



Wauwatosa is Home to Health

How Housing is the Key to a Healthy Community

What is Affordable and/or Accessible Housing?

Any housing that its people can afford, live in safely, and that provides reasonable access to daily needs, such as employment and healthcare.

By cultivating a mix of housing options in Wauwatosa, from single-family homes to multi-family units to rental properties, all at various price points, we can ensure that anyone who wants to can call Wauwatosa home and contribute to our thriving community.

What type of housing does an inclusive mix include?

- Single-family homes
- Townhomes and duplexes
- Apartments and condominiums
- Affordable, workforce, and market-rate options
- Options for renters and homeowners
- Age-friendly housing (from first homes to downsizing options)

How does a healthy mix of housing lead to a healthy community?

- Residents are less likely to be cost-burdened by their housing and therefore are better able to address their physical and mental needs.
- People can live closer to where they work, earning a living wage, reducing costly commutes, and contributing back to Wauwatosa's local economy.
- Affordability leads to housing stability, which is linked to better health, education, and safety outcomes.

What are the benefits of having a balanced mix of housing beyond health?

- Strengthens the city's economic health.
- A range of housing supports local businesses by keeping customers and employees nearby.
- Promotes equity by reducing disparities in health outcomes linked to socioeconomic status.
- Produces population growth, essential for a growing tax base.

How is Wauwatosa working to cultivate a better mix of housing?

- Pursuing partnerships to include affordable units or contributions to the City's affordable housing fund in new housing developments.
- Exploring and implementing thoughtful updates to zoning policies to facilitate new development.
- Supporting new development projects, especially near transit and job opportunities.
- Prioritizing mixed-income and age-friendly housing that can serve a range of people, including those with disabilities, veterans, and families.

How can you support these efforts?

• Stay informed

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• Speak up

Attend public meetings regarding new housing development and share your perspective on healthy housing, and share with your elected officials and community leaders why pro-housing policies are important to you as a Wauwatosa resident.

A mix of housing options builds a stronger, healthier community.
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