ■ Housing Wage 1BR FM ■ Housing Wage 2BR FMR
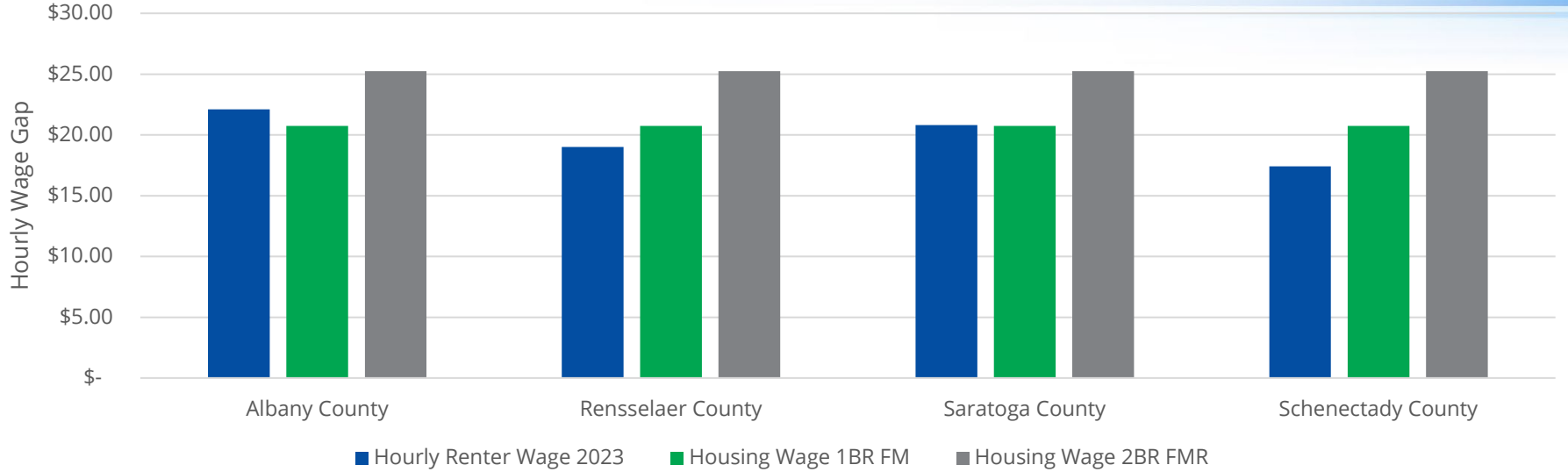
	Hourly Renter Wage	Housing Wage to Afford 1BR FMR	Housing Wage to Afford 2BR FMR	Wage Gap 1BR	Wage Gap 2BR	Monthly Rent Gap 1BR	Monthly Rent Gap 2BR	Annual Rent Gap 1BR	Annual Rent Gap 2BR
Albany County	$ 22.10	$ 20.75	$ 25.25	$1.35	-$3.15	$70	-$164	$2,808	-$6,552
Rensselaer County	$ 19.00	$ 20.75	$ 25.25	-$1.75	-$6.25	-$91	-$325	-$3,640	-$13,000
Saratoga County	$ 20.81	$ 20.75	$ 25.25	$0.06	-$4.44	$3	-$231	$125	-$9,235
Schenectady County	$ 17.42	$ 20.75	$ 25.25	-$3.33	-$7.83	-$173	-$407	-$6,926	-$16,286

BR = Bedroom   FMR = Fair Market Rent

Hourly Wage Gap Comparison

	Hourly Renter Wage 2023	Housing Wage to Afford 1BR FMR	Housing Wage to Afford 2BR FMR	Wage Gap 1BR FMR	Wage Gap 2BR FMR
Albany County	$ 22.10	$ 20.75	$ 25.25	$1.35	-$3.15
Rensselaer County	$ 19.00	$ 20.75	$ 25.25	-$1.75	-$6.25
Saratoga County	$ 20.81	$ 20.75	$ 25.25	$0.06	-$4.44
Schenectady County	$ 17.42	$ 20.75	$ 25.25	-$3.33	-$7.83
Columbia County	$ 12.75	$ 18.31	$ 21.29	-$5.56	-$8.54
Dutchess County	$ 17.73	$ 23.71	$ 30.44	-$5.98	-$12.71
Greene County	$ 13.40	$ 17.90	$ 21.60	-$4.50	-$8.20
Orange County	$ 15.11	$ 23.71	$ 30.44	-$8.60	-$15.33
Putnam County	$ 16.25	$ 41.73	$ 47.13	-$25.48	-$30.88
Rockland County	$ 15.05	$ 41.73	$ 47.13	-$26.68	-$32.08
Sullivan County	$ 14.72	$ 16.12	$ 19.38	-$1.40	-$4.66
Ulster County	$ 14.18	$ 22.21	$ 28.81	-$8.03	-$14.63
Westchester County	$ 23.59	$ 32.10	$ 39.02	-$8.51	-$15.43

	To Afford 1BR FMR		To Afford 2BR FMR	
	Hours per Week	Jobs Needed	Hours per Week	Jobs Needed
Albany County	40	1	46	1.1
Rensselaer County	44	1.1	53	1.3
Saratoga County	40	1	49	1.2
Schenectady County	48	1.2	58	1.4

Rent is outpacing Wage in the Capital Region

	Change between 2022-2023				
	% Wage Increase	% Rent Increase 1BR	% Rent Increase 2BR	Additional Wage Increase Needed to Afford 1BR	Additional Wage Increase Needed to afford 2BR
Albany County	3.2%	8.8%	8.8%	0%	14.3%
Rensselaer County	3.3%	8.8%	8.8%	9.2%	32.9%
Saratoga County	3.3%	8.8%	8.8%	0%	21.3%
Schenectady County	3.3%	8.8%	8.8%	19.1%	44.9%

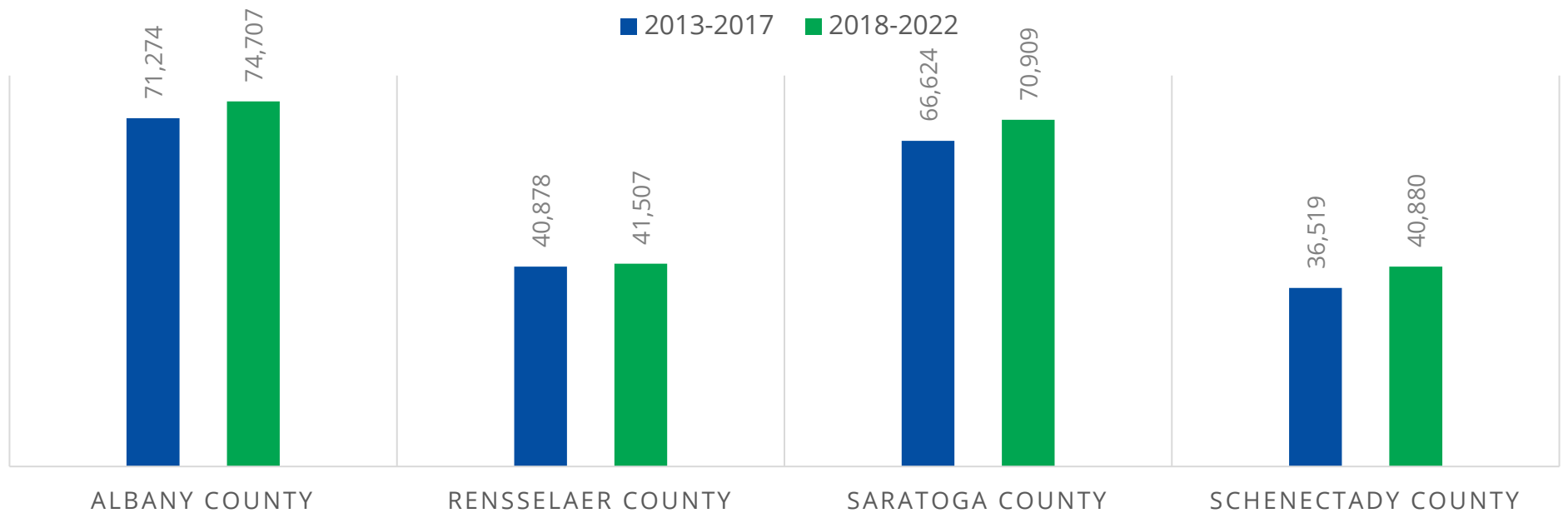# Solution?

	Annual Renter Salary	Annual Salary To Afford 2BR FMR	Annual Wage Gap (Per Person)	Monthly Wage Gap (Per Person)
Albany County	$ 91,936	$ 52,520	$ 19,708	$ 1,642
Rensselaer County	$ 79,040	$ 52,520	$ 13,260	$ 1,105
Saratoga County	$ 86,570	$ 52,520	$ 17,025	$ 1,419
Schenectady County	$ 72,468	$ 52,520	$ 9,974	$ 831

	# Change	% Change
Albany County	3,433	4.8%
Rensselaer County	629	1.5%
Saratoga County	4,285	6.4%
Schenectady County	4,361	11.9%

CHANGE IN THE NUMBER OF OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSES

■ 2013-2017   ■ 2018-2022

ALBANY COUNTY
71,274
74,707

RENSSELAER COUNTY
40,878
41,507

SARATOGA COUNTY
66,624
70,909

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
36,519
40,880

Source: US Census, 5-Year Estimates 2013-17 & 2018-

How much of a mortgage can a 1-person and 2-person household purchase making the Area Median Income (AMI)?

|	1-person HH AMI	Mortage for Single Household at AMI	2-person HH AMI	Mortage for 2-Person Household at AMI
Albany-Troy Schenectady MSA	$79,310	$234,483	$90,640	$273,827

Source: HUD & U.S. Census

Based on the Median Sale Price, what is the mortgage needed to afford the median average price of a home?

	Median Sale Price	6% Down Payment	Mortage Needed to Afford Median Home
Albany County	$302,500	$18,150	$284,350
Rensselaer County	$266,500	$15,990	$250,510
Saratoga County	$399,950	$23,997	$375,953
Schenectady County	$254,950	$15,297	$239,653

Source: GCAR, December 2023

Mortage Gap		
	Single Householded	2-Person Household
Albany County	-$49,867	-$10,523
Rensselaer County	-$16,027	$23,317
Saratoga County	-$141,470	-$102,126
Schenectady County	-$5,170	$34,174

Comparing Median Sales Price of Homes to Affordable Mortgages

- ■ Mortgage Needed to Afford Median
- ■ Mortgage for Single Household at AMI
- ■ Mortgage for 2-Person at AMI
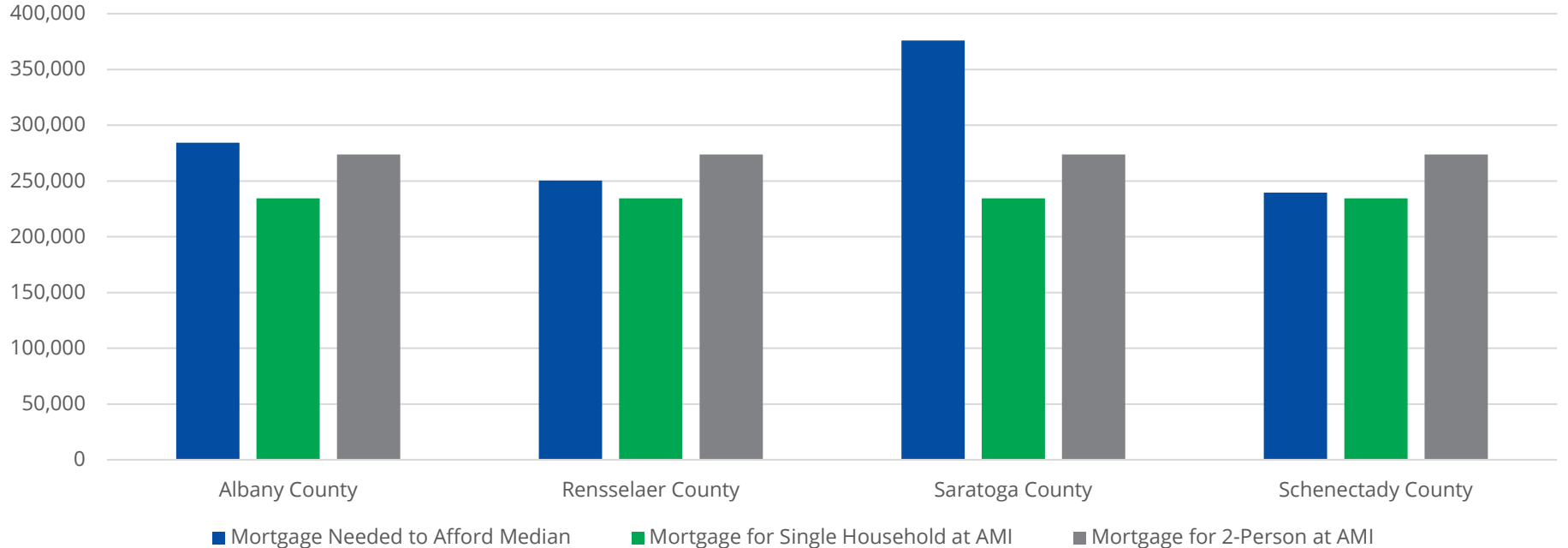
Closing Thoughts

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Speaker Panel

Christine Schudde, Executive Director at Habitat for Humanity

Thomas Hulihan, Director of Planning & Development at City of Rensselaer

Courtney Russell, Lifestyle Program Director at Live Well Group

CDRPC Planning Updates

a) Regional Broadband Planning

b) Sustainability Updates

c) 202 Census & Population Projections

d) Other

IN MOTION
THE PLAN TO 2050

- **Phase 1:** Data Collection (April 2023 – December 2023)
- **Phase 2:** Inform (December 2023 – June 2024)
- **Phase 3:** Imagine (January 2024 – September 2024)
- **Phase 4:** Decision-Making (October 2024 – March 2025)
- **Phase 5:** Review & Adopt (April 2025 – September 2025)

1 DATA COLLECTION
Collect and compile key data and information about regional growth trends, land use, transportation and mobility, demographics, safety, and other topics in order to identify deficiencies and opportunities.

2 INFORM
Inform the public and stakeholders of the purpose of the MTP, timeline, and major milestones, and how they can get involved and stay informed as the planning process progresses.

3 IMAGINE
Define the future of transportation in the Capital Region. Identify the MTP purpose, the core values and community visions for the future.

4 DECISION-MAKING
Identify specific opportunities for the public and stakeholders to provide input at key decision-making points that will affect the development of plan materials.

5 REVIEW & ADOPT
Allow the public to review and provide input on the draft version of the final plan.

Get Involved!

- Visit the project website at www.inmotionplan.org

- Request a presentation

- Take the MTP Survey

- Share the Survey in your organization's newsletter or social media

- Stay tuned!

02 INFORM

03 IMAGINE

March 21, 6:00 pm
Virtual Workshop
Registration info at inmotionplan.org

New Policy Development Updates

1. Complete Streets Policy

   Purpose: to achieve the region's long-range vision for fair and equitable investments among modes and programs, and to serve all users equitably, including pedestrians, bicyclists, transit vehicles and riders, freight, and personal vehicle drivers and riders.

2. Equity Policy Development

   - The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) has increased emphasis on equity in the transportation planning process
   - Federal discretionary programs in the BIL have reinforced this priority by adding equity as a foundational program principle or as a project selection criterion
   - The Biden Administration and Federal Highway Administration have made reconnecting communities and ensuring the inclusion of historically and economically disadvantaged groups in the planning, project selection and design process a priority
   - A draft policy will be presented to Planning Committee and Policy Board for approval

2024-25 Unified Planning Work Program

- 2024-25 Linkage Studies
  - Halfmoon / Clifton Park Route 109 Corridor Study
  - Niskayuna Complete Streets Study NYS Route 7
- On-Demand Vehicle, Bike/Ped Count Services Renewed
- ADA Transition Plans
  - Solicitation currently open
- Transportation Council / CDRPC Technical Assistance Program
- Complete Streets
- In Motion Plan (MTP)
- Vision Zero Action Plan (SS4A)
- Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

OTHER REGIONAL, STATE, OR LOCAL PLANNING UPDATES

NAME AND LOCAL SPONSOR	CONSULTANT OR STAFF, PROJECT COST, TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL CONTACT	FUNDING APPROVAL DATE	STATUS	ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE	PROJECT WEBSITE LINK
COMMUNITY PLANNING SUPPORT					
1. Route 4 Corridor Study: Inter-Municipal Update Town of East Greenbush	M.J. Engineering and Land Surveying $90,000 Chris Bauer	Policy Board Approved 3/4/21	The consultant team continues to develop the draft project report.	April 2024	https://nyroute4study.com
2. Town of Brunswick Hoosick Road Corridor Study Town of Brunswick	Creighton Manning Engineering $99,000 Andrew Tracy	Policy Board Approved 3/3/22	Second round survey closed on March 10th; over 1,100 responses recieved. Public open house meeting was held on March 4th at the Brunswick Community Center; over 100 attendees. Consultant team is compiled public input and preparing final report. Study website is https://hoosickroadstudy.com/	April 2024	https://hoosickroadstudy.com/
3. Sand Creek Road Complete Street Feasibility Study Village of Colonie	MJ Engineering and Land Surveying $65,000 Jacob Beeman	Policy Board Approved 3/3/22	Consultant made final presentation to the Village Board on March 4th and study was approved by Board. Final invoice was submitted for payment on March 14th. Study is Complete	March 2024	https://www.sandcreekcompletestreets.com/
4. City of Schenectady Albany & Crane Streets Linkage Study City of Schenectady	PLACE Alliance $90,000 Jen Ceponis	Policy Board Approved 3/3/22	A final Study Advisory Committee that was open to the public was held in February. The consultant team is finalizing the report, the project is subtantially complete.	April 2024	https://www.craig-main-connection.com/albany--crane-streets.html
5. All Access Complete Streets Feasibility Study Village of Voorheesville	TBD $55,000 Rima Shamieh	Policy Board Approved 3/2/23	Full contract execution is pending.	March 2025	TBD
6. Broadway Flood Resilient Multi-Modal Corridor Study Albany County	Highland Planning $115,000 Jen Ceponis	Policy Board Approved 3/2/23	The Study Advisory Committee met and visited the study area. A Draft Public Involvement Plan and Existing Conditions Assessment is being developed by the consultant team.	November 2024	www.ResilientBroadwday.com
7. Castleton Complete Streets & Connections Plan Village of Castleton-on-Hudson	Verity Engineering $75,000 Chaim Simon	Policy Board Approved 3/2/23	Project website is live with existing conditions, public survey, and interactive map. First round of public outreach is being scheduled.	December 2024	www.castletonstreets.com
8. Central Avenue West Corridor Study Town of Colonie	TBD $150,000 Andrew Tracy	Policy Board Approved 3/2/23	REI issued, and consultant proposals received March 12th. Consultant selection team is evaluating proposals with anticipated selection in April.	November 2024	TBD

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ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY PLANNING SUPPORT (continued)					
9. Curry Road & Guilderland Avenue Multi-Modal Study Town of Rotterdam	TBD $90,000 Carrie Ward	Policy Board Approved 3/2/23	The project kicked off in March. Partners are assembling a Study Advisory Committee.	March 2025	TBD
10. Milton Town Center Plan Update Town of Milton	LaBella $100,000 Jacob Beeman	Policy Board Approved 3/2/23	Project kickoff meeting was held February 27th. Consultant is working on existing studies review, assembling the SAC in preparation for forst SAC meeting anticipated for late March early April.	March 2025	TBD
COMMUNITY PLANNING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM					
1. Saratoga Truck Traffic Study	$9,547 Chris Bauer	Policy Board Approved Technical Assistance Program 3/2/2023	The data collected and the draft technical memo were transmitted and reviewed by the City. The technical memo was revised and finalized. The project is substantially complete.	March 2024	N/A
ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL PLANNING INITIATIVES					
1. MTP Update: In Motion 2050 Transportation Council - Regional	Transportation Council Staff $100,000 Jen Ceponis	Included in the 2023-2024 UPWP	A new brand, logo and tagline has been developed. The Regional Trends StoryMap and Report, and Public Involvement Plan have been completed. The first In Motion Task Force meeting is anticipated to be scheduled for April 2024.	Adopted September 3, 2020 Anticipated adoption of next MTP: September	www.inmotionplan.org
2. NY 378 Bridge Transportation Scoping/PEL Study NYSDOT	WSP $400,000 Susan Olsen, NYSDOT Andrew Tracy	TIP Project A605/R344: NY 378 Troy Menands Bridge Study	Project is near completion, awaiting final report. The Troy-Menands Bridge Draft Project Scoping Report (PSR) and Draft PEL Questionnaire are available at https://www.dot.ny.gov/troymenandsbridge/reports.	TBD	https://www.dot.ny.gov/troymenandsbridge
3. Regional Truck Parking Study	Gannett Fleming $137,750 Chris Bauer	Planning Committee Approved 4/7/21	The Policy Board approved the final report at their March meeting. The project team is collecting the final project files, and closing out the project. The project is substantially complete.	April 2024	TBD
4. ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan for Pedestrian Infrastructure	Village of Ballston Spa Town of Guilderland City of Troy Carrie Ward	Planning Committee Approved 11/2/2022	Public review of the draft Troy and Guilderland plans is expected in April.	May 2024	N/A

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5. Hoosick Asset Management Plan Town of Hoosick	Stantec $33,000 Teresa LaSalle	Policy Board Approved 3/3/22	The consultant team is revising the Draft Final Report.	April 2024	N/A
6. Design-Engineering Feasibility and Planning Study for Reimagining the I-787 Corridor NYSDOT	Parsons $5,000,000 Greg Wichser, NYSDOT Kelley Kircher, NYSDOT Chris Bauer Jen Ceponis	TIP Project A609 Reimagining the I-787 Corridor Planning Study	The consultant continues to work on concept development and refinement, as well as the Purpose and Need Statement. Mapping of various environmental, cultural and historic resources continues. Stakeholder engagement remains ongoing with neighborhood associations, business groups, and Transportation Council advisory committees. The consultant team is actively coordinating with Transportation Council on the development of the base and future year travel demand model and other traffic simulations. The project team is preparing for an open house in early Spring to draft concepts and start the next phase of public engagement.	March 2026	https://webapps.dot.ny.gov/reimagining-i-787A
7. On-Demand Motor Vehicle, Bicycle and Pedestrian Count Services	NDS (National Data & Surveying Services) Up to $160,000 Teresa LaSalle	Included in the 2023-2024 UPWP	Vehicular and bicycle and pedestrian counts continue to be undertaken to support Transportation Council planning studies and projects, and municipal requests.	March 2025	N/A
8. Regional Signal Timing Program	GPI $100,000 Andrew Tracy	Included in the 2022-2023 UPWP	Optimized timings implemented on West Ave in Saratoga Springs and on State and Erie in Schenectuady. New Scotland Ave timing plan prepared and under review with implementation pending.	April 2024	N/A
9. Vision Zero Action Plan Supported by Cities of Albany, Cohoes, Saratoga Springs, and Troy; Village of Green Island; NYSDOT	Cambridge Systematics $1,288,000 Sandy Misiewicz Carrie Ward	Included in the 2023-2024 UPWP	The contract was awarded and the project kicked off in February 2024.	April 2025	TBD

State / Regional Planning Initiatives

- New York Statewide Transportation Plan: https://nystransportationmasterplan.com/
- New York Active Transportation Plan: https://nysdotwalkbikeplan.com/
- CDTA Transit Development Plan (TDP): https://www.cdta-tdp.com/
- Carbon Reduction Plan (NYSDEC) : TBA

(see attached table)

- 378 Bridge PEL Study
- Reimagine 787 Study

Reminder: Transportation Council/CDRPC Technical Assistance Program

Accepting proposals on a rolling basis.

How to Apply:

If your community is interested in applying, you must contact CDRPC and Transportation Council to discuss your request.

Send an email to techassist@CDRPC.org or call 518-458-2161 and provide your name, phone number and a time convenient for representatives to call you.

Reminder: ADA Transition Plan Solicitation is Currently Open

- Find the solicitation and application at https://www.capitalmpo.org/news/latest-news/617-2024-ada-solicitation.

- Why do you need a Transition Plan?

It is especially important to have a Transition Plan if the U.S. Department of Justice investigates a complaint about a municipality. If the investigation reveals inaccessible pedestrian infrastructure and no Transition Plan is present, the USDOJ tends to require full ADA compliance within three years. In addition, NYSDOT requires local sponsors of federal aid projects to have an ADA Transition Plan covering pedestrian facilities or to make reasonable progress toward developing one.

Upcoming Trainings & Workshops

1. NYS LTAP Center – Cornell Local Roads Training Program

   Spring Workshops
   Roadway & Roadside Drainage, March 28
   Saratoga County (Ballston Spa)

   Rights & Responsibilities, April 30
   Warren County (Warrensburg, NY)

   Local Roads Done Right, April 11
   Schoharie County (Cobleskill, NY)

2. NY Planning Federation Trainings

3. Visit the News & Events Pages on the Transportation Council and CDRPC websites for additional updates on training and workshops.

2024 Meeting Schedule

2024 Meeting Schedule: June 20, September 19, December 19

THANK YOU!

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