

Housing Quality Task Force Overview



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Agenda

- Composition and Charge
- Approach
- Understanding the Rochester Landscape
- Defining Housing Quality and the Challenges to Housing Quality
- Principles and Problem Statements

Recommendations: Code Enforcement

- Hire Dedicated Housing Attorney
- Establish Cross-functional Team to Target Habitual Non-compliant Landlords
- Implement Property Owner/Manager Scoring System



Facilitating Responsible Ownership through Land Bank, Foreclosures, and Building Registry

- Increase Scale and Effectiveness of the Rochester Land Bank
- Better Ensure Tax Foreclosure Purchasers Have No Outstanding Code Violations
- Building Owner Registry
- Enhance Vacant Property Management Program



Repair and Improvement

- Increase Funding for the Emergency Hazard Abatement Program
- Fund Repair and Improvement Grants and Loans to Both Owner-Occupants and High Scoring Landlords
- Scale up the RENEW Program



Increase Supply of Quality Housing

- Provide Incentives for New Construction and Substantial Rehab to generate New Units
- Encourage the Expansion of High Quality Residential and Mixed-use Housing Supply



Relevant Links

Overview:

<https://www.cityofrochester.gov/departments/neighborhood-and-business-development/housing-quality-task-force-hqtf>

HQTF Report:

https://www.cityofrochester.gov/sites/default/files/migrated/WorkArea-DownloadAsset.aspx-id-21474850164.pdf?check_logged_in=1

Questions?

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