

The background of the slide is a photograph of two houses. On the left is a two-story house with grey siding, white trim, and a white porch with columns. The number "114" is visible above the porch. On the right is a two-story red brick house with a grey roof and a chimney. A white door with the number "108" is visible. A semi-transparent white box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing the title text.

Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition

Introduction and Legislative Priorities

Overview



Introduction to the Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition



Overview of the Housing Crisis in Vermont



Opportunity to Address the Housing Crisis



VAHC Legislative Priorities

Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition

Vision Statement We envision a future where everyone has a home in which to live with dignity and opportunity.



Education, Advocacy, Outreach

Northwest

AARP Vermont
Burlington Housing Authority
Cathedral Square
Champlain Housing Trust
Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO)
Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission
Community and Economic Development Office (CEDO)
COTS
Dismas of Vermont, Inc.
Duncan-Wisniewski Architecture
Evernorth
Farrell Properties
Housing Foundation, Inc. (HFI)
Lamoille Housing Partnerships
Main Street Landing

Northgate Residents' Ownership Corp. (NROC)
Northwest Regional Planning Commission
Pathways Vermont
Samaritan House, Inc.
Spectrum Youth and Family Services
Summit Properties
Vermont Energy Investment Corp. (VEIC)
Vermont Housing Finance Agency (VHFA)
Vermont Housing Managers Association (VHMA)
Vermont Interfaith Action
Vermont Low Income Advocacy Alliance (VLIAC)
Winooski Housing Authority

South

Bennington Housing Authority
Brattleboro Housing Partnerships
BROC Community Action
GroundWorks
Housing Trust of Rutland County
Mascoma Bank
NeighborWorks of Western Vermont
Rutland Housing Authority
Rutland Mental Health Services
Rutland Regional Planning Commission
Shires Housing

Southeastern Vermont Community Action (SEVCA)
Springfield Supported Housing Program (SSHP)
Twin Pines Housing Trust
Two Rivers-Ottawaquechee Regional Commission
Upper Valley Haven
Vital Communities
Windham & Windsor Housing Trust

Northeast Kingdom

Northeast Kingdom Community Action (NEKCA)
RuralEdge
Town of Greensboro

Central

Addison County Community Trust
Addison County Regional Planning Commission
Another Way, Inc.
Barre Housing Authority
Bread Loaf Corp.
Central Vermont Habitat for Humanity
Community of Vermont Elders (COVE)
Downstreet Housing & Community Development
Good Samaritan Haven
Highgate Apartments
HOPE Vermont
John Graham Housing & Services
Montpelier Housing Authority
Randolph Area Community Development Corp. (RACDC)
Vermont Center for

Independent Living (VCL)
Vermont Coalition of Runaway & Homeless Youth Programs
Vermont Coalition to End Homelessness (VCEH)
Vermont Community Loan Fund
Vermont Council on Rural Development (VCRD)
Vermont Early Childhood Advocacy Alliance (VECAA)
Vermont Housing & Conservation Board (VHCB)
Vermont Network Against Domestic and Sexual Violence
Vermont State Housing Authority
Voices for Vermont's Children
Washington County Mental Health Services
Wells River Savings Bank

Scale of Vermont's Housing Crisis

Large and Growing Crisis

VHFA estimates that 40,000 units will be needed by 2030

Lowest rental vacancy rate in the US

Among the highest rental housing wages in the country: need to work 59 hours, or 1.5 jobs, to afford 1 bedroom (NLIHC)

“So even people that have jobs, the rents are really have really gone up dramatically. So it's even hard for working people to actually afford an apartment, if they can even find an apartment.”

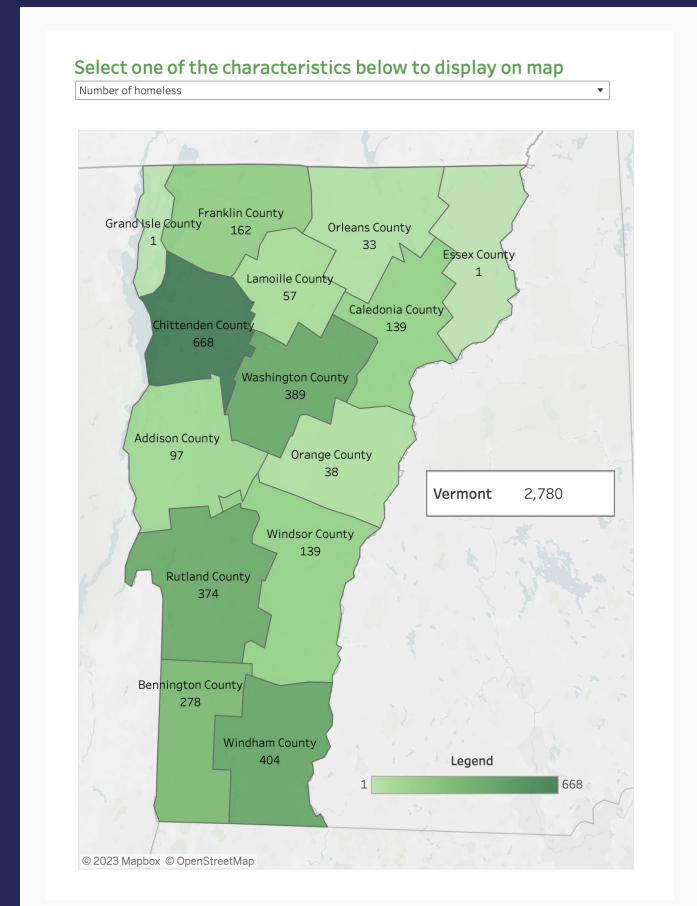
*Northeast Kingdom Healthcare
Provider*

Homelessness: A Solvable Crisis

>2,800 exited from homelessness since the onset of the pandemic

2,780 people experiencing homelessness (2022 Point-in-Time Count)

272 families with children, 13% overall



Opportunity to Address the Crisis

- Evidence-based Models
- Pandemic Innovations
- Public Awareness of Crisis
- Political Will
- Infusion of Federal Resources



Snapshot of Solutions

- **Housing for All Revenue Bond** \$37 million that leveraged \$198 million in additional investments to create 843 new apartments and homes
- **Vermont Emergency Rental Assistance Program** 16,496 helped to remain stably housed through the pandemic utilizing federal funds
- **Vermont FY22 allocations** \$43 million in funds to VHCB have leveraged \$276 million, helping to create 1,051 homes and apartments
- **Vermont Housing Improvement Program (VHIP)**. More than 329 households with low incomes have been able to access permanent housing



Zephyr Place
72 perpetually affordable
apartments
Williston



Cherry Street
9 rental units
Former Caledonia
County Jail
St. Johnsbury



Bellows Falls Garage
Windham & Windsor Trust
27 rental units, 19 with
subsidies



Safford Commons
4 homeownership and 28
rental units with 1 to 3
bedrooms
Woodstock



We Can House All Vermonters

Large shortage of affordable housing to meet the needs of all Vermonters

Robust evidence that the overwhelming majority of people can be housed

Many solutions are already in place but not resourced adequately



What We Need

Bring solutions to scale

Sustain and accelerate pipeline of development

Sustained investment to reverse the effects of decades of underinvestment and policies that limited housing development

Bridges to permanent housing for Vermonters who are unhoused



VAHC 2023 Legislative Priorities

Sustain Bridges from Homelessness to Housing

- Expand rental assistance programs

- Preserve and redesign GA Emergency Housing

Bring Solutions to Scale

Capital Investments in Affordable Housing

- Full statutory funding for Vermont Housing & Conservation Board

- \$175 million in capital investments

Increased Funding for Supportive/Human Services

- Investments in manufactured home communities and farmworker housing

Enabling, Equitable Policies and Protections

- Zoning reforms

- Tenant Protections

