

Housing4All Draft Plan Feedback

The City of Evanston released the Housing4All Draft Plan, a strategic housing plan, on September 12, 2025.

Share your feedback and help the City's Housing and Community Development Committee refine the plan. Your feedback will help create a stronger, more implementable, and more impactful vision.

The survey should take less than 5 minutes. No question is required, but the more feedback we receive, the better we can tailor our goals!

Note: This stage of community feedback ends on Sunday, October 12, 2025.



Want to provide feedback online?
Scan the QR code above or visit cityofevanston.org/Housing4All

Housing Objectives

1 in 3 Evanston households spend over 30% of their income on housing. That number is even higher for renters, low-income households, and people of color. This puts the racial and economic diversity at risk. To combat this trend, the City proposes 3 housing objectives.

Should the City of Evanston prioritize each of these objectives?

Preserve affordable housing units *(Choose one)*

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree

Create new housing to address gaps in the supply

(Choose one)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree

Protect residents from displacement *(Choose one)*

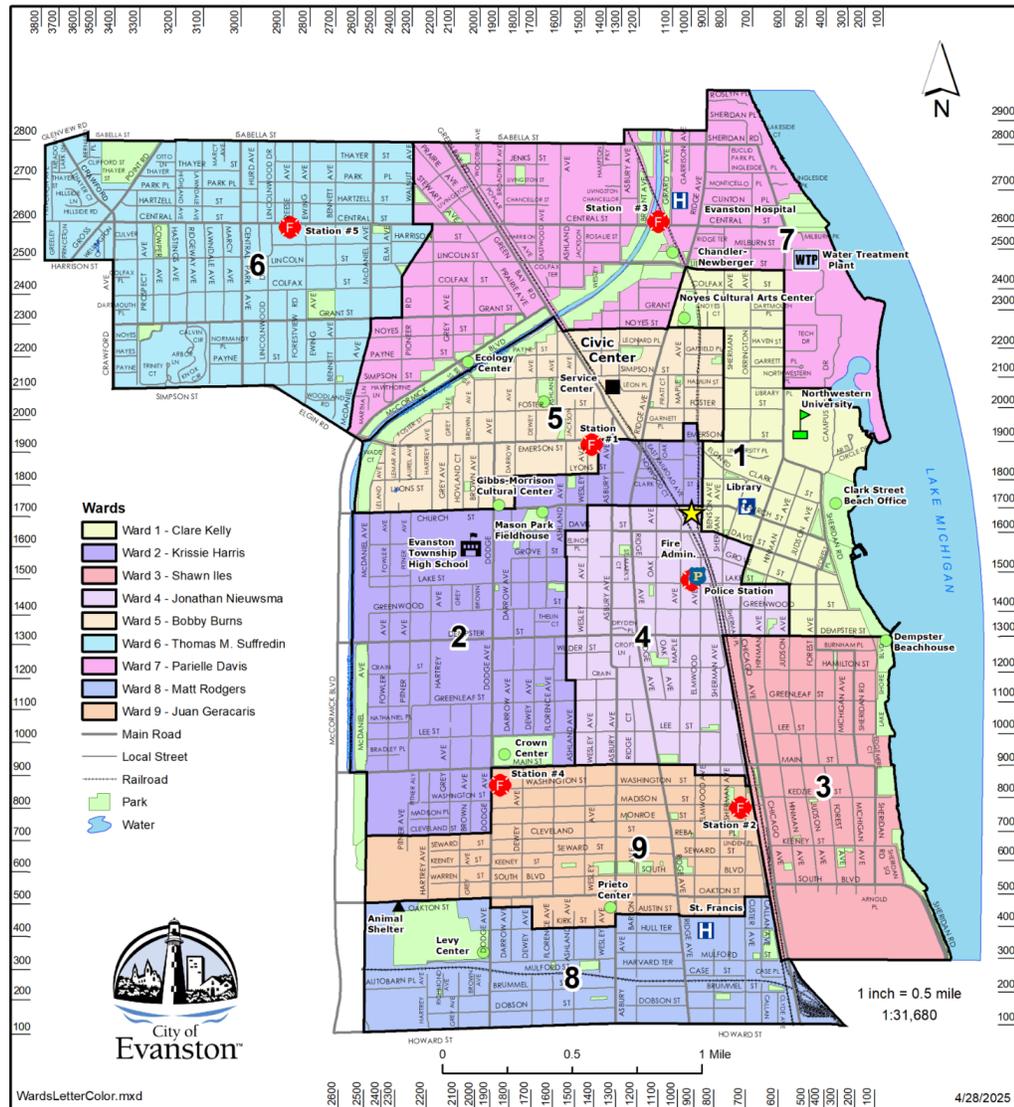
- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree

I also recommend the following objective(s):

Tell us about yourself!

The following questions will help the City continue to track our engagement, identify gaps in input, and improve our processes.

City of Evanston Wards



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I live in: *(Choose one)*

- 1st Ward
- 2nd Ward
- 3rd Ward
- 4th Ward
- 5th Ward
- 6th Ward
- 7th Ward
- 8th Ward
- 9th Ward
- I don't know which ward I live in
- I don't live in Evanston

If you don't know your ward, enter your cross streets (the City will identify it for you!):

My current living situation: *(Mark all that apply)*

- I rent my home in Evanston
- I own my home (with a mortgage) in Evanston
- I own my home (no mortgage) in Evanston
- I live in a college residence hall in Evanston
- I live in a nursing home or treatment center in Evanston
- I am unhoused and live (primarily) in Evanston
- I do not live in Evanston

Number of bedrooms in my living space: *(Choose one)*

- None/studio
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5+

Number of people who live in my living space: *(Choose one)*

Don't forget to include yourself!

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5+

In 5 years, I intend to be: *(Mark all that apply)*

- In the same home - why would I move?
- In the same home - I have no other options
- Living in a larger home in Evanston
- Living in a smaller home in Evanston
- Living outside of Evanston
- My housing is unstable - I'm not sure
- I don't know

Age: *(Choose one)*

- Under 18
- 18- 24
- 25-44
- 45 - 64
- 65+

Race/Ethnicity: *(Mark all that apply)*

- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Middle Eastern/North African
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- White
- Other Race/Ethnicity

Household Income *(Choose one)*

- Under \$60,000
- \$60,000 - \$95,000
- \$95,000 - \$145,000
- \$145,000 - \$180,000
- \$180,000+

Where did you hear about this survey? *(Choose one)*

- I saw it on the City website
- I saw the City's post on social media (Facebook, LinkedIn)
- I saw someone else's post on social media
- I saw it on a flyer
- I read about it in a news article
- I heard about it from my Councilmember
- I heard about it from a family member, friend, or colleague
- I heard about it from someone tabling about Housing4All
- I heard about it from a housing organization
- None of the above

Have you read the Housing4All draft? *(Choose one)*

- Yes, I have read the draft plan
- No, but I plan to
- No, and I don't plan to
- I don't know what Housing4All is

Why not? (if applicable) *(Mark all that apply)*

- I don't have the time
- I don't understand what the draft plan is
- I don't know where to find the draft plan
- It's too long
- I need a translated version
- I don't care about the housing plan
- Something else

Would you like to provide more feedback?

We have some additional questions about strategies the City of Evanston can take to address our housing challenges. You can provide additional feedback about these strategies on the next few pages. If you are not interested in the strategies, you may also end here. *Forms may be dropped off anytime at the following locations, by October 12, 2025:*

- *Robert Crown Community Center*
- *Dr. Jorge and Luz Maria Prieto Community Center*
- *Chandler-Newberger Community Center*
- *Levy Senior Center*
- *Evanston Public Library, Main Branch*
- *Morton City Hall*

Housing Strategies - PRESERVE

The City has identified the following strategies that will push us closer to our 3 objectives. We can't prioritize all of them - your feedback will help the City focus on the ones that matter most and will make the greatest impact.

Below are strategies to **Preserve affordable housing units**

Question: **Should the City of Evanston prioritize the following strategies?**

Each strategy may be referenced in the draft plan using the number next to it ("1.2")

1.1 Subsidized Units: Extend the affordability periods of subsidized affordable housing (*Choose one*)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

1.2 NOAH Preservation: Sustain existing naturally occurring affordable housing (NOAH) (*Choose one*)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

1.3 One-Stop Shop: Establish a “one-stop shop” of housing rehabilitation resources (*Choose one*)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

1.4 Alternative Ownership Models: Expand shared-equity homeownership models, including land trusts and limited equity cooperatives (*Choose one*)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

1.5 Acquisition & Preservation Fund: Establish a fund to support acquisition and preservation of properties at risk of conversion (*Choose one*)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

1.6 Housing Project Funding: Streamline and prioritize funding efforts through citywide program collaboration (*Choose one*)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

1.7 Housing Impact Fee: Create a dedicated source of revenue to contribute to long-term housing goals (*Choose one*)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

1.8 Anti-Deconversion Policy: Prevent 2- and 3- units properties from being redeveloped into single-family homes to preserve "missing middle" housing (*Choose one*)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

1.9 Transfer of Development Rights: Allow property owners in designated areas to sell development rights to owners in areas better suited for development (*Choose one*)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

1.10 Adaptive Reuse: allowing for existing buildings to be repurposed for residential use (*Choose one*)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

I also recommend the following strategies to Preserve affordable housing units:

Housing Strategies - CREATE

Below are strategies to **Create** new housing units to address gaps in the supply

Question: **Should the City of Evanston prioritize the following strategies?**

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2.1 Redevelop City-Owned Property: Redevelop underutilized city-owned properties from tax-exempt to tax-paying housing developments (*Choose one*)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

2.2 Partnerships with Religious Institutions: Work with religious institutions to redevelop surplus or underutilized property into housing (*Choose one*)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

2.3 ADU Financing and Technical Assistance: Support accessory dwelling unit (ADU) development affordable to a range of incomes *(Choose one)*

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

2.4 Inclusionary Housing: Expand housing affordability and equity across the city through the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance *(Choose one)*

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

2.5 Zoning Code Updates: Update the zoning code to facilitate housing development and allow different housing types *(Choose one)*

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

2.6 Streamline Processes: Increase efficiency of the permitting and entitlement processes to accelerate housing creation

(Choose one)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

2.7 Employer-Assisted Housing: Explore partnerships to create employer-assisted housing programs *(Choose one)*

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

I also recommend the following strategies to Create new housing units to address gaps in the supply:

Housing Strategies - PROTECT

Below are strategies to **Protect** residents from displacement

Question: **Should the City of Evanston prioritize the following strategies?**

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3.1 Fair Housing: Support renters and housing providers through education on their rights and protections, as well as enforcement

(Choose one)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

3.2 Housing Provider Mitigation Fund: Reduce barriers that often prevent low-income renters from accessing housing through direct support for housing providers

(Choose one)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

3.3 Asset Building/Financial Counseling Program: Help residents build stronger protections against financial shocks, improve community resilience, and housing stability

(Choose one)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

3.4 Building Code Updates: Reduce the cost of construction to increase affordable housing options

(Choose one)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

3.5 Rental Registration Program: Use an updated rental registry to track the city's housing stock and inform future policies

(Choose one)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

3.6 Anti-Displacement Funding: Diversify and expand funding sources to support neighborhood stability (*Choose one*)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

3.7 Local Hospital Housing Investment Partnership:

Encourage local hospitals to invest in housing solutions for patients who routinely use hospital services due to housing instability (*Choose one*)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

3.8 Just Cause Eviction Policy: Monitor a potential just cause eviction policy to strengthen renter protections and promote housing stability (*Choose one*)

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

3.9 Rental Assistance Expansion: Provide relief for residents with extremely low income who face the greatest risk of housing insecurity *(Choose one)*

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

3.10 Promotion of City Resources: Increase coordination and promotion of programs offered by the City and partner agencies *(Choose one)*

- Strongly Disagree
- Somewhat Disagree
- Somewhat Agree
- Strongly Agree
- No Opinion/I don't know

I also recommend the following strategies to Protect residents from displacement

Anything else you'd like to add regarding Housing4All, the City's strategic housing plan?

**I want to stay informed about housing initiatives in Evanston!
(Optional)**

Email address:

Name:

Thank you for your feedback! We are confident Housing4All will be stronger because of your input.

Share this feedback form, especially to those with housing challenges: tinyurl.com/Housing4AllFeedback

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