

Amherst to Host Final Public Information Session for Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Pilot Program

The Town of Amherst is pleased to announce the **final Public Information Session for its Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Pilot Program**, to be held on **Thursday, February 5, 2026, at 6:00 PM** in the **Council Chambers at Amherst Town Hall**, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221. This session is being offered to fill the last six remaining spots in the Pilot Program.

The ADU Pilot Program provides eligible homeowners with a **forgivable grant of up to \$125,000** to support the development or rehabilitation of an accessory dwelling unit. The program is designed to expand housing options within the Town while assisting homeowners in creating safe, code-compliant, and affordable living spaces.

The Public Information Session will provide an overview of program eligibility, requirements, and application procedures, as well as zoning and permitting considerations. Town staff and program partners will be available to answer questions and explain how participants are supported throughout the process. While attendance is encouraged, it is **not required** in order to apply. Applications will be accepted up to **March 6th, 2026**.

Accessory Dwelling Units are smaller, independent residential units located on the same lot as a single-family home. ADUs may be detached, attached, or located within the principal residence, depending on zoning requirements. Eligible projects include both the creation of new ADUs and the rehabilitation of existing units. Homeowners earning under 120% of Area Median Income may qualify and must occupy the property as their primary residence, ensure the ADU is occupied or rented, and maintain the property in good condition for the 10-year term of the forgivable grant.

The ADU Pilot Program is funded by a **\$2 million grant from New York State Homes and Community Renewal** and is expected to assist up to 16 homeowners in total. With only six openings remaining, interested homeowners are encouraged to act promptly.

Applications and additional information are available on the Town of Amherst's Accessory Dwelling Unit webpage: [CLICK HERE](#). Application packets may also be requested by contacting or visiting the Amherst Planning Department at Amherst Town Hall, 5583 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221. For questions, please contact the Planning Department at planningemail@amherst.ny.us or (716) 631-7051.

