

These are a few of the things I've been looking at and thinking about. Jeff

Guidelines and suggestions for the proposed Housing Working Group.

Create a trusted forum where residents, employers, government, non-profits and developers can discuss housing openly and constructively.

To improve the availability, affordability, and quality of housing in Petersburg through collaboration, planning, infrastructure coordination, and development of practical local solutions.

- Estimate the shortage of workforce housing, senior housing, family housing, rentals and starter homes.
- Identify barriers to construction or renovation.
- Identify buildable land.
- Recommend zoning or permitting improvements.
- Explore public-private partnerships.
- Identify developers interested in small community projects.
- Encourage rehabilitation of vacant or deteriorating homes.
- Support weatherization and energy efficiency upgrades.
- Help homeowners access grants or low-interest loans.
- Water, sewer and electrical capacity.
- State housing grants, federal rural development programs, tribal housing, local land incentives and tax abatements or fee reductions.