



# Housing Our Future

City of Barrie

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# Introduction

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- Access to affordable/attainable housing is vital to the health and well being of our residents and communities.
- The County approved a 10-year affordable housing and homelessness prevention strategy in January 2014.
- Every municipality has identified needs.
- Partnership to address need is critical for success.



# The County as the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager

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- The Province of Ontario has designated the County of Simcoe as the Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM) for this area.
- The County is mandated to deliver certain services for its member municipalities and the Cities of Barrie and Orillia.

## **These services include:**

Social Housing

Homelessness Prevention Services



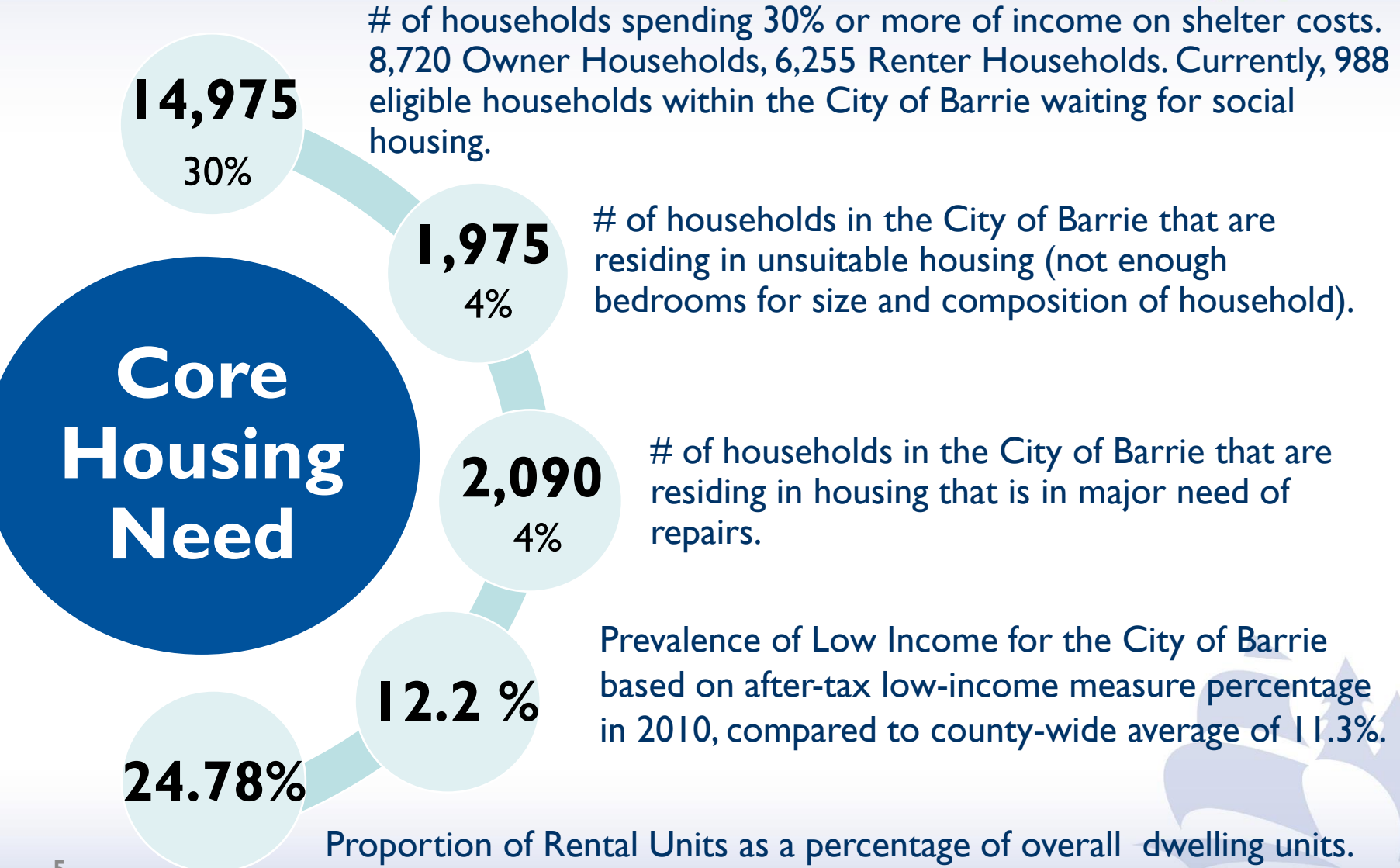
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- County Council approved *Our Community 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy* in January 2014.
- 5 Strategic Themes and 31 Priority Actions
  1. The establishment of strong leadership and governance
  2. Achievement of an affordable housing target
  3. The protection of existing public assets
  4. Planning for the public good
  5. The creation of an integrated service model for housing and supports
- This Strategy proposes **2,685 units** to be created through a variety of methods such as rent supplements, acquisition, and new construction.

# Core Need: City of Barrie



# Preliminary Target: City of Barrie

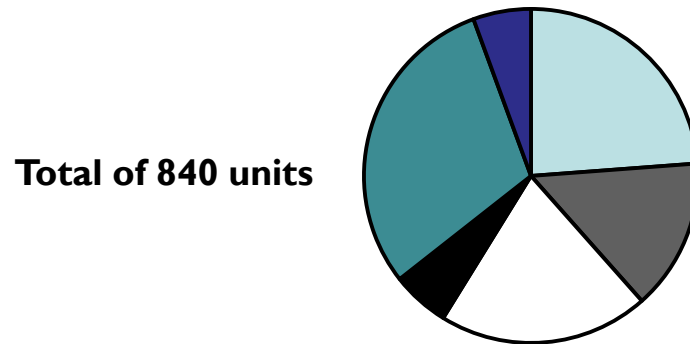
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- Our preliminary estimate indicates that an additional 840 units of affordable housing are needed to make a modest improvement over the next 10 years.
- No single solution works for all municipalities within the County.
- Local needs must be understood and solutions must be tailored to address those needs.



## Affordable Housing Needs in Barrie by Income Threshold



Average Market Rent  
in the City of Barrie  
\$1,032/month

- 200 units for persons making below \$642 per month (<\$7,704 annually)
- 123 units for persons making between \$643-\$1,149 per (\$7,716 - \$13,788 annually)
- 171 units for persons making between \$1,150-\$1,541 per month (\$13,800 - \$18,492 annually)
- 47 units for persons making between \$1,542-\$2,596 per month (\$18,504 - \$31,152 annually)
- 252 units of Rent-Geared-to-Income Supportive Housing
- 47 Affordable Homeownership Dwellings



# Affordable Housing Programs in Barrie



## ■ Social Housing Units

- 2,083 social housing units

## ■ Rent Supplements

- Commercial Rent Supplements
- Strong Communities Rent Supplements



## ■ Other Affordable Housing Programs

- Homeownership
- Ontario Renovates/Financial Support for Secondary Suites
- Rent Supplements/Housing Allowances
- Affordable Rental Development



# Affordable Housing Programs in Barrie, cont'd

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## ■ **Financial Assistance to Support Affordable Housing Development**

- Development Charge Relief
- Property Tax Differential Relief

## ■ **Local Initiatives**

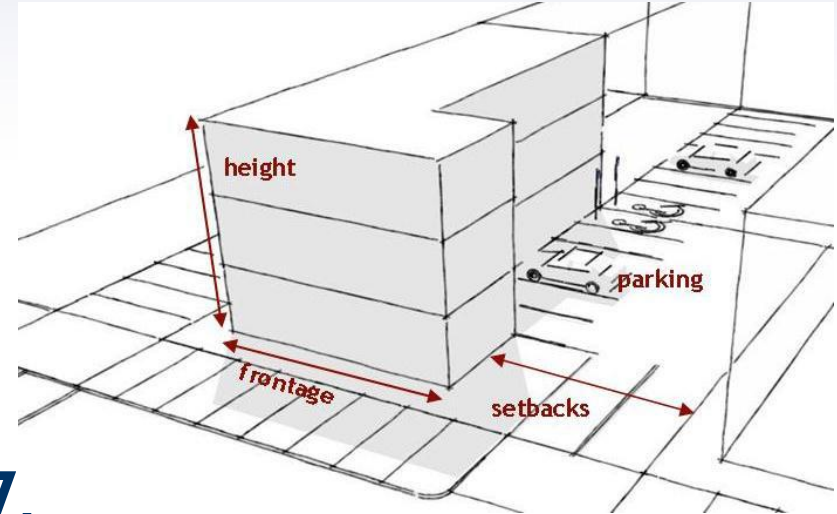
- Barrie Pathways
- Barrie Salvation Army
- Youth Haven
- Samaritan House
- David Busby Street Centre



# Tools for Affordable Housing

## ■ **Planning Act**

- Community Improvement Plans
- Secondary/garden suites
- Parking requirements



## ■ **Development Charges Act, 1997**

- Development charges (full or partial exemption)

## ■ **Municipal Act, 2001, Assessment Act and other sources:**

- Property taxes (multi-residential)
- Demolition and conversion of residential rental properties



# Working in Partnership

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- Your input is critical if we are to understand the need and ensure custom strategies for your municipality are included within our implementation plan.
- We ask that you designate a staff contact at the City of Barrie, to liaise with County staff on a regular basis to support local affordable housing initiatives.
- Would you be willing to share data to assist us in tracking our joint progress?



# Questions

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