

CHAP FACT SHEET



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What is CHAP?

CHAP, the Community Housing Action Partnership, Inc., was created by community stakeholders to serve as a catalyst for developing affordable quality housing in Monongalia County by:

- Acting as a consortium of developers, funders, lenders, nonprofits and community members
- Focusing on facilitating development of safe, affordable quality housing
- Collaborating and leveraging partnerships among community housing organizations
- Serving as a clearinghouse for housing resources
- Advocating for housing that is attainable and available to all members of our community

CHAP Mission Statement

CHAP is a community consortium that serves as a catalyst to produce quality affordable and accessible homes through leveraging and maximizing resources.

PROBLEMS:

Why was CHAP created?

Many studies and assessments have identified the Morgantown area as severely lacking in housing that meets the needs of individuals and families who have modest incomes. Finding safe, affordable and quality housing is a difficult task for them whether it is housing for rent or housing for sale.

A 2013 survey by WVU's College of Business and Economics reported that housing costs push the cost of living in Morgantown above the national average. Housing costs were 14.2% higher than in the rest of the United States, despite the lower than average costs of health care, transportation, utilities and groceries.

Housing and employment are keys to economic development. Morgantown and its surrounding area is also fortunate that it is one of only a handful of areas in West Virginia that continues to increase in population. Population growth, of course, increases the need for quality, affordable and accessible housing.



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ACTIONS:

Current Activities:

- Developing a five year strategic plan for CHAP
- Researching funding sources
- Implementing a Community Development Block Grant from the City of Morgantown
- Applying for other grant funding
- Working with community stakeholders

Future Plans

- Analyzing data from local housing surveys and needs assessments
- Developing a community resource mapping project
- Exploring best practices in affordable and accessible quality housing for replication in Monongalia County
- Acting as a catalyst to develop CHAP's first affordable and accessible quality housing project

