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STRATEGIC INITIATIVE # 2.6

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**GOAL# 2: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT**

*Foster economic development and encourage redevelopment*



INITIATIVE 2.6: INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND LOW-COST HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE CITY

**Champion:** Jackie Richardson, Housing Manager

**Sponsoring Commissioner:** Jack Donovan, Mayor-Commissioner Pro Tem (District III)

**Committee:** Community Development Committee

**Stakeholders:** Neighborhood Housing and Development Corporation (NHDC), Habitat for Humanity, Mobile Home Association, Gainesville Builders Association (GBA), County, Realtors, Property Managers, Lenders, University of Florida, Shands, Santa Fe College (SFC), Veterans Administration (VA), Modular Home Builders, Housing Authorities, General Public

**Desired Outcome:** Improve affordable housing opportunities for City residents.

**Background:** This Strategic Initiative was first introduced by the City Commission in December, 2007 at the Strategic Planning Retreat. The Initiative was later adopted and added to the Strategic Plan on February 25, 2008.

**Progress to Date:**

This is a new initiative.

**Supporting Documentation:**

- City Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP)
- Annual City of Gainesville State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Report
- [Annual County Local Housing Assistance Plan](#)

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**Action Plan to Increase Affordable Housing for FYs 2009 – 2010**

| Action Steps   | Estimated Completion Date: |
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| 1. Establish Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) State mandated – SHIP Program  | July 2008                  |
| 2. Housing & Planning Division will work with AHAC to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review and evaluate Federal/State Local housing programs, ordinances, land use and zoning</li> <li>▪ Review existing Comprehensive Plan (Housing Element)</li> <li>▪ Inventory of available land</li> <li>▪ Cost of housing               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Discuss Green Building standards for all housing projects within the City</li> <li>▪ Review GRU rebates for Green Building standards</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ Create definition of affordable housing</li> <li>▪ Meetings with stakeholders and residents</li> <li>▪ Determine the type of affordable housing needed</li> </ul> | July 2008 - November 2008  |
| 3. Staff and AHAC work to develop the State mandated SHIP Plan   | November 2008              |
| 4. AHAC to present plan for approval and adoption to City Commission   | December 2008              |
| 5. Submit approved action plan to the State as mandated  | May 2009                   |
| 6. Implement approved action plan  | June 2009                  |
| 7. Monitor progress of plan  | Ongoing                    |

**Critical Success Measures**

- Number of new affordable housing units built
  - Rentals
  - Single-family
- Number of renovations of existing housing units
- Number of households assisted with rental and home ownership opportunities
- Adoption of SHIP Action Plan that defines affordable housing within the City of Gainesville
- SHIP Action Plan is implemented by target dates