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Webinar Developing and Rehabilitating Affordable Apartments: Exploring Local Policies and Approaches

The New Rochelle Model

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DOWNTOWN OVERLAY ZONE

- New Rochelle's downtown has experienced remarkable growth since 2015, when a progressive zoning and development plan was implemented, which has been further expanded throughout the years.
- The influx of new residential developments has brought new opportunities to New Rochelle, with the potential to create a truly vibrant downtown environment.
- To leverage this growth, the city is significantly investing in infrastructure and community amenities, including open spaces, performance venues, art galleries, innovative designs, and community facilities.



THE SET UP: FRONT-LOAD REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE CERTAINTY

Master developer agreement with a wellcapitalized partner to undertake catalytic projects on publiclyowned sites

A new **form-based zoning code** that offers flexibility, paired with prescriptive requirements for design to create a more pedestrian-friendly environment

A completed **generic environmental review** that dramatically reduces procedural and financial impediments to developments that match our vision City Investment & IDA Incentives

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Leverage local, County, State, and Federal funding sources

Community Benefits Bonus as a driver of public investment The Fair Share Mitigation offsets capital costs for increased demand on community services and facilities.



DOWNTOWN NEW ROCHELLE

Downtown Development Overview

11,047 Residential Units Authorized for Development

34 Approved Projects

- 7,376 Total Units Approved (7,151 Rental/225 Condo)
- 1,227 units are affordable (~17%)

21 Projects Completed and Leasing

- 3,848 Rental Units Completed and Leasing (~90% Occupancy Rate)
- 727 Units are Affordable (~19%)
- Within the past 18 months, approx. 58% of the affordable units with NR preference are being occupied by NR residents

<u>6</u> Projects Under Construction

- 1,285 Rental Units Under Construction
- 336 are Affordable (~26%)

7 Projects With Site Plan Approval

- 2,243 Units With Site Plan Approval
- 164 Affordable Residential Rental Units + 126 Affordable Condos (290 or ~13%)

Where are People Moving From?	
Location	Percentage
New Rochelle	22%
Westchester	21%
NYC	33%
New York	8%
Connecticut	8%
New Jersey	6%
Other States	3%
Outside USA	0%



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Downtown Development Affordable Housing Breakdown



Current / Planned DOZ Affordable Housing Units



DOWNTOWN REAL AND NEW ROCHELLE DOZ PILOTS | INVESTMENT IN THE FUTURE



DOWNTOWN REPORT ALL NONWORK // EXTERNAL DOWNTOWN NEW ROCHELLE RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

- One Time Fees (Cash) Collected to Date (Over \$34.6M)
 - Building Permit Fees: \$17,850,924
 - Planning Board Fees: 3,630,908
 - Community Benefit Bonus: \$5,260,080
 - Fair Share Mitigation (City Share): \$4,808,426
 - Fair Share Mitigation (School Share): \$2,256,061
 - Open Space Fees: \$877,702



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BENEFITS FROM DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT

A 13 New Municipal and Public Parking Spaces

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New Downtown Murals

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50 New Businesses Openings in Retail Spaces throughout the Downtown since 2020

NEW PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

Anderson Plaza 20 Anderson St O-

Clinton Park Plaza

Westchester Pl Public Art Plaza Westchester Pl

Pocket Park on Burling Ln Burling & North

Children's Playground on LeCount Pl 33 LeCount Plo

Dog Run on Huguenot Huguenot St & LeCount Pl

Highgarden Tower Plaza North Ave & Garden St o-



Center for the Arts Space 595 Main St o

413 Municipal and Public Parking Spaces 25 Maple Ave | 50 Clinton Pl | 325 Huguenot St 11 Garden St | 33 Westchester Pl | 600 North Ave

Lincoln Park Conservancy History & Culture Center 389 Huguenot St o

Community Incubator Space

New Rochelle Forward Workforce Training Facility 173 Huguenot St O

Preservation and Restoration of Historic Façades 595 Main St

New Boys & Girls Club 1 Remington Pl O

Downtown Economic & Small Business Development Hub 10 Church St / 500 Main St

Circuit: Electric Shuttle

Retail Tenant Improvement Program

20 Downtown Murals Downtown-wide

50 New Businesses Openings in Retail Spaces throughout the Downtown since 2020





HIGHGARDEN TOWER (11 GARDEN ST)



THE LEAF (500 MAIN ST)



STELLA PHASE II (455 MAIN ST)





DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE'S **DOWN PAYMENT ASSISTANCE** FOR FIRST-TIME HOME BUYERS

- Funded with a combination of **local and federal funds**.
- Eligible applicants can receive grants of up to 19% of the purchase price of a single-family home, contingent upon the homebuyer's qualifications. This funding aims to support the down payment for a new home, with the resident responsible for the remaining 1%.
- CNR working with partners and financial institutions to offer additional incentives, including assistance with closing costs and supplementary down payment funding.
- Since its inception, the program has successfully assisted eight (8) families in purchasing their first homes, with two (2) potential closings expected at the beginning of 2025.

DOWNPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Resident Qualifications

- You MUST be a New Rochelle Resident. (minimum of 12 months permanent residency)
- Must be a First-Time Homebuyer.
- Must purchase a single family home, COOP or Condo in the City of New Rochelle.
- Have <u>sufficient financial resources</u> and <u>credit</u> to qualify for a mortgage.
- Have a documented minimum annual income of at least \$40,000.00.
- Be a Low-to-Moderate Income Household: 80% of the area median annual household income, as determined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).



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