BUILDING HOMES CAMPAIGN

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Agenda

- I. Introduction (5 minutes)
- II. Presentation (10 minutes)
 - Results of the first five years of the campaign
 - What we are thinking on next steps
- III. Discussion (55 minutes)
 - Specific poll questions
 - What is needed to reach the campaign goals?
- IV. Next Steps (5 minutes)



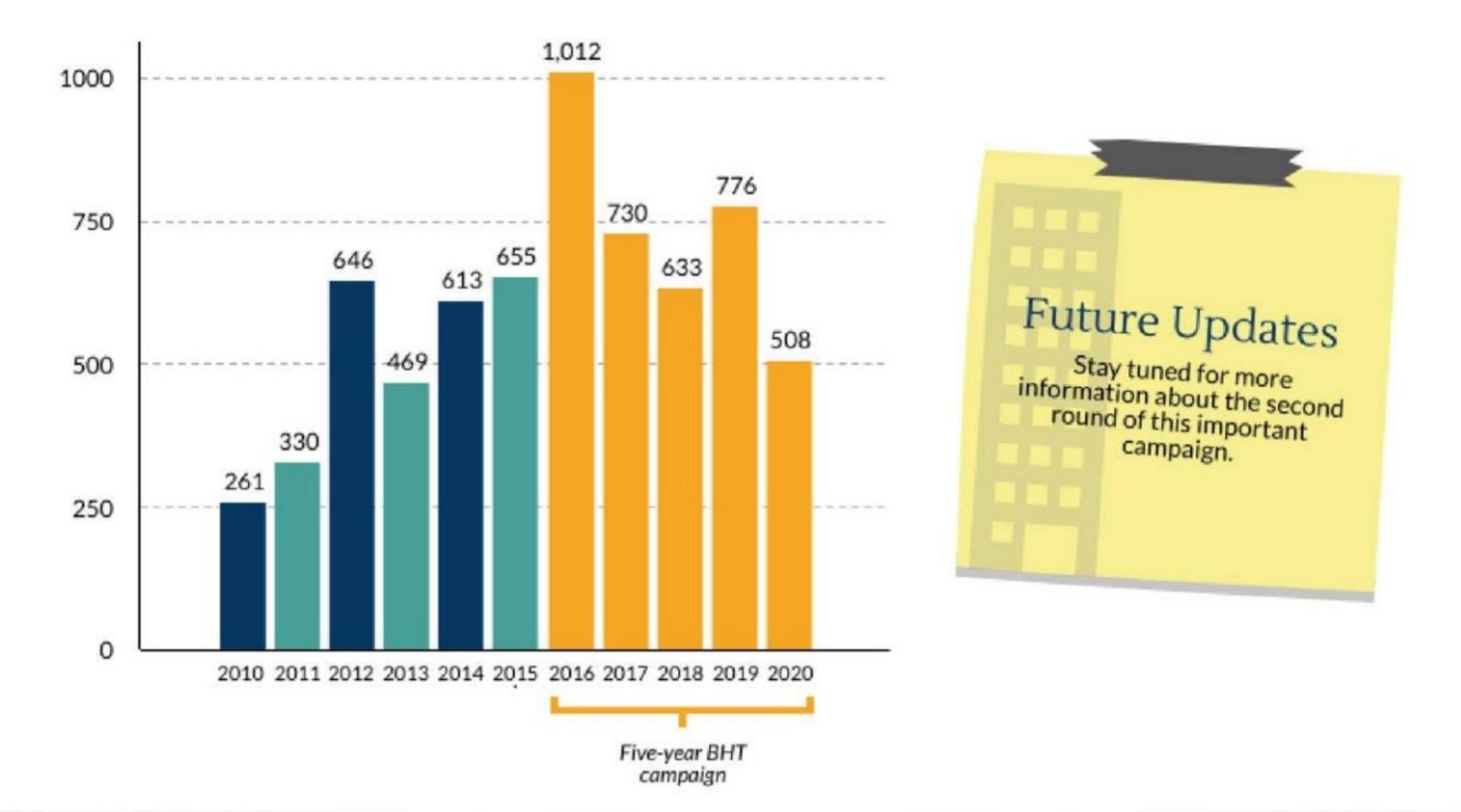
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Total New Home Construction



Goal:

Average of 700 new homes/year for five years. (Over the five years, 3,659 new homes were built -- a 732 homes/year average.)



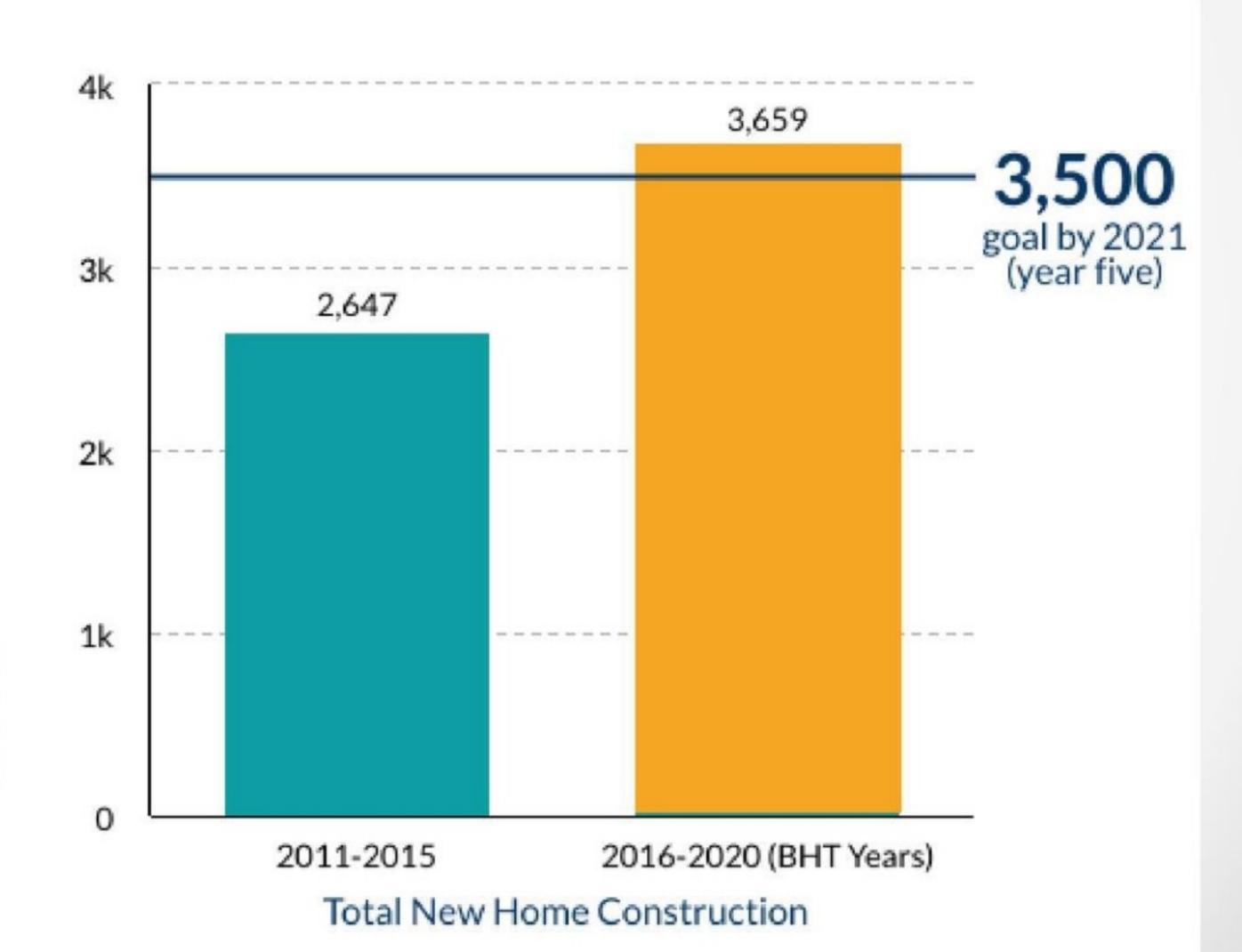


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Thanks to the efforts of all those involved, we increased new home production by over 1,000 homes over the five years of the campaign.

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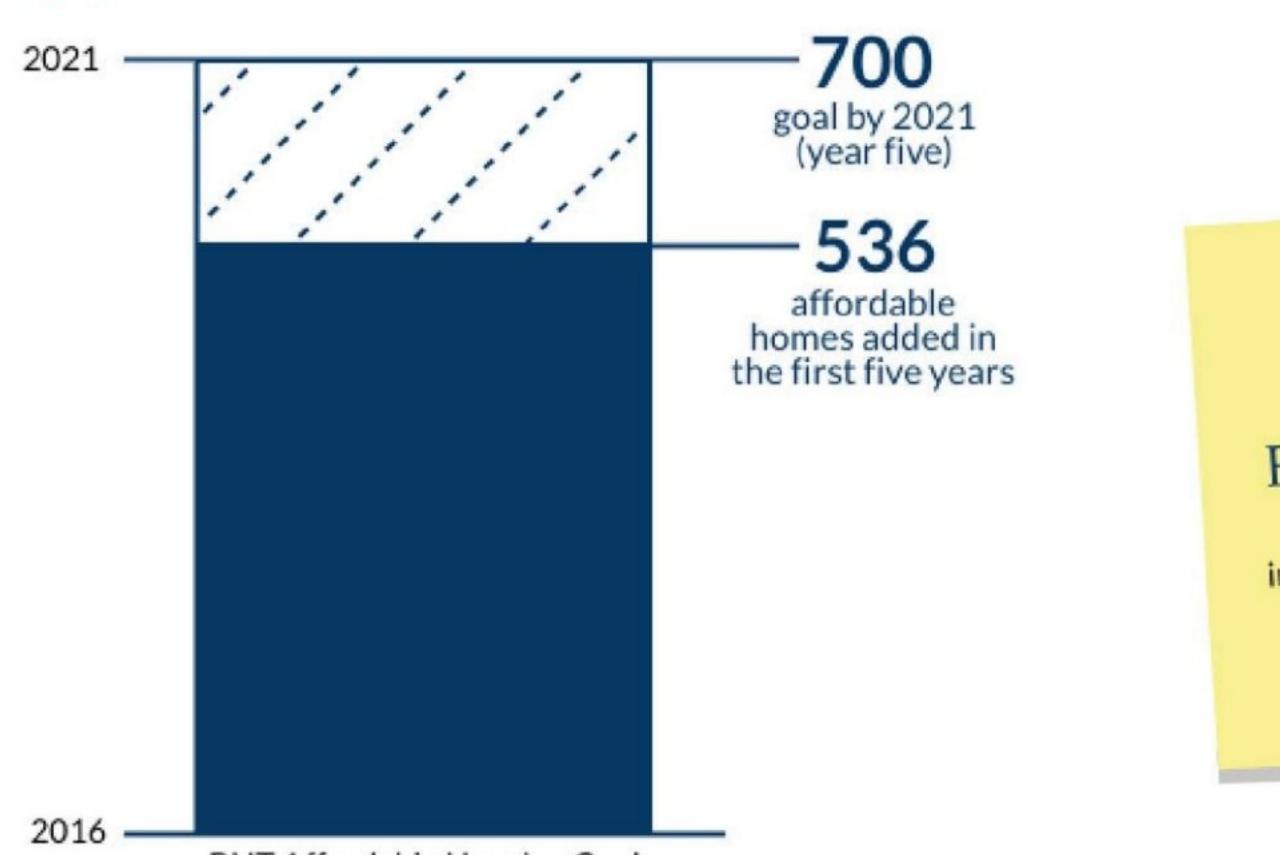
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Affordable Housing Goal Update



Goal

140 new affordable homes/year on average for a total of 700 over the five-year campaign. (Over the five years, 536 affordable homes were added, falling short of the 700 goal.)



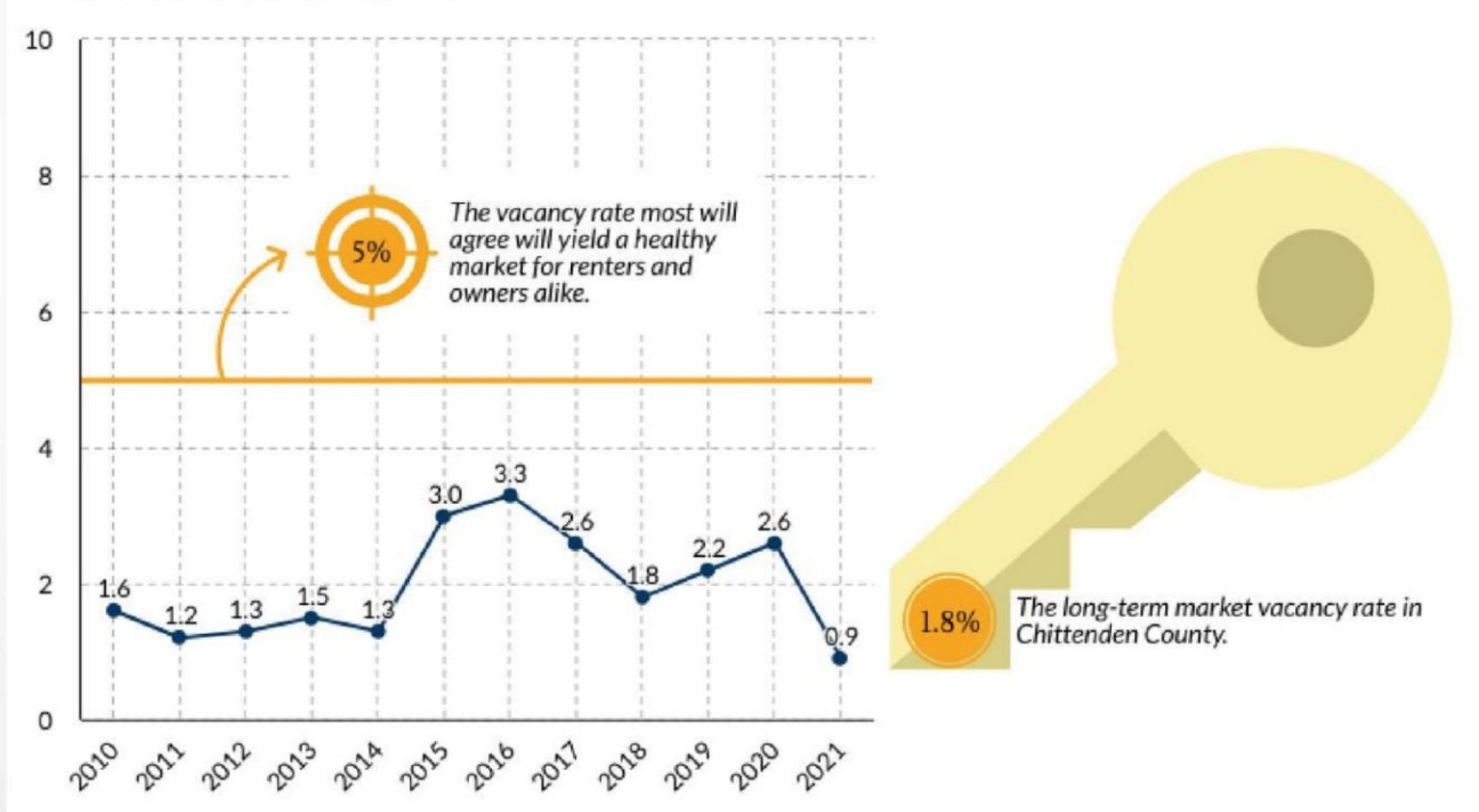




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Chittenden County Vacancy Rate

While the total construction goal was met the first five years, indicators still point to an undersupplied market. We are still below a healthy rental vacancy rate.





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The State of Vermont stepped up!

- The Housing for All Revenue Bond
- Directed funds from COVID relief funds towards the creation of more affordable housing
- Dedicated \$500,000 for Bylaw Modernization for municipalities
- VT Department of Housing and Community Development completed a housing infill guidance project called <u>Enabling</u> <u>Better Places: A Zoning Guide for Vermont Neighborhoods</u>.



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Chittenden County Municipalities have done A LOT of great work in supporting affordable housing!

- Conducted Housing Needs Assessments
- Made Accessory Dwelling Units easier
- Made development review process improvements
- Reduced permit or impact fees
- Established Housing Trust Funds
- Adopted Inclusionary Zoning
- Actively pursued grant funding for affordable housing construction
- Donated municipal land for affordable housing



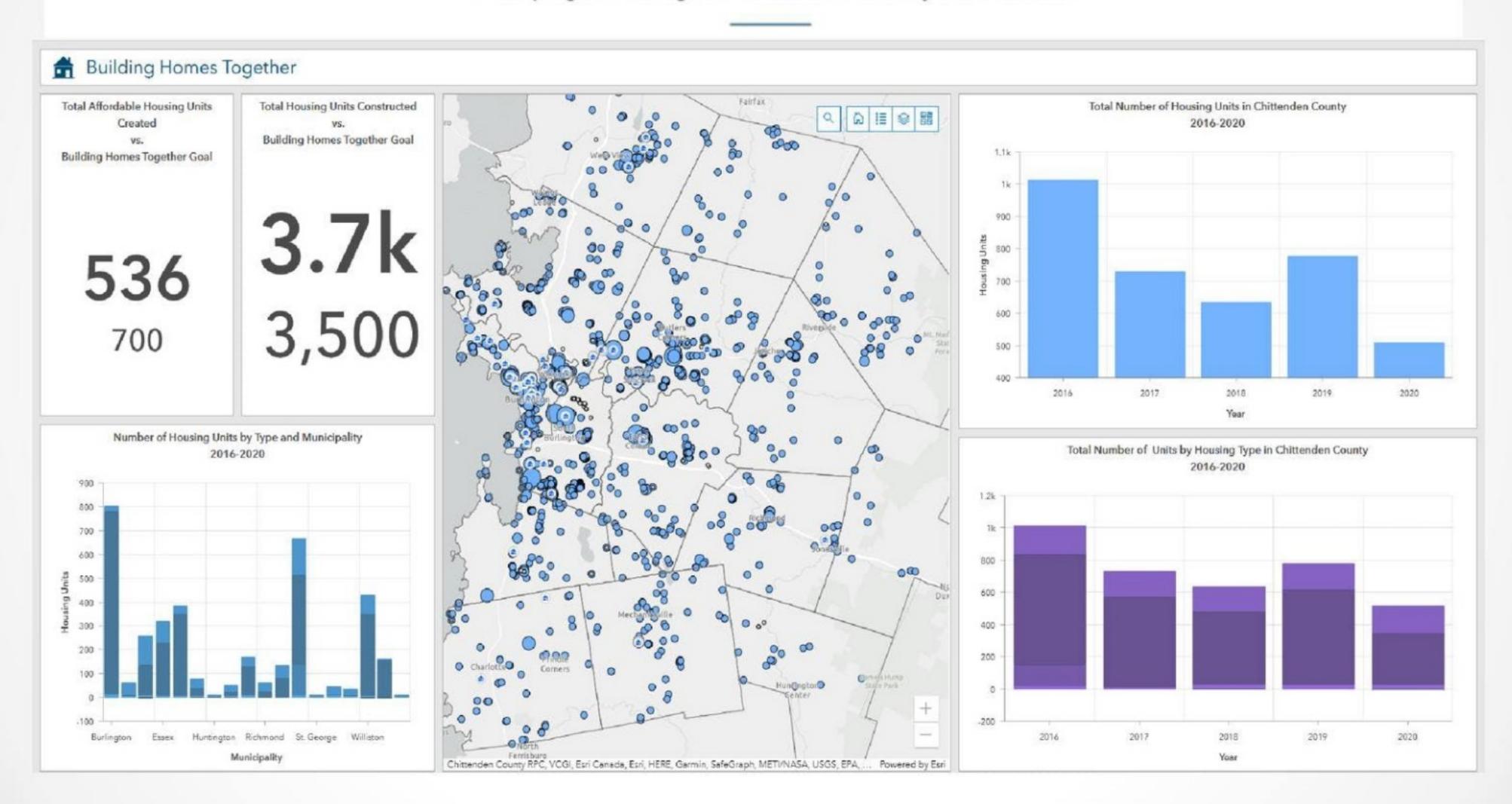
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And have supported more development and density!

- Established Housing Committees
- Increased zoning density
- Received State Designation Providing Act 250
 Relief
- Participated in Regional Housing Discussions and Peer Learning
- Created housing Retention Requirements (Burlington and South Burlington)
- Improved Infrastructure in Villages



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This is what we need to meet unmet demand		
Housing Needs Assessment*		2,090
To achieve a healthy vacancy rate		1,000
To address homelessness & the high demand for more homes in Chittenden County		I /nu
Therefore, at minimum this is what we need to do to		
stabilize:		
5,000 new homes with 1,250 affordable		
1,000 average per year new	250 average per year new	
homes affordable homes		omes

Poll Questions

- Go to www.menti.com
- Enter Code:
 - o The first round focused on policy changes (state & local), new capital, and education/advocacy. Any specific ideas for this next round?
 - Reactions to the targets

Most effective

Which municipal efforts will be the most effective?

Least effective

Local Housing Committee

Local Housing Trust Fund: assist inclusionary, BIPOC specific down payment, etc.

Adjust development review standards: density, parking, simplify process, etc.

Inclusionary zoning (required % of affordable in all housing developments).

Which state efforts will be the most effective?

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Remove Act 250 from areas planned for growth

Set a municipal percentage affordable target

Streamline Act 250 and ANR/DEC permitting

What are the strategies needed to correct racial inequities in housing?

Eliminate "character of neighborhood" standards in local zoning.

Allow other dwelling types in single family neighborhoods.

BIPOC specific financing for homeownership.

Homeownership education.

Least effective

BIPOC specific homeownership target.

Most effective

What is your reaction to a 5,000 new home (1,000/year) target for the next five years?

What is your reaction to a 1,250 (250 per year) new affordable home target for the next five years?



Open Discussion

What is needed to reach the campaign goals?

Next Steps

- Incorporate today's feedback along with focus group, and housing committee feedback
- Campaign Announcement shortly thereafter

QUESTIONS?

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