

Why Niagara needs more housing choices

In Niagara, households earn just 53% of the income needed to afford a home. That means many young professionals, families, workers and seniors are struggling to find a place to live in the communities they know and love.

When people cannot find housing that fits their needs and budget, the impact is felt across Niagara. Workers face longer commutes, families have fewer choices, seniors may be unable to downsize locally and young people may leave the region altogether.

That is why Niagara needs more housing choices at different price points, sizes and forms.



Be part of the solution

Housing affects whether people can stay close to work, family, school and support networks. More housing choices can help keep Niagara communities complete, connected and resilient.

You can help by:

- Learning the facts about mixed housing
- Exploring housing options
- Sharing information with others
- Attending a public meeting to speak in support of new housing types
- Start a conversation in your community about the importance of mixed housing options

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What mixed housing means in Niagara

Mixed housing means creating a wider range of homes so more people can find a place that fits their needs, budget and stage of life.

It includes:

- Rental and ownership options
- Smaller homes and family-sized homes
- Low-rise and mid-rise buildings
- Secondary suites and other flexible housing types
- Downsizing options for seniors

This is not about one type of housing replacing another. It is about adding more housing choices so Niagara can meet changing community needs.

What more housing choices can look like

A greater mix of homes creates more choices for people at different stages of life.

Options can include:

- Secondary suites and basement apartments
- Duplexes, triplexes and townhomes
- Low-rise and mid-rise apartments
- Housing options for seniors
- Purpose-built rental housing

More housing choice can help:

- Young professionals stay locally
- Families find homes that fit their needs and budget
- Workers live closer to jobs and services
- Seniors downsize close to loved ones
- Communities grow in a balanced way

Questions people ask about mixed housing

Myth More housing always means more traffic.

Fact When homes are built near jobs, transit, schools and services, people may be less dependent on car trips.

Myth Mixed housing is the same as social housing.

Fact Mixed housing includes many types of homes at different price points.

Myth Mixed housing lowers property values.

Fact Mixed housing does not automatically reduce property values. Mixed housing supports healthy neighbourhoods.

Myth Multi-unit housing does not fit into existing neighbourhoods.

Fact Many forms of mixed housing can fit well within existing neighbourhoods.

