

City of Binghamton: Benefits of Pro-Housing

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The Challenge and the Opportunity

- Statewide housing pressure: affordability, supply gaps, aging housing stock
- Municipalities are key to solutions: zoning, permitting, policy
- Pro-Housing Communities Program = tool + incentive



What Pro-Housing Certification Requires

- Letter of Intent + Submission of key data (zoning & building permits past 5 yrs, etc.)
- Either achievement of production thresholds **or** a Pro-Housing Resolution passed by governing body
- Rolling applications, 90-day decision timeline



THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON
STATE OF NEW YORK

Date: September 7, 2023

Sponsored by Council Members: Resciniti, Riley, Friedman, Strawn, Scanlon, Scaringi

Introduced by Committee: Planning

RESOLUTION

entitled
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ADOPT THE PRO-HOUSING
COMMUNITIES PLEDGE

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton (hereinafter "local government") believes that the lack of housing for New York residents of all ages and income levels negatively impacts the future of New York State's economic growth and community well-being;

WHEREAS, the housing crisis has negative effects at regional and local levels, we believe that every community must do their part to contribute to housing growth and benefit from the positive impacts a healthy housing market brings to communities;

WHEREAS, we believe that supporting housing production of all kinds in our community will bring multiple benefits, including increasing housing access and choices for current and future residents, providing integrated accessible housing options that meet the needs of people with sensory and mobility disabilities, bringing economic opportunities and vitality to our communities, and allowing workers at all levels to improve their quality of life through living closer to their employment opportunities;

WHEREAS, we believe that evidence showing that infill development that reduces sprawl and supports walkable communities has significant environmental and public health benefits; and

WHEREAS, we believe that affirmatively furthering fair housing and reducing segregation is not only required by law, but is essential for keeping our community strong and vibrant;

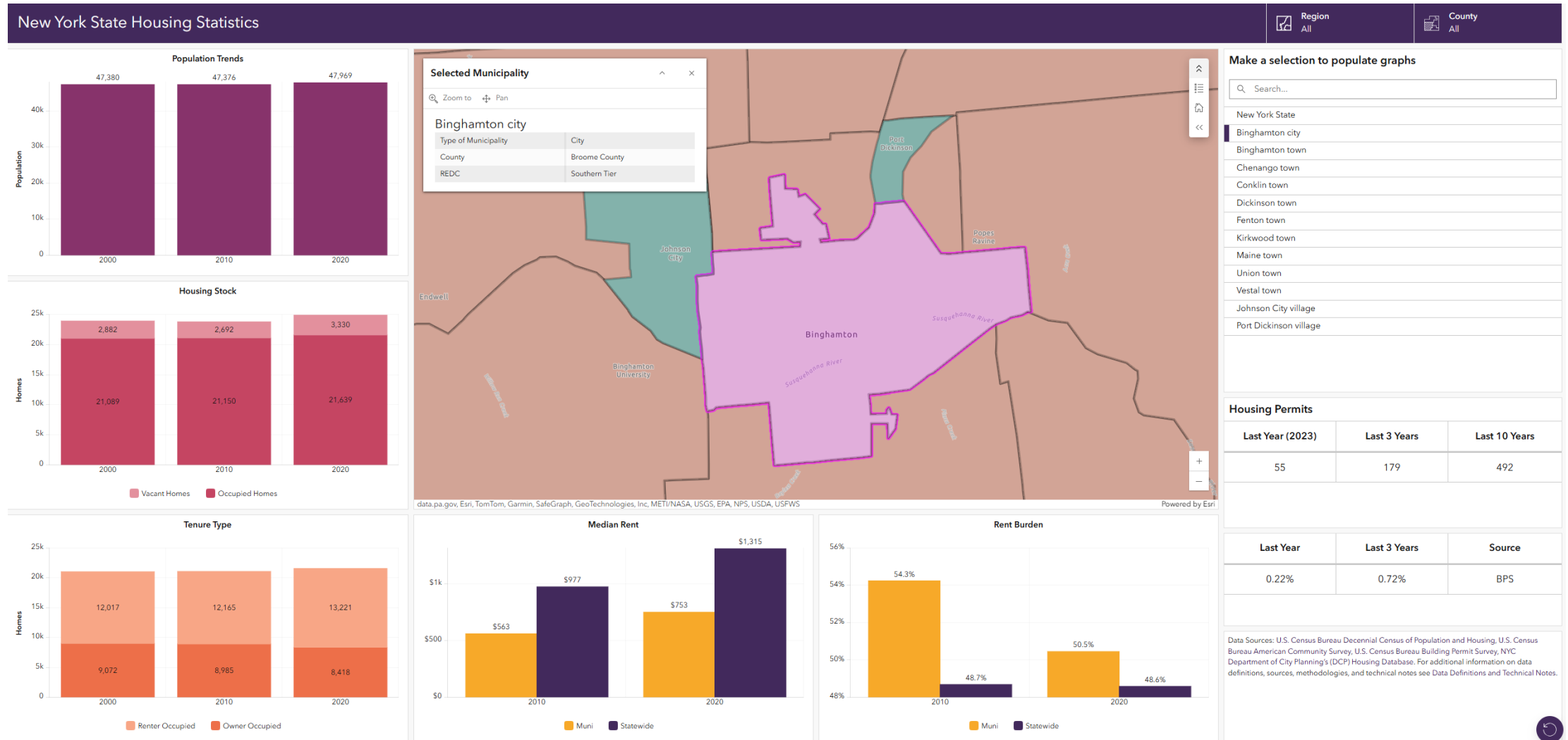
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that City of Binghamton, in order to take positive steps to alleviate the housing crisis, adopts the Pro-Housing Communities pledge, which will have us endeavor to take the following important steps:

1. Streamlining permitting for multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.
2. Adopting policies that affirmatively further fair housing.
3. Incorporating regional housing needs into planning decisions.
4. Increasing development capacity for residential uses.
5. Enacting policies that encourage a broad range of housing development, including multifamily housing, affordable housing, accessible housing, accessory dwelling units, and supportive housing.

NYS Housing Statistics: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/new-york-state-housing-statistics>

Pro-Housing Communities Dashboard: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/df929a3df59a4913849b4758d892e8aa>

Where Binghamton Stands



Why Pro-Housing?

- Access to new funding streams (often competitive)
- Improved reputation / more interest from developers
- Better housing outcomes for residents: more units, lower cost burden, improved quality



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Great news — the cities of Ithaca and Binghamton voted this week to participate in our new pro-housing communities initiative! Communities like these will help solve our statewide housing crisis, and every municipality can play a role.

Learn more:



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New York Main Street: <https://hcr.ny.gov/new-york-main-street>

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REDC

2024 AWARDS

SOUTHERN TIER



Agency/ Program	CFA #	County	Applicant	Project Title	Description	Award	REDC Priority Project	Date Announced
ESD PHC	140705	Broome	City of Binghamton	City of Binghamton Scattered Blight Removal Project	The City of Binghamton will demolish five dilapidated properties, most of which are located in a floodplain. This demolition and site work will allow for the properties to be reconstructed for critical housing and commercial spaces throughout Binghamton.	\$125,950	X	1/28/2025

Capital Improvement Grants for Pro-Housing Communities Program: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/pro-housing-communities-governor-hochul-announces-more-100-million-awarded-projects>

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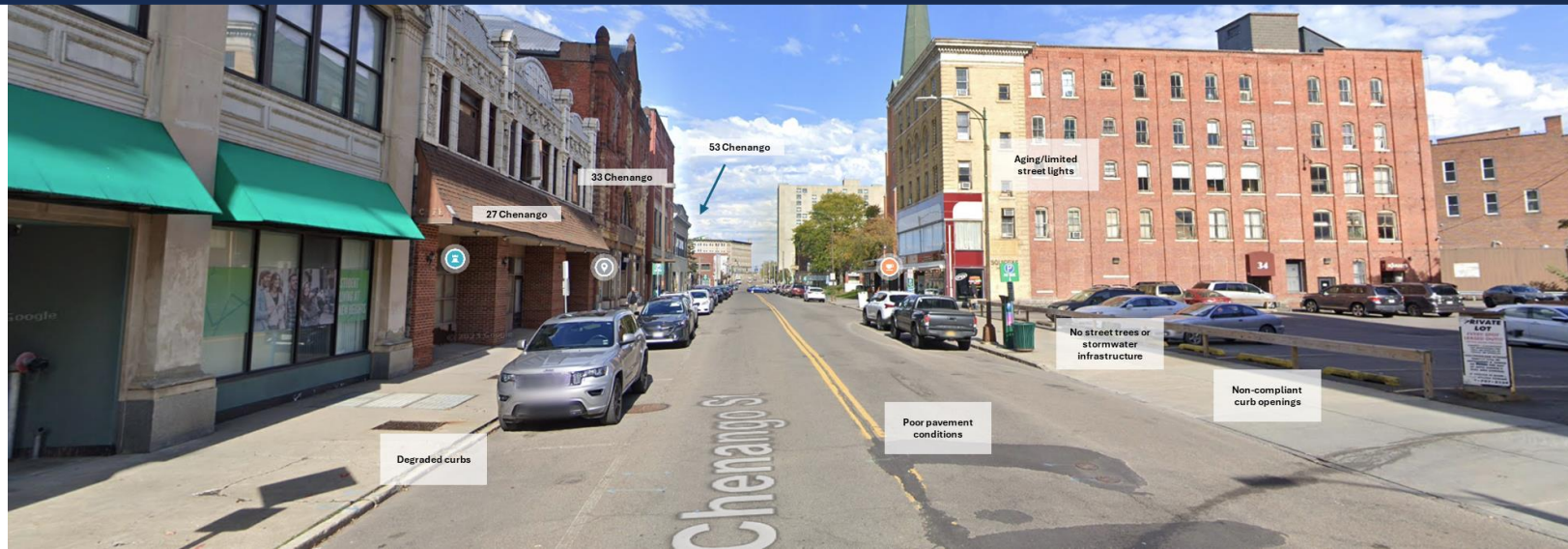


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Pro-Housing Supply Fund: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-hochul-announces-applications-are-now-being-accepted-100-million-new-york-state-pro>



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New York Main Street: <https://hcr.ny.gov/new-york-main-street>



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Questions?

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