



# HOUSING FACT or FICTION?

## A SERIES OF SHORT FILMS THAT LOOK AT NEW HAMPSHIRE'S HOUSING ISSUES & SOLUTIONS

“ These episodes  
concisely debunk a number of  
negative myths, and present  
the importance and positive  
impacts of affordable, workforce  
housing for New Hampshire's  
communities. ”

— JAY CHILDS,  
PRODUCER/DIRECTOR

*HOUSING FACT or FICTION* is an offshoot of the two-part award-winning documentary film series *Communities & Consequences* (2008 and 2020) that explored the economic and social realities of NH's demographics, and the role local policies play. The films and two books documented NH's struggle to provide housing for residents of all ages, income levels, and backgrounds.



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***HOUSING FACT or FICTION* examines the attitudes and misperceptions that have contributed to the lack of affordable housing throughout New Hampshire.**

Each episode weaves in housing facts – and fiction – to explain why New Hampshire faces a critical shortage of housing, and what that means for our economy and well-being of our communities.

The series tackles some of the most pervasive myths that have slowed progress toward building the more than 23,500 housing units needed to meet current demand. Using data, stories, and real examples from New Hampshire communities, *HOUSING FACT or FICTION* aims to set the record straight.

### Episode Highlights:

#### **EPISODE 1 - WHO LIVES IN WORKFORCE HOUSING?**

Meet residents in Lancaster and Portsmouth who work locally but struggle to find affordable homes for themselves and their families.

#### **EPISODE 2 - WHAT IS WORKFORCE HOUSING?**

Challenges the myth that building new housing always leads to overcrowded schools and higher property taxes.

#### **EPISODE 3 - WHAT IS MANUFACTURED HOUSING?**

Highlights the most affordable homeownership option for many: manufactured housing. This episode explores how these homes have evolved far beyond outdated notions of “mobile homes” or “trailer parks.”

#### **EPISODE 4 - WHO LIVES IN MANUFACTURED HOUSING?**

Meet two New Hampshire residents who own manufactured homes and discover how resident-owned communities (ROCs) work—and why they matter.

### The goal of this series is to:

- Provide free, accessible video tools to engage citizens
- Assist in advocating for housing at town and city meetings
- Provide a toolkit for community engagement and advocacy

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