

The MRC's Housing Toolbox tops the list of 2020's innovative urban planning projects

Cowansville, June 23, 2021 - On June 2, the *Relève en urbanisme* (RU) of the *Ordre des urbanistes du Québec* released their 2020 compilation of innovative urban planning projects and the MRC Brome-Missisquoi is proud to announce that its Housing Toolbox is one of the eight projects selected! This compilation aims to promote good practices across the province and inspire urban planning professionals to innovate in their field.

The main objective of the Housing Toolbox for Dynamic and Innovative Living Environments is to offer support in terms of territorial development and to aid municipalities in the implementation of effective housing means and strategies, while respecting their respective reality. This dynamic and informative tool is comprised of two parts: 1- to invite municipalities to adopt a housing strategy using a six-step process; 2- to propose inspiring and innovative ideas, examples of partnerships, case studies from here and elsewhere, etc.

This guide also offers a series of resources to support municipalities in matters of citizen consultation, adapted densification, financing and access to housing.

The 2020 theme of the compilation: the "Levers for the reorganization of a city", consisted in highlighting the projects which have temporarily or permanently transformed the procedures, the territory or even which have pushed back the barriers to meet local challenges. The MRC guide was particularly appreciated, because it is an unprecedented project which, among other things, puts the population at the heart of the process. This project, which is also part of the MRC Brome-Missisquoi's regional population attraction strategy, is very relevant given the migratory movements that are observed throughout the province, due to the pandemic. "This tool is all the more relevant as it now offers the support that may often be lacking in certain municipalities having to deal with migratory flows. »- mentions the selection committee.

Do not hesitate to consult the [Housing Toolbox for Dynamic and Innovative Living Environments](#) (only available in French) to learn more about the project.

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