

CONCLUSION

The findings in this report demonstrate that housing is connected to many elements of our lives – transportation, employment, recreation, education, and our overall wellbeing. The recommended strategies were tailor-made for each locality, and seven regional strategies require our partnership and collaboration.

Demand for housing in the region is growing steadily. Adding housing of varied size and type to meet demand, encouraging re-investment in existing housing, and finding ways to proactively reserve housing for essential, low-income workers and their families are important components of the region's

housing market health and future economic growth. Furthermore, responding to demand requires collaboration among not only local governments and developers but also employers, institutions, and residents.

For those who live, work, or play in the New River Valley, these findings should motivate us to action, and the local and regional strategies are the first step toward implementation. Embracing our opportunities and collectively identifying and tackling our challenges is how the NRV has come to be such a desirable place to live.





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