



**Oxford Housing Commission
Kick Off Summit – Affordable Housing Study Committees**

The City of Oxford and the Executive Committee of the Oxford Housing Commission invites all who are interested to attend a “Kick Off Summit” on Thursday, May 9, 2019 from 5pm to 8pm at the Oxford Conference Center. The event will include a presentation from an expert in affordable housing issues, and then the formation of five topical study committees.

After the presentation attendees can sign up to serve on up to two of the topical study committees and have time for an initial conversation. We are seeking approximately 5 to 10 people for each committee, who can commit to meeting about once a month for at least six months. Additional information on the scope of the work of each Committee will be distributed at the meeting. The committees to be formed will include:

1. Housing Needs – Below 80% of Area Median Income
2. Housing Needs – Little to No Income / Homelessness
3. Housing Needs – From 80% to 100% of Area Median Income
4. Data, Definitions, and Terminology – Deeper evaluation of background concerns, including economics.
5. Mixed Issues – Including: Maintenance or Repair Assistance for Substandard Housing, Expanded Transit Options, Opportunity Zones and Housing Opportunities, Student Housing, Substandard Rental Housing, and Housing Finance Options

The speaker, Jeff Staudinger of Asheville, NC; is a leading expert in the areas of local affordable housing finance policy and strategy. He has been a community development practitioner since he began work as a VISTA Volunteer in the mid-1970's, and has worked in diverse community development settings.

Mr. Staudinger's work included directing a 30 town regional economic development organization; organizing one of Vermont's first Main Street organizations; and directing a community land trust. He was a founder of the Vermont Community Loan Fund.

Jeff became the Community Development Director for the City of Asheville in 2009, and retired in June of 2017 as Assistant Director of the Community and Economic Development Department. Jeff's work with the City of Asheville focused on affordable housing policy development and funding. For that work he was recognized in 2016 by the North Carolina Housing Coalition as "Affordable Housing Professional of the Year". He is now a community development consultant to local governments, non-profits and housing developers.

It will be exciting to see this effort move forward as we consider elements of how to address the affordable housing needs of residents of Oxford and Lafayette County. For questions related to this event please contact Judy Daniel, jdaniel@oxfordms.net or 662-232-2305.
