

HOUSING

INTRODUCTION

The Housing element of the comprehensive plan encourages providing affordable, safe and various housing types to meet the needs of Clermont County's diverse population.

Residential growth in the county cannot be addressed without considering other planning factors such as transportation, public infrastructure, parks and recreation, as well as others that affect quality of life.





County Housing Programs

Clermont Metropolitan Housing Authority

Established in 1967, the Authority seeks to assist low-income families, including those who are elderly, disabled, or handicapped, with safe, decent, and affordable housing opportunities as they strive to achieve self-sufficiency and improve the quality of their lives. The Section 8 Program allows families to live in houses and apartments that are privately owned. Rents are based on comparable units in the county, with amenities and utilities taken into account.

Family Self-Sufficiency

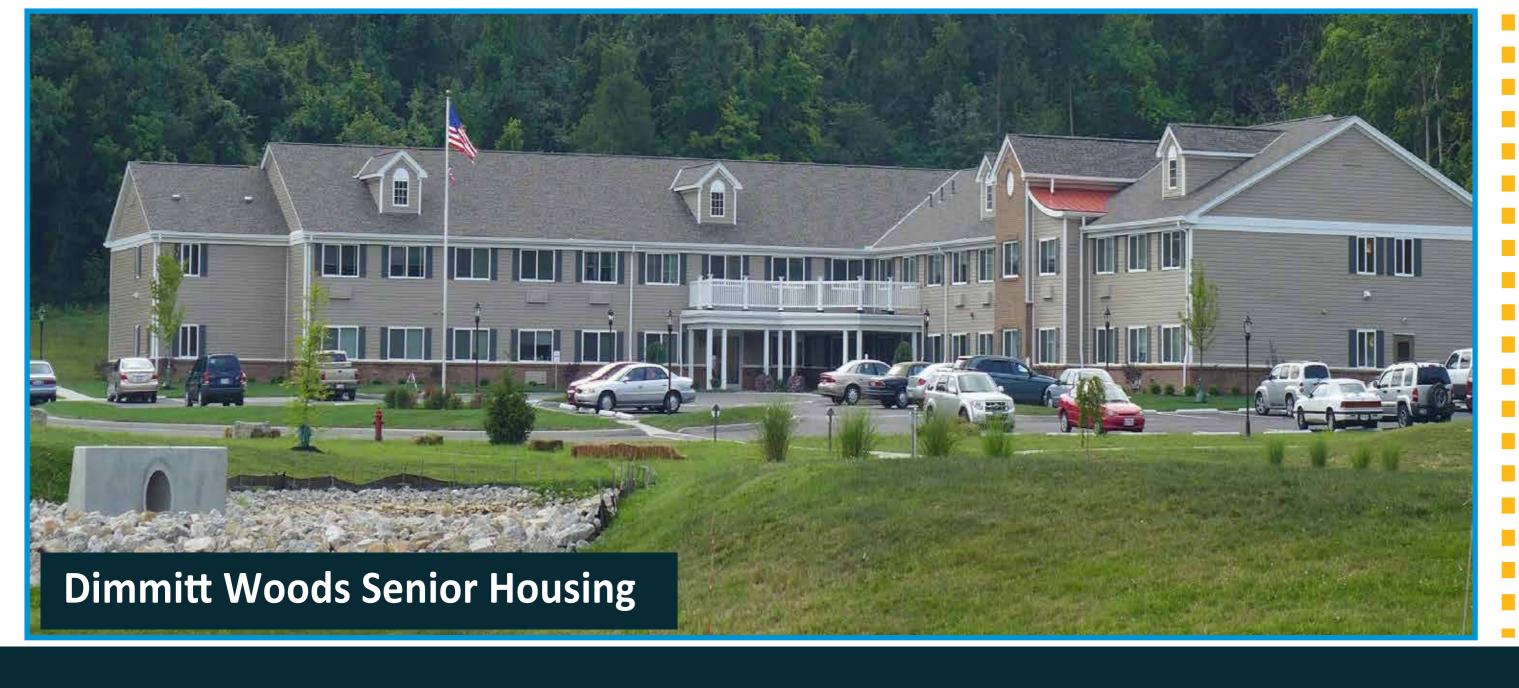
The Family Self-Sufficiency Program (FSS) is a voluntary Section 8 housing program designed to assist families in becoming independent of public assistance. FSS participants achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency through education, job training, supportive services and employment.

Clermont Senior Services

Clermont Senior Services is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to serving older adults. They provide services for seniors, age 60 and over, who live in Clermont County, Ohio. For over forty years, they have been providing and coordinating in-home and community based services, which enable older adults to live independently for as long as possible.

Habitat for Humanity

This program seeks to partner with families in need in order to provide simple, decent and affordable housing with the goal of building a sense of community.



Goals & Objectives

1. New Housing Developments

- a. Encourage housing developments in areas where water facilities (quantity, pressures, or quality) are sufficient to provide demanded levels of service.
- b. Encourage housing developments in areas where adequate systems of sewage collection and treatment are available and planned.
- c. Encourage major housing developments into areas where existing and planned capacities of police, fire protection, and solid waste disposal can accommodate growth demands.
- d. Encourage strategies to ensure conservation and rehabilitation of historically significant structures in neighborhoods.
- e. Work closely with all Clermont County townships to assure that sufficient housing opportunities are provided in all communities.

2. Supply and Access to Housing

- a. Encourage a mixture of all types of residential units and provide a choice of residential types within each neighborhood as opposed to single housing type neighborhoods.
- b. Encourage opportunities for an adequate supply of all housing types in appropriate locations for all Clermont County residents with an emphasis on the needs of the financially disadvantaged and the special needs populations.

3. Planning and Zoning

- a. Encourage residential development at a variety of scales including the range from single-family subdivisions to medium and high density developments.
- b. Encourage housing preservation and improvement programs to areas where there is a full range of housing types.
- c. Recommend public amenities such as parks; public plazas; street trees; street lights; community centers; and pedestrian and bicycle connections to the retail centers, water, and nearby trails.

4. Aging Residents / Housing Assistance

- a. Encourage opportunities for housing near developed areas so that amenities are in close proximity.
- b. Encourage housing opportunities for low and low-moderate income households throughout the County.