

BETTER HOMES & “GARDENS”

GOAL:

TO PROTECT THE CITY’S CHARACTER OF HIGH QUALITY HOUSING AND FOCUS ON THE MAINTENANCE OF EXISTING AFFORDABLE HOUSING.

Objective 1:

To Protect the Community’s Affordable Housing Stock by Promoting the Rehabilitation and Maintenance of Existing Units.

The Vision Connection:

While the City of Palm Beach Gardens is well known for its affluent neighborhoods and the prestigious development that it attracts, the City’s vision is inclusive of a diverse society and all levels of housing. The provision of affordable housing is necessary if a community is to develop fully and completely and is an essential ingredient to a vision whose goal is to foster a strong sense of community.

Strategies:

- Maintain the condition of existing neighborhoods where affordable houses are located through increased code enforcement activity and improved communication with residents on rehabilitation financing availability.
- Use community newspapers and newsletters to disseminate information about code requirements, enforcement activities and financial assistance to residents.
- Enhance communication and coordination with neighboring governments on similar housing and code enforcement issues.



Objective 2:

To Continue to Encourage the Private Sector’s Provision of Affordable Housing through Developer Incentives.

The Vision Connection:

The vision also provides for the City to fulfill its role of assisting all residents to enjoy the same access to the amenities offered by the City. The City will, therefore, attempt to assist in ensuring affordable housing for residents. The City will, when appropriate, offer incentives to developers to encourage the provision of affordable housing.

Strategies:

- Continue to provide sufficient land with high density residential designations to encourage the provision of affordable units.
- Provide a density bonus (up to 3 units per acre) in the RH category for the provision of affordable units. The density bonus may be awarded upon demonstration of performance standards such as project design and aesthetics, amenities, and commitment to management and maintenance.
- Increase support and reliance on the Palm Beach County Commission on Affordable Housing as the entity for promoting affordable housing and recommending incentives.
- Continue to allow and preserve the quality of life of residents of existing mobile homes. Provide opportunities for current mobile home residents to learn of additional measures that can be taken to strengthen their “tie downs” due to concern for their wind vulnerability and the City’s storm-potential location.

The City has a wide range of developments to meet the needs of all residents, pictured here are three examples of the housing range available in the City.

