

Support Your Year-round Community! Affordable and attainable housing are crucial for the future of Harwich. You can help address the housing problem.



Harwich Annual Town Meeting Monday, May 5th at 7pm 100 Oak Street

ARTICLE 22: Includes \$350,581.51 for Community Housing in CPA funding.

ARTICLE 23: Reserves \$270,000.00 for Community Housing from FY26 CPA Funding.

ARTICLE 25: Appropriates \$10,000.00 from the certified Community Housing Reserve for a grant to the Lower Cape Housing Institute.

ARTICLE 26: Appropriate \$500,000 from the Certified Community Housing Reserve to fund the Harwich Affordable Housing Trust.

ARTICLE 44: Transfers \$1,500,000 from the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for Affordable Housing to the Harwich Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

ARTICLE 49: Allows the Town to enter an Affordable Housing Property Tax Exemption Program, providing a tax credit of \$1,000-\$1,500 to the property of residential unit owners who rent their units to income-qualifying persons at affordable rates on a year-round, annual basis.

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Support your year-round community in Harwich! Contact our Community Organizers, Ella Sampou, at ella@capecdp.org to find out ways to get involved.



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- The median home price in Harwich is \$742,500. The Median Household Income in Harwich is \$87,948. In order for the average resident to buy a home in Harwich, they need to make \$220,924 a year.
- 33% of renters and 34% of homeowners in Harwich spend more than 30% of their monthly income on housing costs.
- 84.4% of businesses in Harwich have fewer than 10 employees. Many of these local businesses struggle to stay open because it is difficult for employees to find housing.
- Since 2014, there has been a 9% decrease in school enrollment on the Lower and Outer Cape overall.
- 37.7% of homes in Harwich are seasonally empty.

*Data sourced from <u>Cape Cod Commission</u>

HELP BUILD A BETTER FUTURE

Affordable and attainable housing means a place for families, seniors who need to downsize, and employees of local businesses. Low-cost, high-quality housing helps support our year-round economy, our schools, and our health care system. By prioritizing affordable housing in Harwich we can support a safe, sustainable, diverse, welcoming community for generations to come.



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The Community Development Partnership leads the Lower and Outer Cape in building a diverse year-round community of people who can afford to live, work and thrive here. To accomplish our mission, we promote, develop and manage affordable housing; nurture the launch and growth of small businesses; and facilitate collaboration with business, non-profit, and government partners.