

Governor Hochul has included in her proposed New York State Budget a "Housing Compact Plan" that could dramatically impact local communities, including Rockville Centre.

Overview of Proposal

- Included in the Governor's budget is a proposal that all municipalities increase their housing units by 3% every 3 years.
- If this 3% growth threshold is not met, if a local Zoning Board turns down a developer's application for a new housing project, then the State can overrule the local Zoning Board.
- Focus is around areas serviced by MTA. Municipalities must increase housing unit density to 50 units per acres within ½-mile radius of train stations. For RVC this would mean an increase of 504 units in the ½ mile radius of the train station.
- 1/2 -mile radius is circled on the RVC map shared with residents.
- Rationale is to meet "housing crisis in NY where jobs outnumber units."

Issues/Concerns

- How can infrastructure, including but not limited to sewers, water, roads, etc., handle 500+ new homes?
- How will this impact our environment on all of Long Island?
- How can existing schools handle increased population?
- How can existing emergency services be maintained?
- How will local communities accommodate increased parking/traffic?
- What about the maintenance and creation of open space? There is minimal open space in western Nassau County currently.
- Why is a "one size fits all" proposal appropriate, with minimal exceptions for communities like RVC that have incorporated many "smart growth" principles in its zoning regulations for decades?
- Many other impacts and unintended consequences of this proposal need to be analyzed and studied, instead of rushed through for approval during the budget process.

Mayor/Board Recent Actions (within the last weeks since NYS Budget Announcement)

- Mayor Murray spoke to 400 elected officials at NYCOM's annual legislative meeting about the detriments of this proposal to RVC and all of Long Island.
- Mayor Murray met at the Governor's mansion with the Governor's Chief of Staff, Secretary of State, and the Commissioner of Housing and Community Renewal and let them know that we need input and how it could be a disaster for our environment on Long Island.

- Mayor met with each of the following: Senator Thomas, Assemblyman Curran, Majority leader of NYS Senate Andrea Stewart-Cousins in separate meetings, and Speaker of the Assembly's Chief of Staff to again express our dissatisfaction and concerns over this mandate.
- Deputy Mayor Baxley and Village Administrator Howard attended a NCVOA meeting on this topic with Mayors, Trustees and Clerks from all of Nassau County.
- Nassau County Village Officials Association (NCVOA) has taken a firm stance in opposition to the Governor's proposal.
- The Village Board held two Community Meetings, on February 28th and on March 7th to inform our residents of this proposal and its detriments to our village. Documents and emails were created and shared through research and many conversations with state attorneys and representatives.

Actions for Residents

Call/Email NY State elected officials to let them know this is not acceptable. Most importantly, let the Governor know that you oppose this proposal.

We have drafted a sample email for you to copy and email the Governor and our NY State representatives opposing this proposal. The sample email and a list of the names and contact info is posted on our website www.RVCNY.Gov