THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN GREATER WASHINGTON

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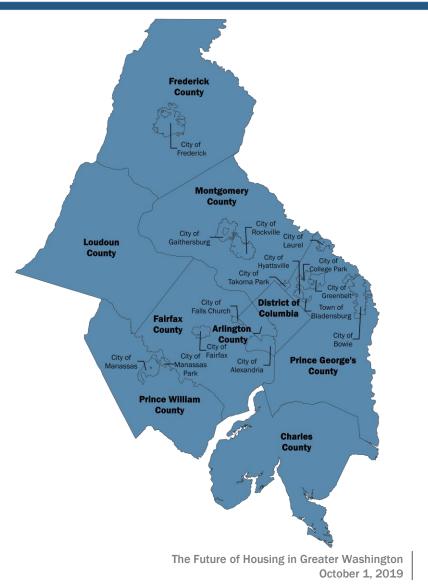
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About COG

- An independent, nonprofit association
- Brings area leaders together to address regional challenges in the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland, and northern Virginia
- Membership comprised of 300 elected officials from 24 local governments, the Maryland and Virginia state legislatures, and U.S. Congress



Meeting the Region's Unmet Housing Needs

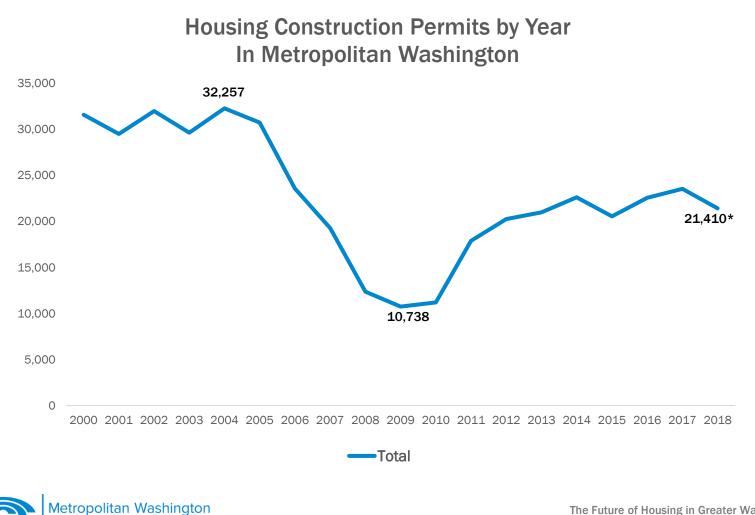




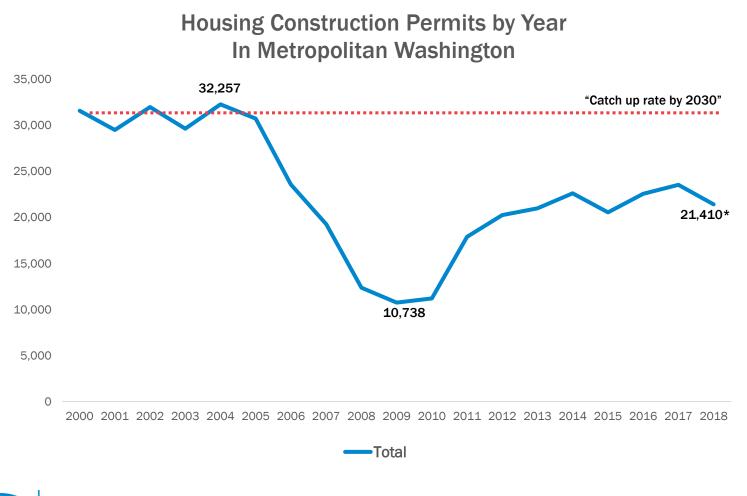
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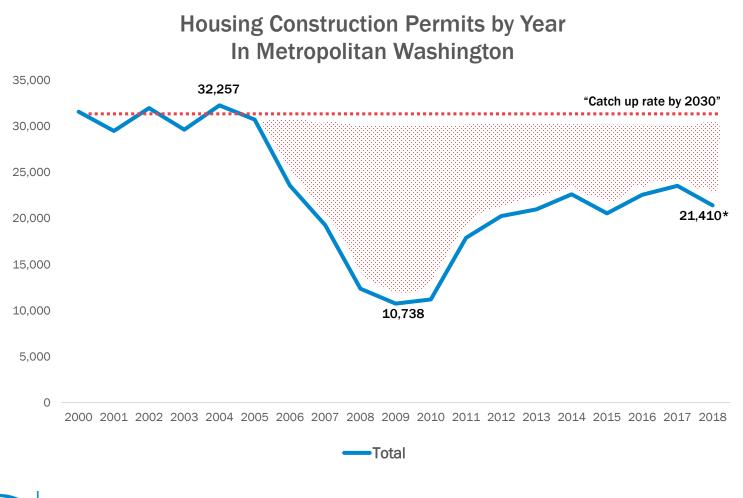


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Housing: An Opportunity

- Stronger
 Economy
- Better performing transportation system
- Improved quality of life resulting from greater affordability





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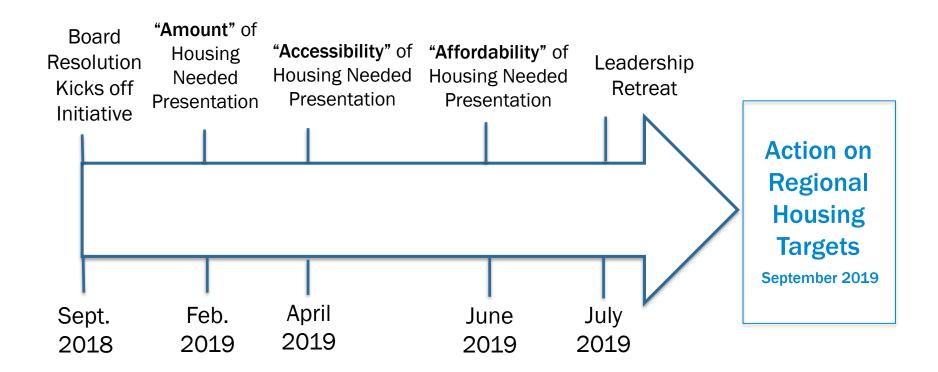
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- Prince George's County Council Member Derrick Davis (Strategy Group Chair)
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- District of Columbia Senior Advisor Beverly Perry
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- City of Alexandria Mayor Justin Wilson



Regional Housing Initiative Milestones





Regional Housing Targets

AMOUNT

Regional Target 1:

At least 320,000 housing units should be added in the region between 2020 and 2030. This is an additional 75,000 units beyond the units already forecast for this period.

Regional Target 2:

ACCESSIBILITY

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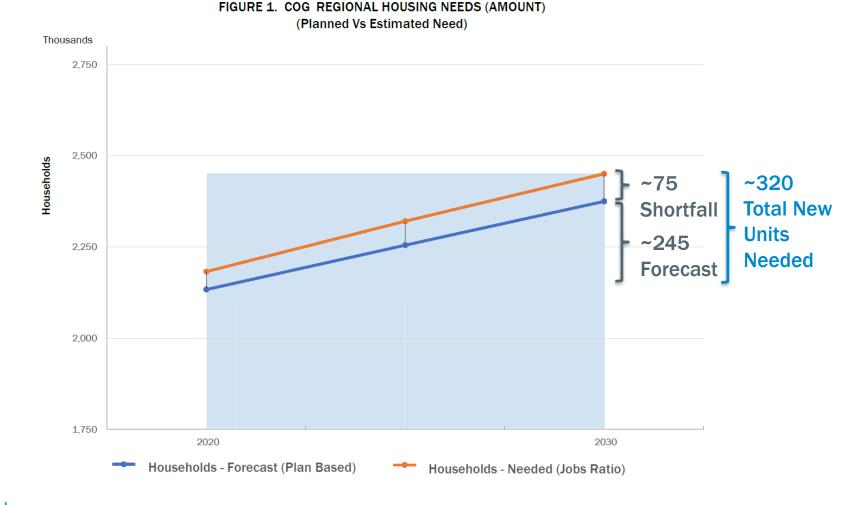
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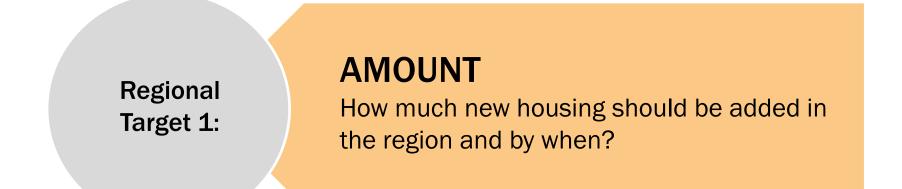
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Housing Needs, 2020-2030



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- The region needs to increase the number of planned housing units by over 75,000 additional homes between now and 2030, beyond the 245,000 currently forecast.
- Existing comprehensive plans *can* accommodate this additional capacity; zoning and plan changes may be necessary.



Regional Target 2:

ACCESSIBILITY

How much of the additional housing should be located in Activity Centers and near high-capacity transit?

- Activity centers, locations identified as ideal for growth, and areas near high capacity transit *can* accommodate the additional housing.
- 2010 Region Forward goal of 50% of new housing in Activity Centers. Region is currently achieving 68%; proposed new target of 75%.



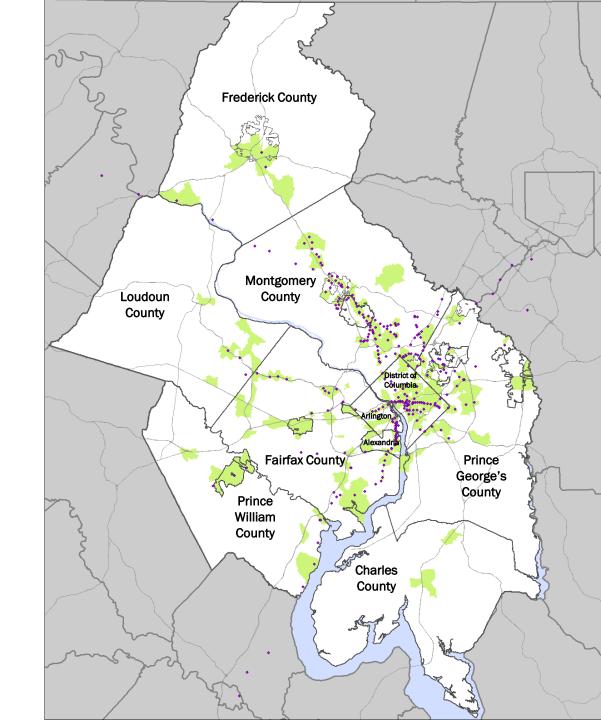
Activity Centers

High-Capacity Transit Stations

- 98 Metrorail Stations
- 39 Commuter Rail Stations
- 21 Light Rail Stations
- 120 BRT Stations
- 19 Streetcar Stations
- 297 Total Stations



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AFFORDABILITY

At what price points should housing be added to accommodate the type of household growth anticipated?

- Many area households are already considered "housing cost-burdened."
- Urban Institute: Many more housing units will be needed in the lowest to middle cost bands to accommodate both expected and additional growth.



Low Cost Housing Stock Potentially Lost **= 10,000 Units** (2020-2030)

Figure 6: Amount of Low Cost Housing Stock Potentially Lost (2020 - 2030)

Source: COG portrayal of Urban Institute findings



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Comprehensive Plan Efforts





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Communication



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