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Illinois Housing Development Authority Seeks Public Input to Help Guide Future of Housing

CHICAGO – The Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) is asking local community members, residents, and leaders to participate in the development of the [2027 Illinois Housing Blueprint](#) (Blueprint) through two opportunities: (1) take the resident survey and/or (2) attend a Community Listening Session. The Blueprint is a forward-thinking, grassroots planning initiative designed by IHDA to provide a deeper analysis of the trends and priorities around housing at a regional level that will shape the future of housing policy and investment in Illinois in the years to come.

What Is the Blueprint?

Launched in 2020, the [Blueprint](#) is a statewide initiative conducted every three to five years to assess current housing conditions, create a vision for equitable and affordable housing in Illinois, and a pathway to make that vision possible. While IHDA coordinates the Blueprint's planning process, it is fundamentally collaborative, combining traditional elements such as community engagement with quantitative data analysis. Insights gathered from these engagements are crucial in the creation of a detailed, actionable plan designed to guide Illinois communities in meeting their housing objectives.

Illinois Housing Blueprint Survey

IHDA is asking the public to complete the Blueprint's online survey. This opportunity allows members of the public to share their opinions to help IHDA understand local housing needs and goals of their community. Responses to the survey are anonymous and will be accepted through **Friday, July 31, 2026**. Please [click here](#) to take the survey.

To help gather accurate and comprehensive information, IHDA is encouraging individuals, elected officials, and local governments to utilize the [Blueprint social media toolkit](#) to raise awareness of the survey across personal and professional networks. The more responses received, the more accurate IHDA can be in its analysis, thus providing a more effective tool for communities to describe their current housing needs and planning for the future.

Illinois Housing Blueprint Community Listening Sessions

IHDA is also inviting the public to attend one of their 11 in-person community listening sessions. IHDA is also offering one virtual session that will be conducted in Spanish. At these sessions, IHDA will share data and background specific to the county and region they reside in along with how it compares to other regions in the state. These sessions will provide the opportunity to ask questions and share your thoughts and ideas with staff to ensure the 2027 Blueprint reflects resident input. All attendees [must register](#) in advance.

2026 Community Listening Sessions

Region	City	Date	Time	Address
Southwest Region	Belleville	Wednesday, May 6	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Belleville Welcome Center, 2300 W. Main Street
Southern Region	Marion	Thursday, May 7	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Boyton Street Community Center, 501 W. Boyton Street
West Central Region	Macomb	Wednesday, May 20	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	WIU Macomb, 1 University Circle, Stipes Hall Room 501
Northwest Region	Moline	Thursday, May 21	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	WIU Quad Cities, 3300 River Drive, Riverfront Hall Room 103
Northeast Region	Chicago	Wednesday, June 3	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Illinois Housing Development Authority, 111 E. Wacker Drive
Statewide (in Spanish)	N/A – Virtual	Tuesday, June 9	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	–
Central Region	Springfield	Tuesday, June 16	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Sangamon County Health Department, 2833 S. Grand Avenue East
North Central Region	Peoria	Wednesday, June 17	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Peoria NEXT Innovation Center, 801 W. Main Street
Southeast Region	Effingham	Thursday, June 18	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Koerner Distributor, 1601 Pike Avenue
East Central Region	Champaign	Thursday, June 25	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Champaign Public Library, 200 W. Green Street
Northeast Region	Kankakee	Wednesday, July 8	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Kankakee Community College, Iroquois Room, 100 College Drive
Northern Stateline Region	Rockford	Tuesday, July 14	2:00 – 4:00 p.m.	SWIFTT Office, 1005 S. Main Street

For members of the media, if you would like to speak with someone about the Illinois Housing Blueprint, the survey, or a listening session in your region, please contact Andrew Field at afield@ihda.org.

Additional information is available at www.ilhousingblueprint.org and members of the public may email blueprint@ihda.org with questions or comments.

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About the Illinois Housing Development Authority

IHDA is a self-supporting and mission-driven state agency dedicated to financing the creation and preservation of affordable housing in Illinois. IHDA offers affordable mortgages and down payment assistance for homebuyers, provides financing for the development of affordable rental housing, and manages a variety of assistance programs to create communities where all Illinoisans can live, work, and thrive. Since it was established in 1967, IHDA has delivered more than \$29 billion in state, federal, and leveraged financing to make possible the purchase, development, or rehabilitation of 335,750 homes and apartments for low- and middle-income households. For more information on IHDA programs, visit www.ihda.org.