





# 2026 ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

Together, We Are Building a Beloved Community

At Habitat for Humanity of York County, we believe strong communities begin with stable homes. As housing costs rise, we are advancing practical, equitable policy solutions—and partnering with leaders at every level of government—to expand access to affordable homeownership.



**WHY THIS MATTERS**

-  Home values in Rock Hill ↑ 100.9% (2013–2023)
-  Median income ↑ 52.2%
-  Affordable homeownership is increasingly out of reach



## FEDERAL PRIORITIES

### Increase Funding for HOME & CDBG

Expand federal investment in proven programs that support affordable housing development and preservation.

### Expand Access to Homeownership Financing

Support down payment assistance and equitable lending tools for low- and moderate-income families.

### Invest in Disaster Recovery & Resilience

Strengthen long-term recovery programs that prioritize homeowner repair and rebuilding.

### Increase Housing Supply

Advance policies that unlock land and incentivize construction of affordable starter homes.



## STATE PRIORITIES

### Heirs' Property: Clear Title Without Penalty

Allow families to clear title without triggering reassessment, preserving generational ownership and access to resources.

### Heirs' Property: Right of Redemption

Ensure fair notice and reasonable timelines for families to retain inherited property during tax sale processes.

### Disaster Recovery Reform

Streamline programs, reduce barriers, and partner with nonprofits to deliver equitable housing recovery.

### Eviction Sealing

Create pathways to seal eligible records, removing unnecessary barriers to stable housing.

### Homestead Tax Exemption

Modernize and expand access to protect seniors and vulnerable homeowners from displacement.



## LOCAL PRIORITIES

### Expand Access to Land

Prioritize surplus public and faith-owned land for affordable homeownership.

### Invest in Home Repair & Home Ownership

Increase local funding for affordable homeownership construction critical repairs to create new affordable owner occupied homes and preserve existing housing and support aging in place.

### Modernize Zoning

Allow flexible zoning and infill development to expand affordable housing opportunities.



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We invite local, state, and federal leaders to partner with Habitat for Humanity of York County to advance these solutions and expand access to affordable homeownership.

Let's build a better York County – together.  
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