



## 2026 Legislative Priorities



### Increasing the affordable homeownership **supply**

Affordable starter homes are essential for having a strong middle class, creating thriving communities, and ensuring household and workforce stability. Minnesota is facing a shortage stemming from years of underbuilding and rising building costs. Habitat Minnesota supports public policies that lower costs and improve the feasibility of building and rehabilitating affordable starter homes to expand homeownership opportunities. Along with reducing barriers to building more homes, we support extending the sunset and prioritizing geographical balance in the [Statewide Housing Tax Credit \(HF3902|SF4044\)](#), improving and investing in the [Greater MN Housing Infrastructure Grant program \(HF4571\)](#), and [passing a constitutional amendment for dedicated housing revenue \(HF3279|SF2621\)](#).



### Ensuring equitable homeownership **access**

Everyone deserves an opportunity to purchase a home, build stability and secure their family's future. Unfortunately, access to affordable homes remains limited to households of color as well as families in rural areas and in communities experiencing persistent poverty. Habitat Minnesota supports public policies that provide more equitable access to credit and help make the dream of homeownership attainable for all, such as [reducing barriers to building more homes \(HF3895|SF4123\)](#) and [expanding pathways for first-generation homebuyers](#).

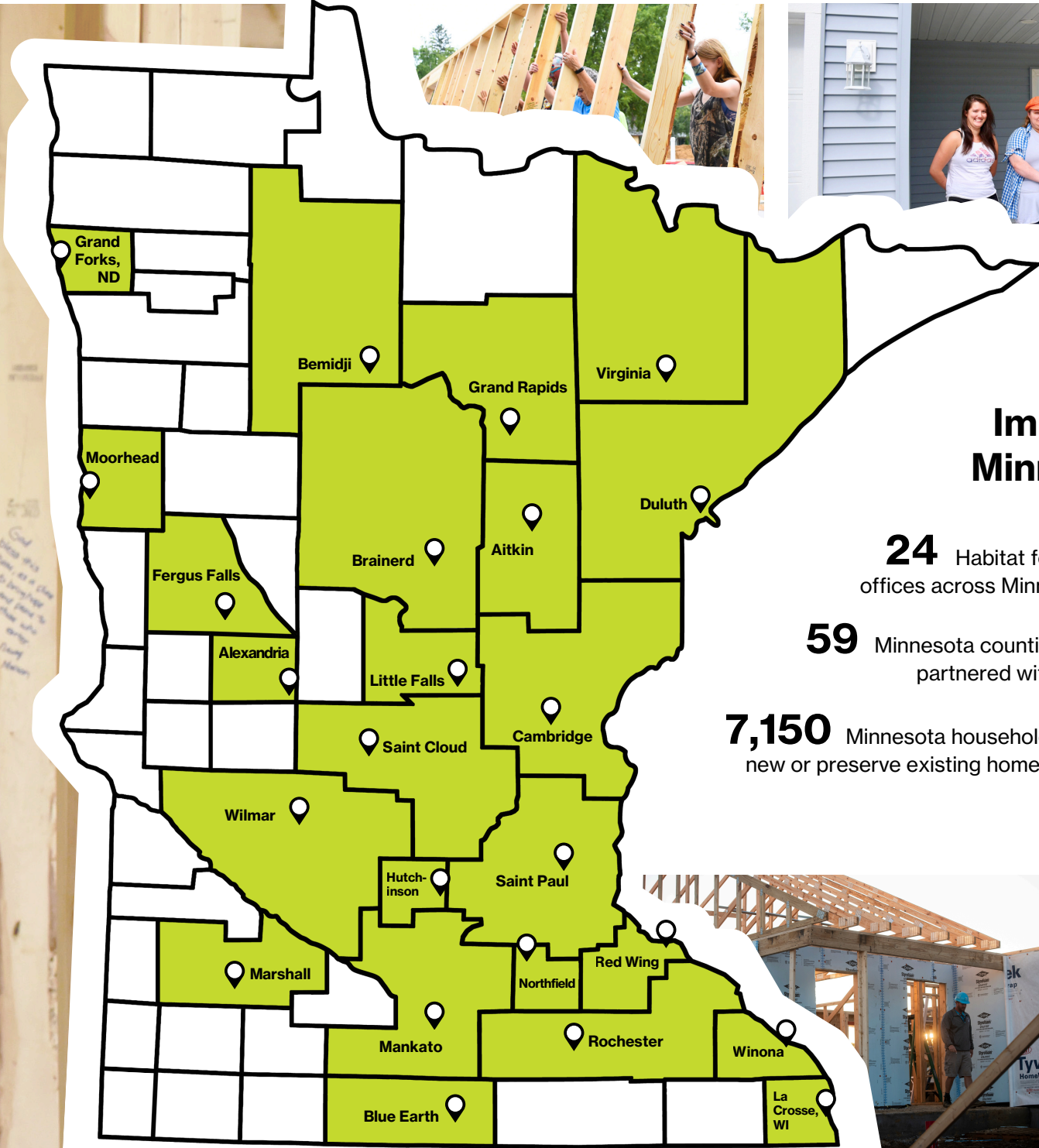


### Improving long-term homeownership **security**

Helping Minnesotans retain their homes benefits family stability, children's education, community well-being, and our economy. It is crucial to making progress on closing racial gaps in homeownership and wealth. Habitat Minnesota supports public policies that ensure homeowners can retain their homes, equitably build wealth, and pass that stability down to future generations. This includes [improving regulations around Homeowner Associations \(HF1268|SF1750\)](#) and [funding and improving the Strengthen Minnesota Homes program \(HF4223|SF4632\)](#).

# Why We Advocate.

We believe everyone deserves a safe, stable, and affordable place to call home. Habitat Minnesota is a statewide support organization for the 24 local Habitat for Humanity offices. Our legislative priorities are guided by their needs.



## Impact in Minnesota

**24** Habitat for Humanity offices across Minnesota serve

**59** Minnesota counties and have partnered with more than

**7,150** Minnesota households to create new or preserve existing homes since 1986



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