

Regional Housing Partnership (RHP)

Michigan's Eastern Upper Peninsula
EUP Regional Planning & Development Commission





Introduction

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Organizational Background

- A regional, non-profit government agency operating under Michigan PA 281 of 1945
- One of the 14 RPOs in Michigan
- Established in 1968
- Covers Chippewa, Luce, and Mackinac Counties
 - Home of the Soo Locks, Tahquamenon Falls, and Mackinac Island
- Assists through grant writing, community surveys, planning, development, transportation, and mapping



Statewide Housing Partnership

- Governor Whitmer signed EO 2022-10 establishing the Statewide Housing Partnership (SHP) as an advisory body.
- The partnership's responsibility is to develop a strategy to implement the MI Statewide Housing Plan.
- The plan presents opportunities to tackle common objectives, including rehabilitating and stabilizing the housing supply, reducing equity gaps and homelessness, and more.
- The SHP established regional consortiums (RHPs) to ensure statewide initiatives build on local efforts whenever possible. - MSHDA



Program Background

- EUP Regional Planning & Development Commission *and* Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Agency co-applied to lead the RHP in our region
- Awarded funding in 2023 via MSHDA
- 2025 and onward, EUP is the lead agency
- **Regional Focus:** Creating a housing development ecosystem from the ground up
 - Gathering resources and information
 - Locating funding and funders
 - Educating the region
 - Developing housing developers



Awards and the Funding Organization

- RHP 1.0 began June 1, 2023 and ended May 31, 2025
- MSHDA awarded EUP with RHP 1.0 programmatic funding
 - \$175,000
- RHP 2.0 began June 1, 2025 and ends May 31, 2026
- MSHDA awarded EUP with RHP 2.0 programmatic funding
 - \$75,000



Highlights – Emerging Developers Roadshow

- October 16, 2024 at LSSU
- 43 total attendees
- Two Q&A sessions with diverse panels
- Community leaders and emerging developers attended
- Learned how to prepare your community for development and how to do the work yourself
- Sponsored by MEDC and Cinnaire



Highlights – RHP Action Grant

- Received a RHP Actions Grant through MSHDA, which paid for:
 - Another year of our data dashboard through StateBook
 - The expansion of Chippewa County's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority; it will now cover the entire county
 - Coordinating with Fishbeck to complete this task



Highlights – One-Stop Webpage

- What You Can Find:
 - Updated housing studies from three counties
 - A housing data dashboard - live ACS data through StateBook
 - Housing readiness checklists
 - Resources organized by category
 - LINK: <https://www.eup-planning.org/regional-housing-plan/>



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Regional Housing Partnership (RHP) One-Stop Webpage

EUP Regional Planning, through the Regional Housing Partnership, has created a one-stop webpage for housing resources. Explore the links and information below to learn more about these resources and leverage the tools available to create, preserve, and access attainable housing in the EUP.

EUP Housing Studies

The three EUP counties are conducting housing studies to identify what their housing needs are. Click the links below to view the completed studies when they are made available.

Studies by County

- [Chippewa County Housing Needs Assessment](#)
- [Luce County Housing Needs Assessment](#)
- [Mackinac County Housing Needs Assessment](#)
 - [Mackinac Island Housing Needs Assessment](#)
- [2024 EUP Housing Check In Survey Results](#)

EUP Housing Data Dashboard

EUP Regional Planning is contracting with an outside vendor to provide our communities with an interactive, always-up-to-date dashboard featuring housing data for our three-county region. Check out the dashboard below.

Access the Data Dashboard

Topics	Views
Housing Overview	Housing Overview - Table
Geographies	Categories
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Metrics	Periods
<3 metrics>	2023
Sources	ACS 5-year data
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Housing Overview: 2023

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Category	Value	%	Density/mi²
Total Housing Units	34,966		10.1
Owner-Occupied Housing Units	16,064	45.96%	4.6
Owner-Occupied Housing Units with Mortgage	8,032	49.94%	2.3
Owner-Occupied Housing Units without Mortgage	8,052	50.06%	2.3
Renter-Occupied Housing Units	5,315	15.19%	1.5
Renter-Occupied Housing Units with Cash Rent	4,474	84.18%	1.3
Renter-Occupied Housing Units without Cash Rent	841	15.82%	0.2
Median Monthly Costs for Owners	\$779		
Median Monthly Costs for Owners with Mortgage	\$1,197		
Median Monthly Costs for Owners without Mortgage	\$455		
Median Contract Rent	\$604		

US Census, ACS 5-Yr

Powered by StateBook



In Development – Emerging Developers

- As we were working through our action plan, we noticed a problem: a lack of capacity and experience
- We provided “scholarship” options for the emerging developer bootcamp through CEDAM
- We are also working to establish a career pathway or training regimen for new or emerging developers
 - Options:
 - Bachelor’s Degree
 - Associate’s Degree
 - College Certificate
 - College Minor
 - Internship
 - Apprenticeship



Thank You

Questions?

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