

Cohousing: Neighborhoods for People



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What is Cohousing?

Cohousing is a neighborhood with:

- Clustered homes
- 100% pedestrian-oriented
- Open space
- Shared amenities
 - a club house
 - playground
 - community gardens
 - other (e.g. pool)



Cohousing residents:

- Make decisions via a Condo Association or HOA
- Share activities which may include cooking, dining, child care, gardening, and governance of the community.



What is Cohousing?



Cohousing creates a village where people can more easily interact.



Cohousing puts people in front, not cars!



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Sunward Cohousing
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Cohousing moves parking to the exterior

Exterior parking...



... keeps the interior safe from traffic.





Cohousing balances Community & Privacy



Type C Schematic Floor Plans



Privacy is an integral part of cohousing.



Community



It is the kind of village that really does raise children.





Community



People spontaneously socialize in cohousing.



Affinity groups



Cohousers naturally find social and interest groups within their community.



Events & Traditions





The club house (Common House) is the center of the community.



Club House



Common guest rooms are well-used and allow personal homes to be smaller.



More fun, Less stuff



Sharing resources, Sharing time



Other cities with cohousing

- 11 within 5 miles of Boulder, CO
- 6 around Raleigh Durham
- clusters around the country
 - SFO, SEA, BOS..
- 50 in 2005, 165 today



Harrisonburg is an ideal market for cohousing

- College town
- Compatible with Harrisonburg Vision and Goals
 - “Neighborhoods that are
 - quiet,
 - safe,
 - beautiful,
 - walkable,
 - enhance social interaction, and
 - offer a balanced range of housing choices.”



Cohousing advantages to Harrisonburg

- Provide an attractive housing model in Harrisonburg
- Help families live happy and healthy lives
 - Roseta, PA
 - Wall Street article about centarians and where they live



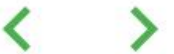
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Hearthstone Cohousing





Oak Creek Commons





Quimper Village, Port Townsend WA





Tacoma Village Cohousing





Silver Sage Cohousing





Mountain View Cohousing, Mountain View CA





Temescal Commons Cohousing, Oakland CA





Bellingham Cohousing, Bellingham WA





Frog Song Cohousing, Cotati, CA





Nevada City Cohousing, Nevada City CA





Mosaic Commons, Berlin MA





Hearthstone, Denver CO





Germantown Commons, Nashville TN





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