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Local tools for more affordable housing

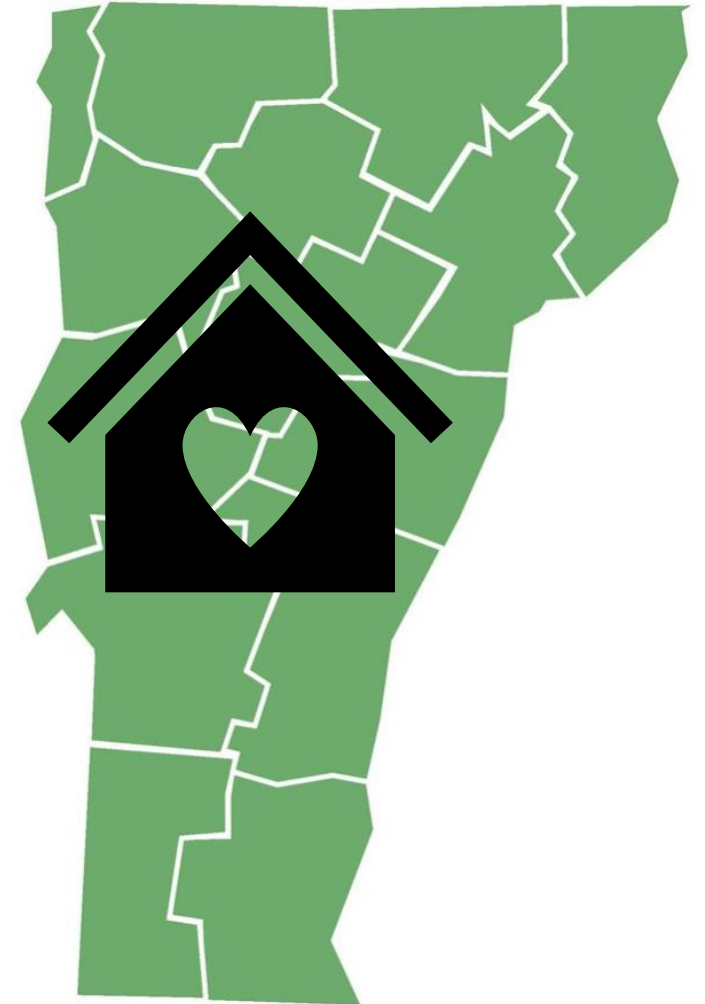
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How do these resources translate to more safe, affordable homes?

**State &
federal
programs**
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Local housing ambassadors are KEY



Who are your local housing ambassadors?

Housing developers
Community housing trusts
Regional planning commission (RPC)

Individual residents
Neighbors

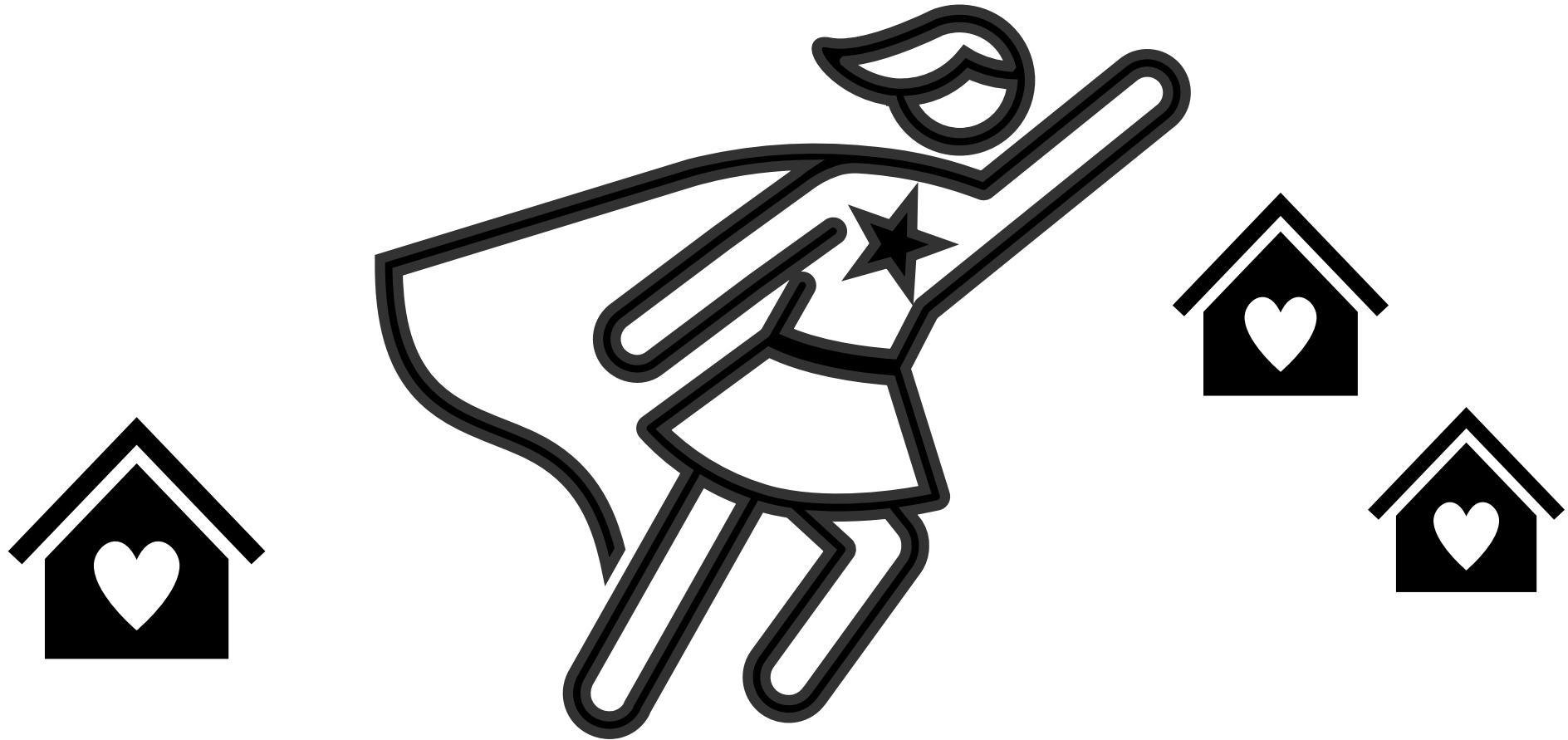
Local elected officials
Municipal planning and zoning staff
Planning commission



❖ Local housing committee

Informal resident group
Formal municipal committee
Anything in between

Why start a local housing committee?



Define “More affordable housing” for your town

M ... new Affordable Housing (housing made perpetually affordable to low income, primarily renter, households through state and federal subsidies)

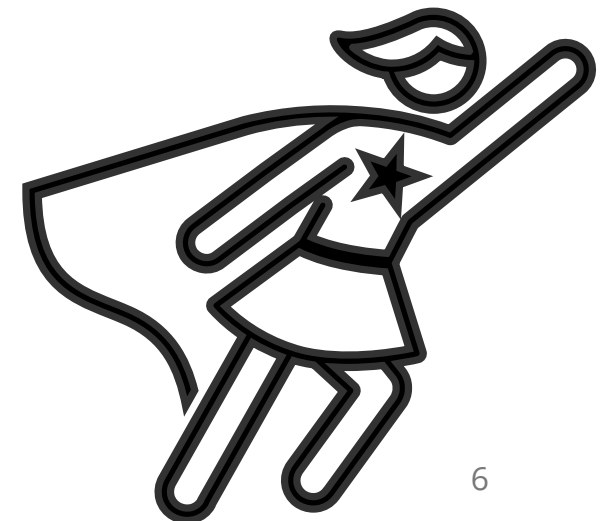
O ... **affordability for existing homes** without building new housing

R ... **quality** for existing homes to mitigate some demand for new Affordable Housing

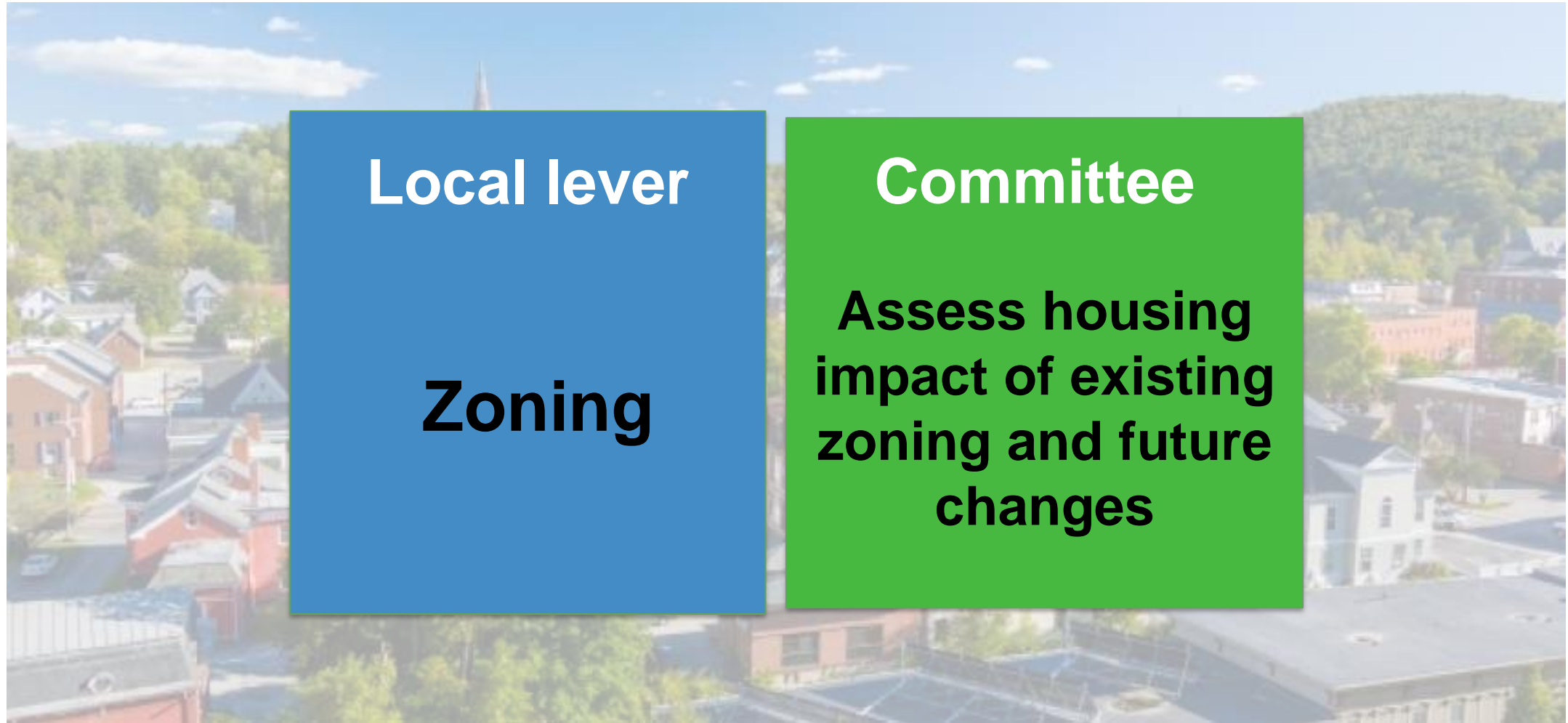
E ... New housing affordable at middle income

E ... New housing to increase supply

All of the above!



Common local levers and committee opportunities



Local lever

Zoning

Committee

**Assess housing
impact of existing
zoning and future
changes**

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Local lever

Review and permitting processes

Committee

Identify “by right” development options and remove local reviews that duplicate state or federal

Common local levers and committee opportunities

Local lever

Gate keeper for each new housing development

Committee

- YIMBY
- Support naturally occurring housing
- Set the stage for potential Affordable Housing

More committee opportunities

- Housing Trust Fund
- Accessory Dwelling Units
- Inclusionary Zoning
- Opportunities tailored to **your town's unique needs**

Tools for housing committees at www.housingdata.org

1. Housing-Ready Toolbox

- How to get started as a housing committee
- Regulatory, funding and other types of local levers and strategies

The screenshot shows the HousingData.org website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the logo "HousingData.org VERMONT powered by: vhfafa" and links for "About", "Contact", and "Manage". Below the navigation bar is a search section titled "Search affordable apartments" with a text input field containing the placeholder "Type a city or county, then press 'Search now'", a "Search now" button, and a "Need help?" link. Below the search section is a note: "Properties in villages are listed under the town name. [Click here](#) for a full list." Below this is a featured article banner with a green background and a house illustration. The article is titled "Survey of local housing committees in Vermont underway" and includes a "Read the Article" button. At the bottom of the page, there is a navigation bar with three main sections: "Community Profiles" (with a house icon), "Housing-Ready Toolbox" (with a calculator icon), and "Renter FAQs" (with a document icon).

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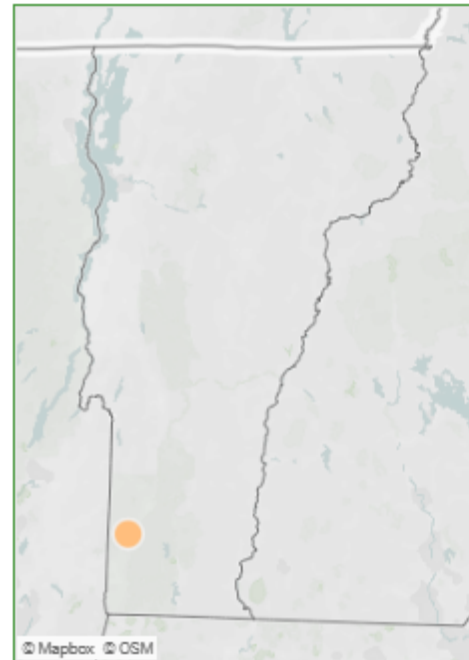
2. Community Profiles

- Existing local studies
- Profiles of every Vermont community
- Lists of Affordable Housing by town

Community snapshot



< Explore the data Data summary >



Arlington

Arlington



Households

Vermont
260,029

Arlington
1,057



Homeless individuals
(One Night Count, 2020)

Vermont
1,110

County
88



Median household income

Vermont
\$61,973

Arlington
\$60,493

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Other tools for learning about housing

Vermont Housing 101 You-Tube videos

➤ YouTube Search “Vermont Housing Finance Agency”

VHFA News

- www.vhfa.org/news
- Articles about local opportunities for more affordable housing and more

Regional planning commissions

- Local housing ambassador meetings
- Initiatives like Keys to the Valley



Vermont Housing 101

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This series, presented by VHFA Executive Director Maura Collins, provides an introduction to housing issues and policies in Vermont.



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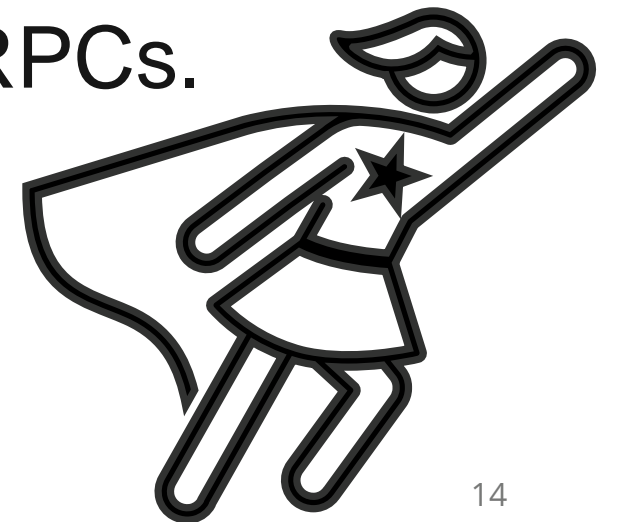
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Opportunities and tools for forging ahead

- Local housing committees can unleash improvements to housing affordability.
- For the typical Vermont town, no one else is better suited for this role.
- Tools are available to help from VHFA and RPCs.





Thank you!

Questions or suggestions?
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