

# INCREASE AFFORDABLE & WORKFORCE HOUSING

Housing impacts the quality of life for residents in Brookings County, for people interested in moving to the area, and for businesses seeking to recruit and retain employees. Many factors are bringing the issue of affordable and workforce housing to the forefront including:

- County wide need of over 2,400 additional housing units by 2035
- Limited land available for development
- Limited rental options in communities for new and existing residents
- Short supply of all markets ‘for sale’ housing
- Increasing cost of building supplies
- A decrease in the number of people working the construction trade industry

A comprehensive county wide housing study was completed in the summer of 2022. The study was commissioned by Brookings County, the City of Brookings, and the Brookings Economic Development Corporation. It identified several facts and projections in our housing mix as well as areas of needed focus moving forward.

Vision Brookings will look to support and leverage funding for “**GAME CHANGING**” plans that address the development of affordable and workforce housing.

- Increase the variety of housing options
- Secure and conserve existing housing
- Promote infill opportunities
- Encourage development in area communities
- Expand workforce development recruitment and training in the construction trades.

