

Task Force Discussion Draft Recommendations

IMPLEMENTATION/ACCOUNTABILITY

Form or assign an organization with responsibility for setting and achieving regional goals, identifying priority strategies to be pursued, pooling resources to meet regional goals, reporting results on a regular basis and adjusting goals and strategies as needed. Organization can be an adapted version of an existing organization or a new organization. Organization to be authorized by State law or County charter depending on needed authorities. Organization should include representation from King County (Executive and Council), Sound Cities Association and Seattle.

Some of the authorities the organization may have:

- Set regional goals and targets
- Identify priority strategies to achieve goals
- Create legislative agendas and advocate for state and federal legislative change, funding, etc
- Support jurisdictions in their efforts to do their part toward the countywide goals through technical support and other resources
- Monitor and report progress toward regional goals, implementation of Countywide Planning Policies, and implementation of comprehensive plans
- Monitor and report on the use of public funds for affordable housing
- Identify preferred regional revenue source and financing structure as well as funding priorities (similar to PSRC transportation funding structure and process)
- Implement public engagement/education strategy

Use continuous improvement approach:

1. Create a regional plan that includes an inventory and analysis of housing needs and conditions and the policies and strategies to be used to meet the needs
2. Implement policies and strategies as set out in the plan
3. Measure and report results on a regular basis (annually?)
4. Update regional plan and adjust policies and strategies based on findings and changing conditions
5. REPEAT 1-4 ON A REGULAR CYCLE PERHAPS TIED TO COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

Subregional organizations, such as ARCH, should be supported in order to increase capacity for adoption and implementation of local housing strategy plans.