



RESOLUTION # 44-12/19

TO: HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE LA CROSSE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ITEM # 12-16

BOARD ACTION

Adopted:
For: 25
Against: —
Abstain: —
Abs/Excd: 4
Vote Req: —
Other Action: —

PLANNING RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE ACTION

Adopted:
For: 3
Against: 0
Abstain: 0
Abs/Excd: 0

RE: REGIONAL ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse, as a recipient of federal grant funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, must periodically conduct a fair housing study known as an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI); and

WHEREAS, given the regional nature of the need for housing, La Crosse and Monroe Counties, La Crosse County Housing Authority, the La Crosse County Public Housing Authority, the Tomah Housing Authority, and the Monroe County Housing Authority (the partners) all joined with the City of La Crosse to support the study; and

WHEREAS, during 2018, the City and its partners led the process of developing said plan with significant support and assistance from consultants at the Mosaic firm, based out of Atlanta, Georgia, and studied patterns of integration and segregation; racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty; disparities in access to opportunity; and disproportionate housing needs; and

WHEREAS, the study included consideration of Census data and existing plans as well as and conducting meetings, focus groups, interviews, and a survey to obtain participation from nearly 900 residents and other stakeholders, including public housing residents, mortgage lenders, low income families with young children, people with disabilities, county government staff, and many non-profit organizations; and

WHEREAS, based on the findings of this research, the report proposes fair and affordable housing strategies to overcome the identified fair housing issues and identifies the following objectives:

1. Work collaboratively with other municipalities and non-governmental partners to expand access to affordable housing needs, especially affordable rental housing.
2. Expand access to housing throughout the county and the region through alternative transportation strategies, land use strategies, and work with the Public Housing Authorities to expand access to the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance.
3. Address the poor quality of rental housing conditions in the County.
4. Increase the quantity accessible housing for people with disabilities.
5. Expand opportunities for racial and ethnic minorities to become homeowners.
6. Strengthen the La Crosse County Human Rights Commission
7. Coordinate Fair Housing Education and Enforcement

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the La Crosse County Board that it hereby adopts the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) and directs Planning Staff and the appropriate committees to consider phased implementation of the plan's recommendations.

FISCAL NOTE: No financial cost to La Crosse County.

Date: 12.27.19

PLANNING RESOURCES & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

Date: 12.02.19

RECORDING CLERK

	Reviewed Only	Recommended	Not Recommended
Co. Admin.	<u>SPD</u>	<u>50</u>	_____
Fin. Director	<u>SPD</u>	_____	_____
Corp. Counsel	<u>SPD</u>	_____	_____
Board Chair	<u>SPD</u>	_____	_____

Requested By: Charlie Handy
Date Requested: November 6, 2019
Drafted By: Corporation Counsel

Adopted by the La Crosse County Board this 19 Day of December, 2019

STATE OF WISCONSIN
COUNTY OF LA CROSSE

I, Ginny Dankmeyer, County Clerk of La Crosse County do hereby certify that this document is a true and correct copy of the original resolution required by law to be in my custody and which the County Board of Supervisors of La Crosse County adopted at a meeting held on the 19th day of December 2019.

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk