

POLICY &



POP-UP SERIES

ON MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 14 YOUNG PEOPLE GATHERED AT SAWTOOTH KITCHEN + BAR IN HANOVER TO DISCUSS THE REASONS THAT LEAD THEM TO STAY IN, OR LEAVE, THE UPPER VALLEY. POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.

“THERE’S A THREE-YEAR WAIT LIST FOR CHILD CARE AND IT’S SUPER EXPENSIVE.”

TOP REASONS YOUNG PEOPLE

STAY

LEAVE

- ACCESS TO NATURE AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES
- "BUY LOCAL FIRST" EMPHASIS
- EASY TO GET INVOLVED IN COMMUNITY

- LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING
- HIGH COST OF LIVING
- LACK OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY

PROPOSED SOLUTIONS

- UPDATE ZONING TO MAKE IT EASIER TO CREATE IN-LAW APARTMENTS
- EXPAND WATER AND SEWER INFRASTRUCTURE
- REDUCE THE NEED FOR CARS/INCREASE WALKABILITY AND PUBLIC TRANSIT
- MORE BIPOC-FOCUSED AND INTENTIONALLY INCLUSIVE EVENTS

“THERE’S NOT A LOT TO DO HERE, ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE SINGLE.”

