

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND SUMMARY OF
NORTH COUNTRY HOME CONSORTIUM'S DRAFT 5 YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND
ANNUAL PLAN**

The Development Authority of the North Country, on behalf of the North Country HOME Consortium, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 10:00 am via Zoom. To participate via computer enter <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89975955381?pwd=WlVlRXo0MCtibHq0Y3FpMElld05xdz09>. To participate by phone call 1-646-876-9923 and use the meeting ID: 899 7595 5381 with passcode 238781. Written comments shall be received by April 21, 2021 to Development Authority of the North Country, Attn. Matt Taylor, 317 Washington Street, 4th Floor, Watertown, New York 13601 or mtaylor@danc.org.

This meeting will be in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) waiver of Community Planning and Development (CPD) Grant Program and Consolidated Plan Requirements to Allow for Virtual Public Hearings in the Preparation of FY 2021 Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive public comment regarding the draft 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and the 2021 Annual Plan to be submitted to HUD to obtain HOME Investment Partnership Funds for the 2021-2025 federal fiscal years.

The Consolidated Plan and Annual Plan are action-oriented documents that outline the region's affordable and supportive housing needs and defines a strategy to meet those needs within St. Lawrence, Lewis and Jefferson Counties.

The Five Year Plan is comprised of five parts: Housing Market Characteristics, Inventory Characteristics, Housing Needs, Housing Resources, and Strategy/Annual Plan. The 2021 Annual Strategy/Plan is based upon an analysis of area housing needs. FY 2021 HOME funding will target increasing the supply of affordable housing through direct homeownership assistance in the City of Watertown, and eligible owner occupied rehabilitation projects across scattered sites in Jefferson County. Additional funding will be utilized by Jefferson County, as lead agency, and Development Authority of the North Country, as sub recipient, for administrative expenses.

The 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan along with the 2021 Annual Plan will be subject to a 30-day public comment period, commencing on April 5, 2021 and ending May 5, 2021. The draft plans will be available for review and comment during that time at any of the three County Planning, Social Service Departments, and at www.danc.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Matt Taylor at the Development Authority of the North Country (315) 661-3200 or mtaylor@danc.org, or Michael Bourcy at the Jefferson County Department of Planning (315) 785-3144 or mbourcy@co.jefferson.ny.us.