

Brewster Affordable Housing Trust (BAHT) Goals **with priority initiatives for FY 2020:**

1. **Develop and Preserve Affordable Housing:** The BAHT will develop and preserve affordable housing and support the work of others seeking to do the same. Our work will serve very low-, low-, and moderate-income individuals and families.
 - Explore and potentially begin steps to create a home rehabilitation program.
 - Develop new affordable housing (by building): Continue process for development of community housing on Millstone Road property.
 - Develop new affordable housing (without building): Explore and potentially begin steps to create a rental assistance voucher program and a rent to ownership style program.
 - Work to preserve existing Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI) units through outreach and, when required, with financial involvement/ commitment.
2. **Educate:** The BAHT will work to educate individuals and organizations about Brewster's community housing and why affordable housing is important to the town, its residents and visitors. Coordinating with the Brewster Housing Partnership (BHP), we will partner with other housing organizations from within and outside Brewster to provide educational opportunities to our citizens.
 - Hold at least annual forums and Select Board updates as well as regularly post information on the Town website. (Community Housing Forum & Housing Fair)
3. **Advocate and collaborate:** The BAHT will advocate for development proposals, projects, local bylaws, state and federal laws, and other programs that advance our mission to create and preserve affordable housing. We will collaborate with local, state, and federal officials as well as public, non-profit and for-profit entities to achieve our goals.
 - Identify permanent funding strategy for the Trust. For example: Community Preservation Act (CPA) allocations, short-term rental tax, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), free cash or budget allocation, etc.
 - Work with other housing partners in Town and in surrounding Towns.
For example:
 - Support: local initiatives such as Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Bylaw, Brewster Woods, Habitat Paul Hush Road, Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Buy-Down Program, Cape Housing Institute
 - Network: Attend events and communicate with housing partners.
 - Guide: With other Town entities (including Open Space) create guidelines for land. Review town parcels and properties for suitability for housing.
4. **Engage and Communicate:** The BAHT will engage and communicate with town residents, and listen to, and learn from, their ideas, so that our work reflects a broad consensus.
 - Provide opportunities for residents to share their thoughts and ideas.
 - Community Housing Forum feedback time & survey
 - Millstone Road Community Engagement Component
 - Citizen's Forum
 - Research and develop a diversity inclusion working group