

What are Guilford's housing needs?

Many Connecticut municipalities are devoting attention these days to whether they have the right mix of housing choices. Their longtime residents want to downsize out of their large homes, their adult children want to return to town after college and graduate school. Many towns, like Guilford would like their municipal workers to live in town, and want smaller, denser units at various price levels that are within walking distance to the train, the town center, their church, their doctor and important services.

Housing is a special interest for the Guilford Foundation, and Guilford Interfaith Housing Corporation is concerned about housing from the traditions of our town's faith communities. We along with the Town of Guilford are interested in your perspective on our town's array of housing opportunities. Please take this brief survey so we can assess your interests and ensure that our town's residents shape efforts the town may undertake in this area.

1. If the town joins other communities and has a conversation on its future housing needs, how interested would you be in taking part?

- very interested
- somewhat interested
- not very interested

2. If the town were to focus on developing new types of homes, what types would you think would be needed most (select as many choices as you believe are necessary)

- large single-family homes
- modest single-family "starter" homes
- townhouses
- condominiums
- 3BR rentals
- 2BR rentals
- 1BR rentals
- Studio apartments

3. Similarly, if the town were to focus on developing new types of homes, which do you think are the highest priority locations/

- Near the train station
- In or near the town center
- Along commercial strips
- North of Route 80
- South of Route 80
- Other (please specify)

4. If you think more housing options are needed in town, for whom do you think they are most needed? (please select as many choices as you think are necessary)

- Seniors
- Young professionals
- Town workers
- Teachers
- Public safety workers
- Young families
- I don't believe more housing options are needed.
- Other (please specify)

5. Do you believe diversifying Guilford's housing options would help to improve the town, negatively impact the town, or not have that much impact on the town?

- Improve the town
- Not have much impact
- Negatively impact the town

6. Our town's current housing stock is heavily weighted to single-family homes; 90% are single-family. Many towns facing a similarly-skewed housing stock are building smaller homes and multifamily units for rental or ownership. Would you like to hear more about why they believe it is in their towns' interest to do that and why it might be in our town's interest to do the same?

- Yes
- No
- Maybe

If you would like to be informed of future housing related activities, please share your address (information will be confidential and used only for this purpose)

7. For demographic purposes only, it would be helpful to have a sense for the total household income of those who respond to this survey. Please indicate which of the ranges below reflects the combined income of your entire household.

- \$25,000 or less
- \$25,000 - \$50,000
- \$50,000 - \$100,000
- \$100,000 - \$200,000
- \$200,000 or more

8. What is your age?

- 17 or younger
- 18-20
- 21-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60 or older

9. Do you have other interests or concerns to share?