

# Housing Policy Summit 2021

Purpose and Approach

October 14, 2021

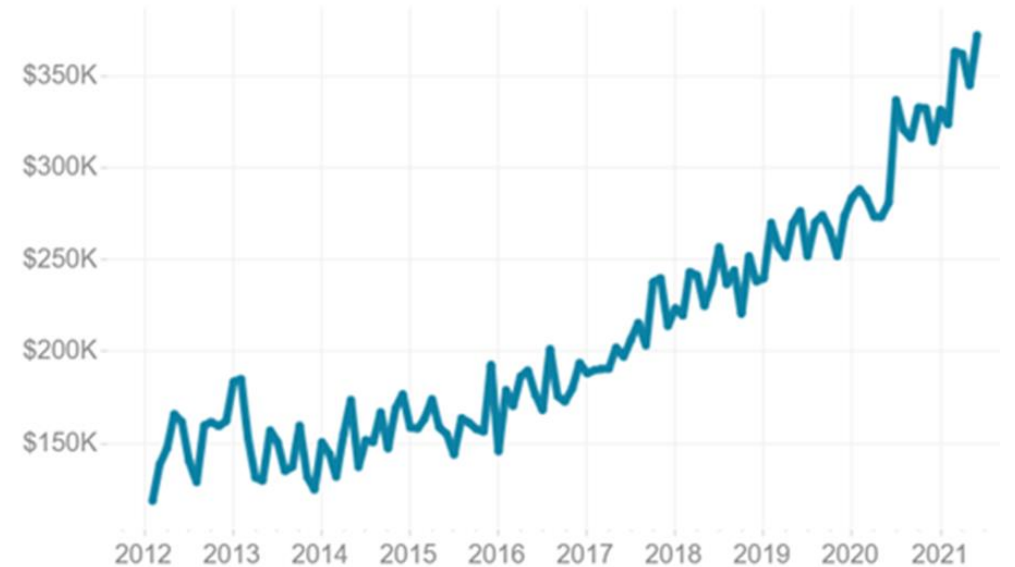
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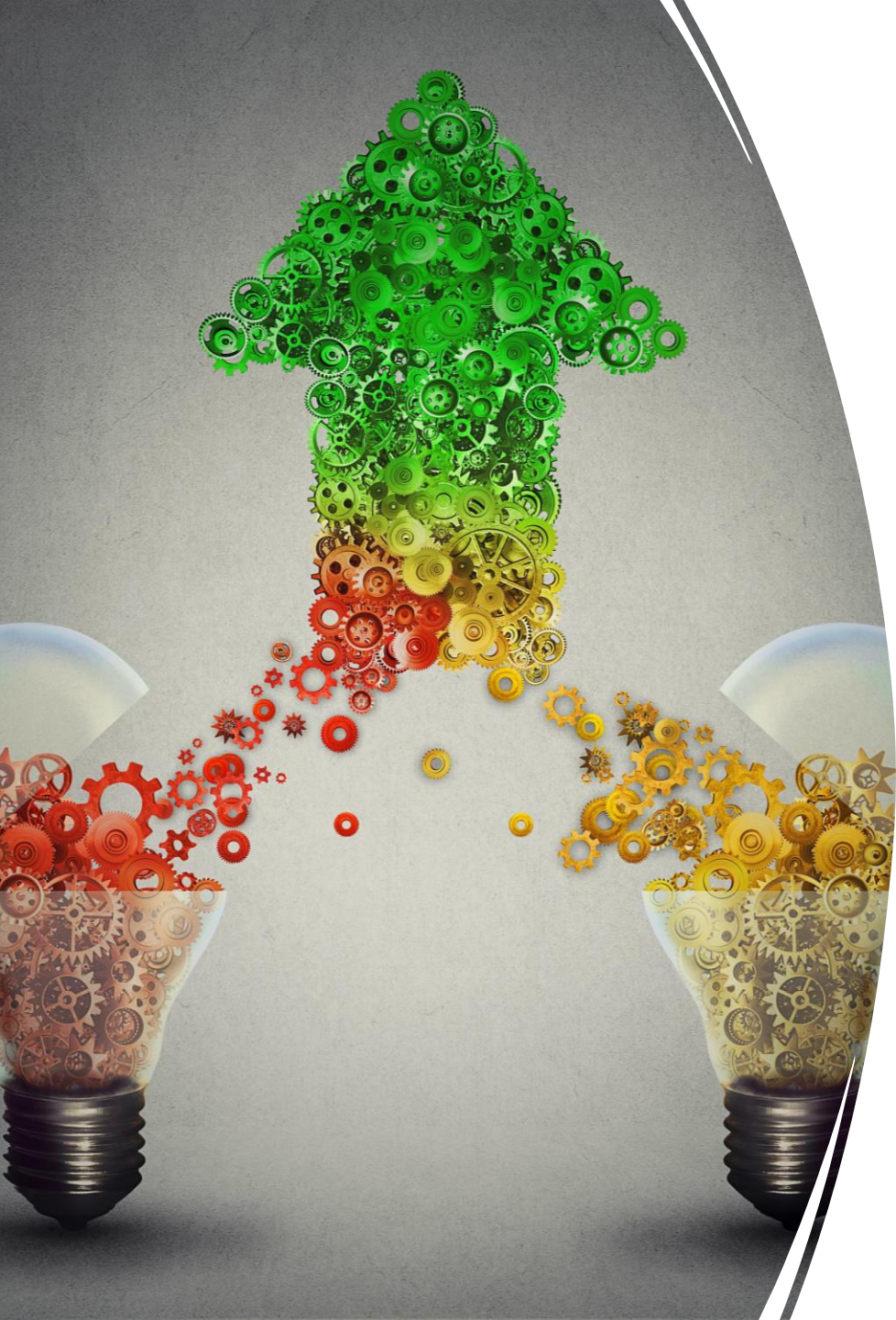


# Why we're doing this

- **We have a housing crisis in Lewis County**
  - Supply extremely low: 1.1 months' supply
  - Homeowner vacancy rate at 1.7, rental at 4.5%
  - 69% decrease in supply from 2012 to 2021
  - 127% increase in median sale prices from 2012 to 2021
- **Solutions need to be cross-jurisdictional**
  - Policy approaches taken in one jurisdiction impacts others
  - Desire to take a regional approach

**Median Sale Price, Lewis County**





# What we're doing

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- Convening locally elected leaders across Lewis County
  - Jurisdictions send 1-2 representatives
  - Using safety protocols in response to Covid
- Our purpose is to educate ourselves and have shared knowledge
- We'll cover specific topics
  - Lewis County Housing Situation Assessment
  - The housing pipeline and role of different types of housing
  - The local government housing policy toolkit
- Focus is on educating ourselves on this topic and then understanding our policy toolkit

# Our Focus is on the WHOLE Housing Pipeline

*Solutions must address needs of people and communities at every level of housing.*

## THE HOUSING CONTINUUM



*(includes permanent  
supportive housing)*

# Desired outcomes

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Local elected officials with a high degree of shared knowledge on the topic



Local jurisdictions understand policy toolkit and innovative solutions available



Local jurisdictions discuss together their policy goals



Building meaningful relationships to strengthen cross-jurisdictional sharing and collaboration on policy approaches



Convey to developers and realtors that Lewis County as a whole is committed to policies that ease permitting and zoning restrictions



# Future Possibilities

- Jurisdictional policy adoption across Lewis County that improves the housing situation
- Cross-jurisdictional task forces on specific topic areas
- Stronger Lewis County brand for housing development

# Please attend

- October 14, 9:00 AM – 1:00PM
- Location being adjusted for Covid
- We will use safety protocols – social distancing, masking, sanitizing
- Keeping invited attendees to about 40 in a larger space
- Select your representative(s)
  - 1-2 electeds
  - Consider 1-2 staff
- We will meet the requirements of an open, public meeting



## HOUSING POLICY SUMMIT 2021

*A convening of elected leaders on housing policy solutions.*

### SAVE THE DATE!

October 14, 2021

Challenges related to housing exist across Lewis County. The City of Centralia and Lewis County government are sponsoring a housing summit to help local elected leaders develop a shared understanding of the current situation and the available policy solutions. We plan to look at housing challenges collectively so that jurisdictions set policies that address housing needs across the county and share both the opportunities and responsibilities for ensuring a strong housing pipeline in our area.

*Convened by the City of Centralia and Lewis County.*



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