

## Housing

Under case law, each government should be committed to promote fair and affordable housing for all its residents. Affordable housing should include housing for the poor, working class and middle class. Rensselaer County is committed to promoting housing for all of its residents.

### Rensselaer County Homeownership Program

Economic Development and Planning administers the Rensselaer County Homeownership Program which is run by [Rensselaer County Housing Resources](#). The Homeownership Program provides 0% forgivable loans for down payment and closing costs for households at or below 80% of the regional median income seeking to purchase a home outside the city of Troy. Homebuyers are required to remain in their homes for 10 years for forgiveness. Those wanting to purchase in the city of Troy should also visit the Rensselaer County Housing Resource webpage as they also run the City of Troy Homeownership Program.

### Fair Housing Officer

Rensselaer County's Fair Housing Officer is Linda von der Heide, Principal Planner. If you feel that you have been discriminated against in your quest to rent or purchase housing, please contact her at (518) 270-2921 or [Lvonderheide@rensko.com](mailto:Lvonderheide@rensko.com). She will work with you and NYS Home and Community Renewal, HUD and/or other partners to determine the extent of discrimination and work for a proper outcome.