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On March 15th, the Aquidneck Island Planning Commission (AIPC) conducted a Smart Island event to address housing issues on Aquidneck Island and chart an action agenda for moving forward as a region.

Conducted in partnership with HousingWorks RI and Fourth Economy, the event engaged over 150 Islanders and others in an interactive dialogue that allowed for a broad range of perspectives on issues such as workforce and family housing, affordable senior housing and the ability to age in community, the impacts of seasonal rentals, and integrated planning of open spaces, transportation, commercial development and other aspects that impact the livability of our communities.

Afternoon break-out sessions enabled smaller groups of participants to start to craft an action agenda for Aquidneck Island that would address our regional housing needs. A full report from the event with proceedings from all the presentations will be available soon, but in the interim the AIPC has embarked on the next stage of this process - working with its partners to distill a Housing Action Agenda for the Island based on participants' input in the Housing Forum's afternoon workshops.

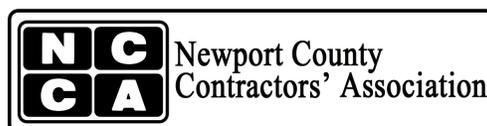
This agenda will include how we will tell the story of housing for our future and how we will work together to plan, build, and most importantly: pay for it.

AIPC is committed to engaging all stakeholders on the Island in this process. Please see the housing section of our website at [aquidneckplanning.org](http://aquidneckplanning.org) for updates and information on housing issues and follow the AIPC on Facebook to engage as we move forward together.

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## Housing Action Agenda

AIPC will work with the communities of Aquidneck Island, their housing entities and other partners and stakeholders to facilitate a recommended Housing Action Agenda based on the outcomes of the March 15th forum, that will serve as the basis for Island-wide initiatives, including:

### TELLING THE STORY

Broaden public understanding of Island housing needs & build support for addressing them.

### WORKING TOGETHER

Strengthen existing and build new partnerships and collaborations around housing issues to pool resources and focus efforts.

### PLANNING THE FUTURE

Ensure our policy framework presents a collaborative, comprehensive, and clear vision for the Island's housing future.

### BUILDING THE FUTURE

Enable the vision via creative regulatory initiatives and other mechanisms that incentivize expanded housing choice and affordability.

### PAYING FOR THE FUTURE

Garner resources to support the vision of an affordable housing future.

### OUR MISSION

AIPC works to preserve and improve the environment, economy and quality of life on Aquidneck Island – to ensure that the Island remains a great place to live, work, play, and thrive.

### OUR PARTNERS

