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Findings of Housing Study to be Announced August 13

SPRINGFIELD, OH (Aug. 2, 2019) — Findings of a market-rate housing analysis in Springfield will be revealed at the next regular meeting of the Springfield City Commission on Aug. 13.

The study, conducted by the Greater Ohio Policy Center, looked across the socioeconomic spectrum in Springfield with a goal to meet the housing needs of all those who reside there.

“Accessible and affordable housing is key to a thriving community, and a vital component of economic development,” said City Manager Bryan Heck. “Just as we work to support new and existing businesses in Springfield, we work to find innovative and practical ways to enhance, rehabilitate, and build new and existing housing in our neighborhoods.”

The City worked in strong collaboration with community partners and stakeholders to launch the marketing analysis last year. The effort was outlined in the City of Springfield’s Goals and Objectives in 2018-2019 and 2019-2020.

The study is expected to highlight the City’s work toward:

- Engaging anchor institutions and capitalizing on Springfield’s geographic location
- Focus on downtown revitalization
- Support of ongoing development projects to attract new residents
- Collaborative efforts with developers to encourage investment
- Support rehabilitation efforts of existing housing stock

The recommendations put forth in the study will be key in guiding City and community leaders in policy decisions on housing in the future.

The Springfield City Commission meets in the City Hall Forum Aug. 13 at 7 p.m.