

Workshop set on future of housing in Dundee Twp. towns

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CARPENTERSVILLE — What kinds of housing developments are needed in Carpentersville? What kinds are not?

The community is invited attend a workshop next month to discuss just that.

The village is joining both East and West Dundee to develop Homes for a Changing Region plans, a project of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, and the Metropolitan Planning Council.

The initiative allows municipal leaders to chart future demand and supply trends for housing in their communities and develop long-term housing policy plans. Officials said these plans aim to create a balanced mix of housing, serve current and future populations, and enhance livability.

Residents are encouraged to help the village plan for the years ahead. "This is a community planning effort, and the end result is something the village can work with to improve our community," said Assistant Village Manager Joe Wade.

The workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 11, at the Public Works Facility, 1075 Tamarac. Attendees will be invited to view a map that indicates the different types of housing developments in the village and where the expected residential growth likely will occur.

"The point of the exercise is to get people to think about where in Carpentersville they'd like to see change occur and where they'd like it to be preserved or an area they'd like to see change and how they want to do it," said Jonathan Burch, associate planner at CMAP.

During the workshop, attendees can use stickers to denote the areas that should be changed, left the same or rehabbed. They also will be asked to take a visual preference survey, where they will be shown photos of a mix of housing types from the around the country, including single-family homes, two-flats and condominiums.

"We want to give people a chance to think about and visualize the types of housing out there and vote on what they think fits in the community, what they would be interested in living in, and what shouldn't be in the community at all," Burch said.

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