

Connected Communities and Affordable Housing

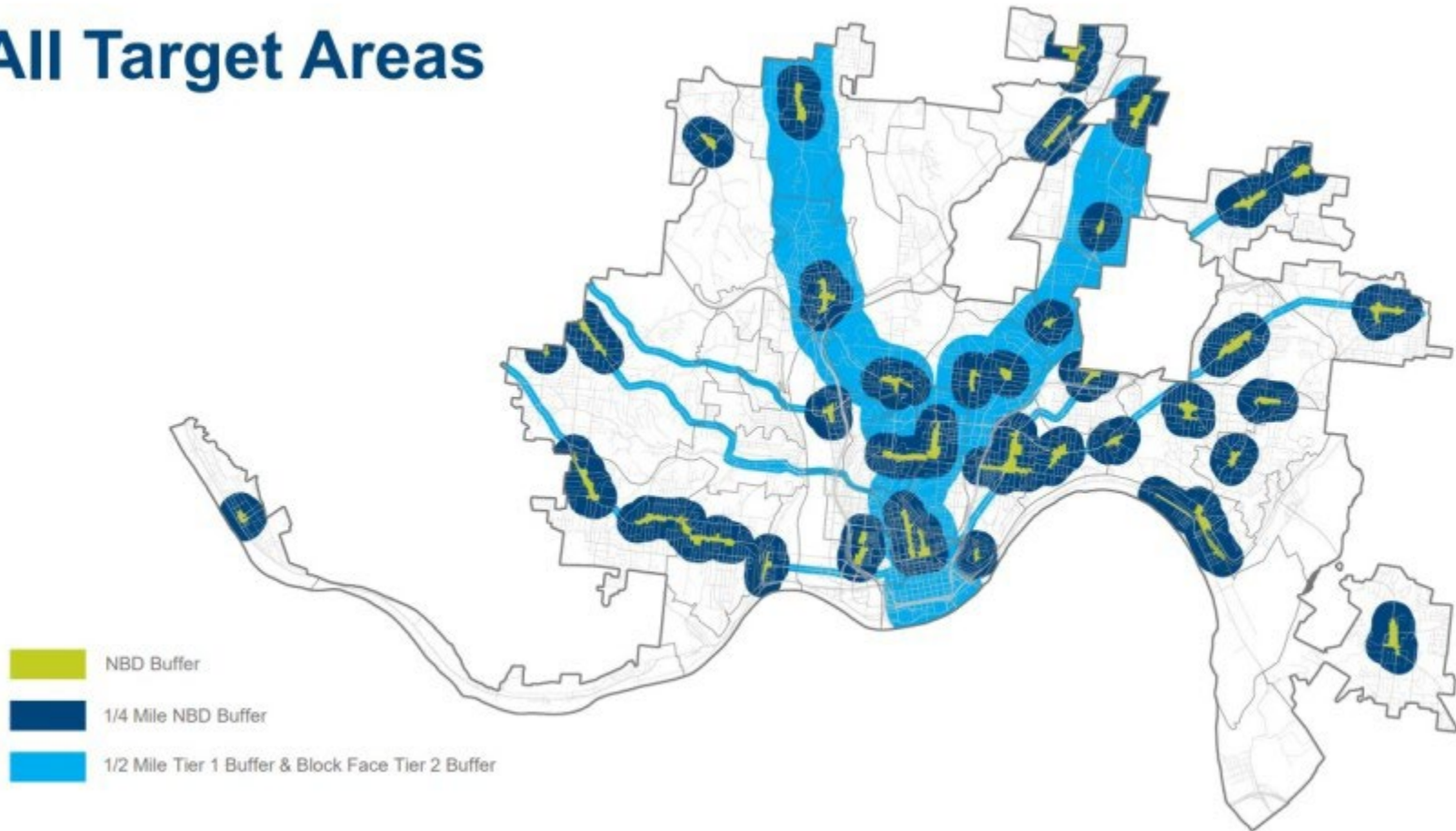
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What is Connected Communities?

- Changes to Cincinnati's land use and zoning ordinances.
- Passed by the Equitable Growth and Housing Committee on June 3 and approved by City Council on June 4.
- Passed as an emergency ordinance, which means it is effective immediately.

What does it do?

All Target Areas



Does it support affordable housing?

- Supporters say...
 - Regulations for LIHTC projects
 - “Filtering”
- Affordable housing advocates know this is not enough to address our housing crisis.

What can we do?

- Directly incentive affordable housing
- Prevent displacement

Incentive affordable housing

- Reform commercial tax abatements
- Increase money to the Affordable Housing Leverage Fund for housing at targeted income levels
- Support Housing Choice Vouchers
- Increase funding for downpayment assistance and favorable mortgage lending

Prevent Displacement

- Tenant protections and relocation assistance
- Property tax assistance for low-income homeowners
- Home repair assistance
- Protection from predatory home sellers

Questions?

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