



Homeownership is an important key to building wealth and economic self-sufficiency for working families.

Yet in DuPage County, moderate-income families are being squeezed out of the homeownership market as skyrocketing prices and the proliferation of teardowns make buying a starter home nearly impossible—even for dual-income working families.

Average working families who just a generation ago were able to establish roots in the communities they worked and move up the economic ladder through equity accumulation are being priced out of the DuPage market.

This has severe consequences, not only for families, but for the economic and social health of the entire county.

“The lack of affordable housing not only threatens the quality of life for our residents, but it is a direct factor in our ability to retain and attract business to our county. If we are to remain a job creation center, we must have a full spectrum of housing opportunities to accommodate workers at all levels of employment.”

With those words, DuPage County Board Chairman Robert Schillerstrom helped launch the Affordability Task Force to increase the supply of affordable starter homes in DuPage County.

Homeownership: Benchmark for a Vital Community is working on several fronts to increase the supply of moderately priced housing in DuPage County.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT **THE HOMEOWNERSHIP: A BENCHMARK FOR A VITAL COMMUNITY** EFFORTS, GO TO:

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WHO NEED AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

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Could you afford to buy your house if it were on the market today?

DID YOU KNOW....

- DuPage County has the highest home prices in the state
- Many teachers, nurses, police officers cannot afford to buy even a starter home in DuPage County, even with two incomes
- We all suffer the effects of traffic congestion and air pollution associated with this housing shortage

Homeownership: A Benchmark for a Vital Community is a collaborative effort of community leaders, local policy makers, non-profit organizations, realtors, developers, and financial institutions.

These citizens are working to expand the availability of affordable starter homes across DuPage County.

We have prepared a slide presentation that addresses some of the following:

- What is middle-income housing?
- What kind of middle-income housing is lacking in DuPage?
- How are we all affected and why does it matter?
- What can we do?

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