

Broome County Housing Initiatives Tracker

INITIATIVE	STATUS	PROGRESS TO DATE
PRIORITIZE PROTECTIONS		
Support NYS Fair Housing protections at the County level	Stalled	The proposed Broome County Fair Housing Law was never brought to the Legislature for discussion or approval.
Hire fulltime staff person to focus on Task Force's mission	Completed	County Executive Jason Garnar proposed a new position in the Planning Department in the 2020 budget. It was approved and a Program Coordinator was hired in May 2020.
Expand Fair Housing coverage	In Process	As of spring 2022, CNY Fair Housing has been funded through the Broome County Housing Trust Fund to expand their services into Broome County.
Implement Eviction Prevention protocol at DSS	Completed	
Promote consistent treatment of Spiegel Law at municipal Civil Court levels	Completed	
Educate municipalities regarding Spiegel Law and its potential effectiveness	In Process	At the time of recommendation development, Core Group members of the Safe Housing Task Force reached out to various municipal code enforcement offices and courts reminding them of this law and how it should be implemented.
Explore Lease terms	Not Started	
Implement inclusionary zoning	Not Started	No local municipality has made any indication of interest in passing legislation on inclusionary zoning.
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STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT		
Municipal involvement in County tax foreclosure auction	In Process	At the time of recommendation development, Broome County Real Property Director David Hamlin hosted a discussion with municipal and non-profit leaders to educate them on the foreclosure auction process and the opportunity to partner with the County on acquisition and use of foreclosed properties. Since that time, the COVID-19 protections against foreclosure has slowed that process, but discussions and additional programs/procedures will move forward in 2022.
Non-profit partnerships to build permanent supportive and affordable housing	In Process	The opportunity for partnership will expand moving forward. Since this recommendation, Broome County has partnered with WHO and launched a long term partnership with the Southern Door Community Land Trust.
Pursue alternative referral mechanism for DSS clients	Completed/In Process	DSS has recently reviewed their Landlord List to include a disclaimer clarifying that housing choice remains the decision of the client and landlords are not endorsed by the Department. As a result of the Anti-Displacement

		Learning Network grant, a Relocation Assistance Program was launched, providing housing search assistance and developing the online subscription of Padmission. Right now, the Relocation Assistance Program is the only housing provider using the subscription, but over the next 2 years, staff hope to expand the usage to other housing providers.
Establish a Relocation Assistance Program	Completed	As a result of the Anti-Displacement Learning Network grant, a Relocation Assistance Program was launched, providing housing search assistance and developing the online subscription of Padmission.
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<i>IMPROVE QUALITY</i>		
Preoccupancy inspections	In Process	Broome County DSS has partnered with Binghamton City Code to complete preoccupancy inspections prior to DSS clients moving in.
Promote data sharing and integration	Stalled	
Strengthen information sharing between municipal code and DSS	Completed	Broome County DSS and Binghamton City Code have developed a strong information sharing protocol regarding health and safety code violations at DSS client residences.
Pursue an administrative violations approach for code enforcement	Not Started	No local municipality has made any indication of interest in an administrative violations approach.
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<i>TARGET SUPPORT</i>		
Develop landlord/tenant resources page on County website	Completed	Broome County Planning has launched a webpage with resources and information. It will be updated and expanded upon over time.
Streamline/coordinate referral processes	In Process	
Increase availability of/access to property rehabilitation and remediation resources for local property owners	In Process	
Promote responsible landlords	Not Started	