

# Multi-Generational, Diverse, Resilient, and Inclusive Neighborhoods

**Objective:** We need inclusive neighborhoods made up of diverse housing, where people of different races, ethnicities, ages, and incomes can live together in safety and stability, particularly Black and Hispanic/Latino residents, low-wealth residents, youth, and seniors. We need diverse neighborhoods where residents can remain rooted and that offer opportunities to share resources, care for neighbors, and learn from one another’s life experiences.



**BACKGROUND:** Our current housing options isolate older adults, people who need assisted living, and people with lower incomes. Zoning rules and development result in separated housing types. This produces segregated or gentrified neighborhoods where resources are concentrated in higher-wealth areas. Residents see whitewashed and cookie-cutter neighborhoods where the arrival of mainly white people with money inflates housing prices. This pushes residents of color out of their homes and signals the end of decades of culture and community.

We want to actively ensure that communities are not torn apart when establishing sustainably diverse and inclusive communities. We want equitable inclusion that allows residents to thrive in neighborhoods that reap the benefits of racial, cultural, socioeconomic and multigenerational interdependence.

## Quotes from Durham Residents

- “A Durham that is truly integrated - economically, racially, culturally, where everyone feels at home”
- “Affordable housing has to be integrated—can't be isolated and stuck there forever. Look at cooperative integrated models.”
- “Clusters of community that foster interaction and de-silo our digital world”
- “Diversified living spaces for all people: more integration throughout Durham”
- “As I get older I want to be independent for as long as possible, don't have family to rely on as vision is degenerating – alternatives for living, 55 plus”
- “New housing plans for public housing residents- (select plans from the best models in other cities) or move these residents into the greater community (not packing them all together as currently done)”
- “And we need to invite residents between different neighborhoods to get to know the diversity of Durham”