

# WCCRC

## Newsletter



## Pro Housing Community Program

NYS OFFICE OF COMMUNITY RENEWAL ANNOUNCES NEW OPPORTUNITY

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW-** The Pro Housing Community Program intends to reward local governments that are working hard to address NY's housing crisis. Localities that achieve this designation will receive priority in their applications for key funding such as Downtown Revitalization Initiative, NY Forward, and NY Main Street. If the program is successful, it may expand to include CDBG and possibly be a requirement for funding.

**REQUIREMENTS-** Municipalities fill out provided templates to document and verify local zoning codes and information detailing local housing permit approvals over the last five years. Municipalities must show housing stock increase by .33% in the last year or 1% over the last 3 years. For localities that have not seen housing growth, they can still be certified by submitting their data and have the governing body pass the provided Pro-Housing Resolution.

**INTERESTED MUNICIPALITIES-** If interested in pursuing this opportunity, municipalities can start the process by sending a letter of intent from an authorized official to [prohousing@hcr.ny.gov](mailto:prohousing@hcr.ny.gov). Next, an application is submitted along with zoning and permitting data. After the municipality submits the application and the data is reviewed, they will be notified of their certification within 90 days.

**ASSISTANCE-** WCCRC strongly recommends that every municipality consider becoming a Pro Housing Community in order to access valuable grant funding resources. WCCRC will be happy to help towns achieve this designation. Please reach out to our Executive Director.

For more information visit <https://hcr.ny.gov/pro-housing-community-program>

*What's in this newsletter:*

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COMMUNITY  
PROGRAM**

**HOUSING  
COUNSELING**

**NEW GRANT  
FUNDING**

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WHAT CAN WE DO?

Test your home as soon as possible using a radon self test kit available online or at hardware stores. Follow the simple directions on the package. While supplies last, WCCRC has FREE Radon Test Kits available.

WHAT IF MY HOME HAS RADON?

If homes test positive with levels over 4 pCi/L, a radon mitigation system should be installed. WCCRC has funding available and certified professionals to install systems.

# Radon Awareness

WHAT IS RADON?

Radon is an odorless radioactive gas that naturally occurs in the ground and can seep into any home, often through foundations. Many people are unaware of the danger and don't test their homes unless being sold.

WHAT ARE THE HEALTH RISKS?

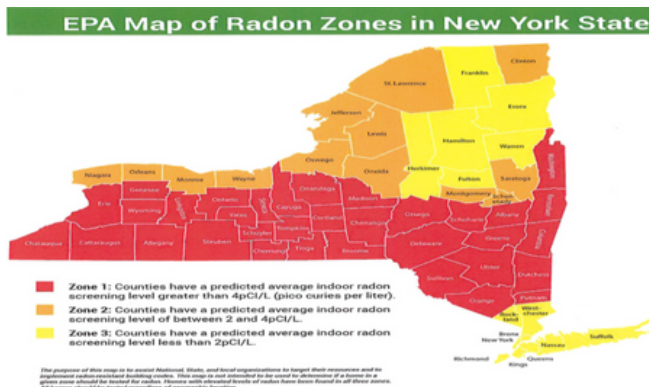
Radon can cause numerous health problems and may lead to lung cancer. It is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers, and causes 21,000 deaths annually in the U.S..

WHO IS MOST VULNERABLE?

Persons over 50 are particularly susceptible in that they have lower immune systems and tend to spend more time indoors. This is particularly true of retired seniors and those aging in place in older homes that may have cracks in their foundation or other conditions allowing seepage.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, this part of New York State has been determined to have high concentrations of Radon.



*Program Coordinator's Corner*  
 JACINDRA SHARESKI

WCCRC is excited to announce NEW GRANT FUNDING opportunities!!!

We have several Housing Rehabilitation grants that can be used for health and safety repairs such as windows, roofs, foundations, electrical, plumbing, etc. We have funding available service area wide as well as specific to the TOWN of KORTRIGHT.

We also have a CDBG Manufactured Home Replacement Program for southern SCHOHARIE COUNTY. Imagine living in a brand new HUD certified, Energy Star rated home!

Anyone interested in learning more or applying for a grant please reach out today.  
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