

From Engagement to Organizing: Strategic Approaches to Community Building

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Why Are We Here?

First of all...



Credit: Sandra Boynton

- There is generally strong support for affordable housing in many of our Litchfield County communities
- We also know that having a greater majority of prohomes advocates in our towns can only help when it comes to building more housing



How can we get to more ...?

- Support at Town Meetings
- Active participation in Housing Development
- Financial Support

Spectrum of Public Participation

Source: Adapted from the International Association for Public Participation's Spectrum of Public Participation

Increasing Level of Public Participation

Public Education

Public Input

Public Cooperation

Public Engagement

Public Decides

Inform

Consult

Involve

Collaborate

Empower

- Info Sessions
- Seminars
- Newsletters
- Websites

- Listening Sessions
- Surveys
- Focus Groups
- Town
 - Meetings

- Public holds facilitator or board member position
- Stakeholder groups
- Deliberative Polling

- Participatory decisionmaking
- Community
 Conversations
- Advisory Groups

- Delegated leadership & decision-making
- Participatory budgeting

LCCHO Outreach & Engagement Tools

- Building Community Support: Playbook and Toolkit
- Drop-in monthly Zoom meeting on Housing Outreach & Communications
- Handouts and resources
- Help with tabling/events

Building Community Support for Affordable Housing in Litchfield County:

A PLAYBOOK

Building Community Support for Affordable Housing in Litchfield County:

A TOOLKIT



Creative engagement examples (non-project specific)



Projectspecific
example:
Millard Brook

Cornwall Housing Corporation





Housing For All Alliance

Housing for All includes neighbors and organizations in rural and suburban towns learning, organizing, and working together to make sure everyone has a safe, affordable place to live.

- The Housing Collective: Centers for Housing Opportunity (Litchfield County, Eastern CT, Fairfield County)
- All In Alliances
- CT for All

Goal: Laying the groundwork for a robust pro-homes movement across CT by organizing, engaging, and activating residents at the local grassroots scale.



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