



Regional Housing Strategy

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Agenda

1. The Draft RHS Structure
2. RHS Governance + Implementation
3. Questions?
4. Look Ahead
 - Thank you!



Where We Are

Phase I: Discovery

- Environmental Scan
- Engagement Plan
- Regional Context Analysis

Phase II: Strategy Development

- Goal & Objectives
- Best Practice Research
- Strategy Development

Phase III: Draft & Final Plan

- Implementation and Governance
- Draft and Final Plan

Engagement & Communications Strategy



Regional Housing Strategy Structure

Value of a Regional Housing Strategy

- **Shared challenges no single community can solve alone:** 500,000+ homes needed by 2050; barriers cross jurisdictional lines
- **Strengthens local action, doesn't replace it :** local land use/investment authority preserved; makes local work easier to implement
- **Aligns resources and reduces duplication:** communities learn from each other and align investments
- **Builds on existing momentum:** scales what already works, moving partners from isolated efforts to collective impact
- **DRCOG offers foundational, regional support:** convenes, provides data and technical assistance, coordinates funding; not the owner of every solution



VISION

What is the strategy working towards?
What does long-term success look-like?



GOALS

What outcomes do we want to achieve?
Goals move us toward the vision and set direction for action. They describe success in practice.



PATHWAYS

What do we do?
Initiatives that advance the goals of the Regional Housing Strategy.



IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

How do we do it?
The structures, processes, and supports that make actions feasible, scalable, and sustainable.

DRAFT RHS Components

PURPOSE

Why regional collaboration?

The RHS explains why collaboration is essential to meeting the region's housing needs.



An Increased & Diversified Housing Supply

The region has sufficient housing supply across all income levels, with a diverse range of housing types available to meet community needs.



Preserved & Stabilized Affordable Housing

Affordable housing across the region is preserved and stabilized, with investments protecting residents, maintaining community culture, and preventing displacement.



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Strong & Sustained Regional Coordination to Advance Housing & Infrastructure Goals

Regional coordination is strong and sustained, enabling housing and infrastructure goals to be effectively addressed through shared planning, aligned investments, and collective action.



Expanded & Aligned Funding Capacity Across Jurisdictions

Funding capacity is expanded and aligned across jurisdictions to support housing and infrastructure development across the region.



Housing is Reframed as a Regional Asset

Housing is widely understood and supported as a regional asset, with strong public understanding and political will that sustain momentum for action.



PATHWAYS

Initiatives that advance the
Regional Housing Strategy Goals



1. Make it easier and faster to build housing.

2. Work as a region to fund housing.

3. Leverage investments to achieve shared goals.

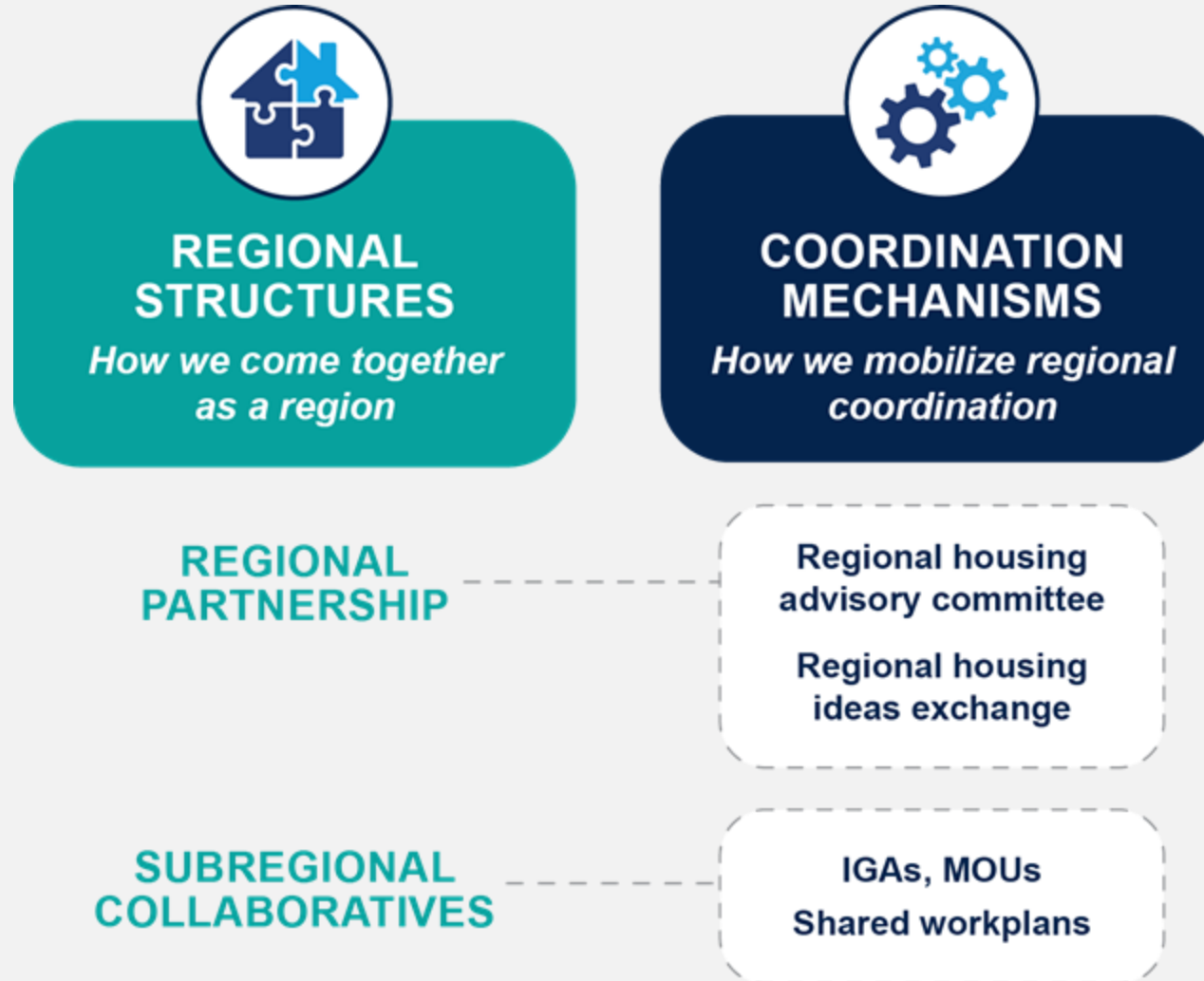
4. Partner to strengthen community stability.

5. Build regional support for housing.

An aerial photograph taken from a high vantage point on a rocky, sparsely treed cliff. In the foreground, the rugged texture of the cliff face is visible, with some green pine trees and dry, yellowish-brown shrubs. Below the cliff, a sprawling city is visible, featuring a mix of residential neighborhoods with houses and larger commercial or institutional buildings. A multi-lane highway runs through the city, with several vehicles visible. The city extends to the horizon, where rolling hills and distant mountains are visible under a vast, dramatic sky filled with large, white and grey clouds. The lighting suggests late afternoon or early morning, with long shadows and warm tones.

From Ideas to Action!

Regional Structures + Coordination Mechanisms





Regional Partnership Coordination

Regional Housing Advisory Committee

Purpose/Role



- Guides the Regional Housing Strategy
- Serves as central coordination body for the Regional Housing Strategy
- Convenes regional partners
- Monitors progress and advises implementation actions across the region
- Emphasis on content/thought leadership, not representation from all partners across the region

Potential Membership



- Local government staff, housing authorities, DRCOG staff
- Reps from DRCOG Board (elected officials)
- Reps from state agencies (CHFA, DOLA, etc.)
- Private-sector partners (developers, builders)
- Philanthropic partners
- CBOs and service providers



Regional Partnership Coordination

Regional Housing Strategy Idea Exchange

Purpose/Role



- Provides an ongoing staff-level coordination forum to support implementation of the RHS
- Focuses on technical assistance, peer learning, and operational coordination across jurisdictions and partners
- Helps align day-to-day housing, infrastructure, funding, and planning work across the region
- Identifies common implementation barriers, resource gaps, and opportunities for collaboration
- Supports information sharing and and collective learning
- Complements the Advisory Committee by focusing on implementation and technical coordination rather than broader regional strategy and guidance



Regional Partnership Coordination

Regional Housing Strategy Idea Exchange

Structure

- Convened and facilitated by DRCOG
- Quarterly regional meetings with ad hoc working sessions as needed
- Flexible participation based on implementation topics and regional priorities
- May include focused technical working groups around specific issues or initiatives
- Designed to support ongoing coordination across local government staff and implementation partners throughout the region
- Creates a consistent regional forum for sharing tools, best practices, funding opportunities, and implementation updates

Subregional Collaborative Coordination Mechanism

Purpose/Role



- Groups of jurisdictions and partners working at a subregional scale
- Coordinate resources across boundaries
- Coordinate project delivery
- Implement strategies at a more granular level, where regional alignment alone is insufficient

Potential Membership



- Can and will take many different forms.
- They can be a coalition of counties and cities within a county, groups of cities across county boundaries that work together, or cross-county collaboratives.
- Subregional collaboratives define geography and who is at the table to coordinate on housing issues.

Focused on scaling effective existing subregional models (e.g., Boulder County Housing Partners, Tri-Cities Homelessness Initiative) for broader regional impact.

Allows flexibility for where coordination can be most effective and is scaled to the right communities through different ways that cities and counties can coordinate.

Questions?



Look Ahead

July

- **Partner Workshop (July 27)**

August/September

- **Review of draft by local govt. staff**
- **Board adoption!**
- **Initial roll-out of technical assistance and collaboration opportunities**