



GHIAA Housing Action Teams

GHIAA has 52 member institutions representing over 50 towns in Greater Hartford. GHIAA's housing team is committed to advancing opportunities for affordable housing in Greater Hartford. One strategy is to develop Housing Action Teams in individual towns in Greater Hartford where we have advocates ready to join the fight.

What is a Housing Action Team?

A GHIAA Housing Action Team (HAT) will involve a team of 10-12 advocates from a particular town (or neighboring towns) who commit to getting involved in addressing the issue of Affordable Housing in their town of residence. HAT members will get more specialized, intensive training in organizing by GHIAA's professional organizers and will be supported in their efforts. HAT members will also get specific technical assistance training from housing experts in the field based on the kind of topics and issues they are facing in their town.

For most towns there is existing data and analysis on affordable housing. Therefore, Housing Action Teams will be involved in looking at what the specific barriers, objections, and opportunities are in their town and organizing to fight for more affordable housing locally.

Consider becoming a HAT member

Responsibilities include:

1. Participating in regular Housing Action Team strategy meetings, including ongoing trainings provided by organizers and housing experts
2. Attending relevant town meetings such as planning and zoning or open space committee meetings
3. Providing information or support to other teams in other towns who are experiencing situations similar to what you have experienced (networking).
4. Conducting individual meetings with pro-affordable housing advocates in your town to grow and coordinate the base of leaders.