ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING CHOICE

The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice Report is updated every five years and serves as the basis for fair housing planning in Erie County and its municipalities. The 2020 report found that major impediments to fair housing choice, particularly in suburban areas, include a lack of land zoned for multi-family housing; large minimum lot sizes and parking standards that increase development costs; and additional requirements like special use permits that can lead to delays and denials of multi-family projects.

To read the 2020 report, please visit: www2.erie.gov/environment/sites/www2.erie.gov.environment/files/uploads/CommDev-AnalysisOfImpedimentsToFairHousing_2020-lr.pdf

ADVANCING HOUSING SECURITY: AN ANALYSIS OF RENTING, RENT BURDEN, AND TENANT EXPLOITATION IN ERIE COUNTY, NY

This study, initiated by the Erie County Department of Social Services and co-authored by speaker Dr. Jason Knight, documents precarious, burdensome, and exploitative housing conditions for renters in Erie County and proposes policy solutions to address them. Published in 2021, this study also examines the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on housing insecurity.

To read the study, please visit: papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3778025

ENGAGING THE FUTURE OF HOUSING IN THE BUFFALO-NIAGARA REGION: A PRELIMINARY EXPLORATION OF CHALLENGES THAT LIE AHEAD

This report assesses the future needs for housing in Erie and Niagara counties, based on projected population change.

To read the report, please visit: https://www.lisc.org/wny/what-we-do/housing/regional-housing-study/