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# Cohousing

Smart Growth, Sustainable, Socially-relevant

**Housing**

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# What is Cohousing?

## Cohousing

is a form of intentional community that was imported to the United States from Denmark in the late 80s. There are now over 120 communities built in the US.

## Cohousing typically:

- includes extensive common facilities for activities and shared meals
- is pedestrian friendly
- is designed, managed and maintained by residents
- is governed by residents using a refined decision making process.

**...and the typical cohousing development patterns (urban, rural and suburban) are smart growth.**

# Cambridge Cohousing

Cambridge, MA

41 units  
1.3 acres  
1998

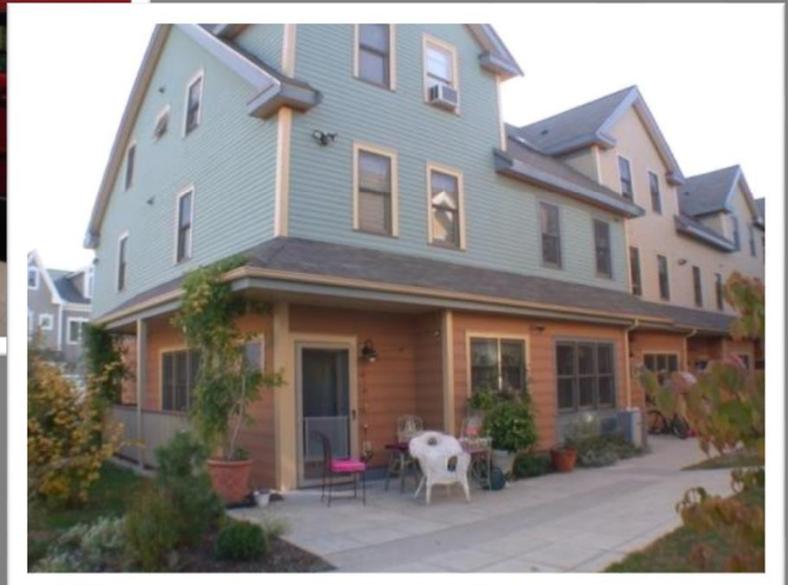


# Cornerstone Cohousing

Cambridge, MA



32 units  
1.3 acres  
2001



# Jamaica Plain Cohousing

Boston, MA

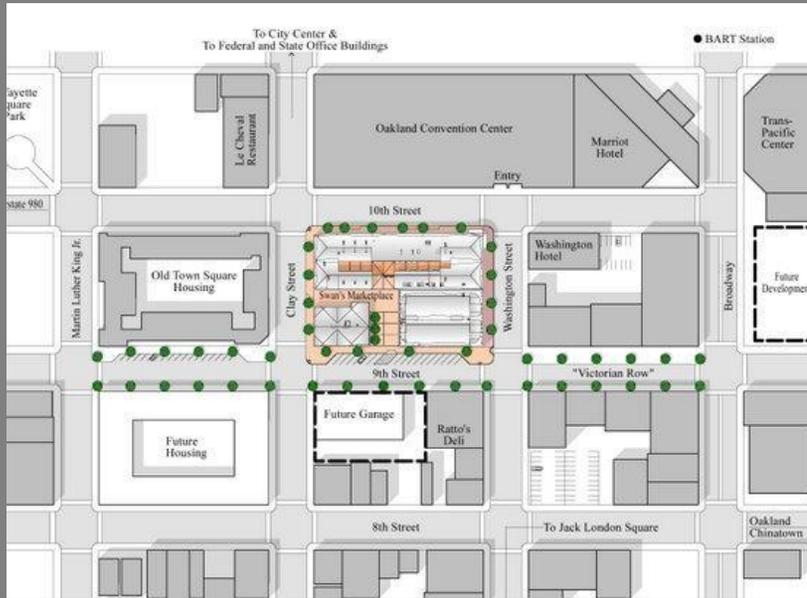
30 units

0.9 acres

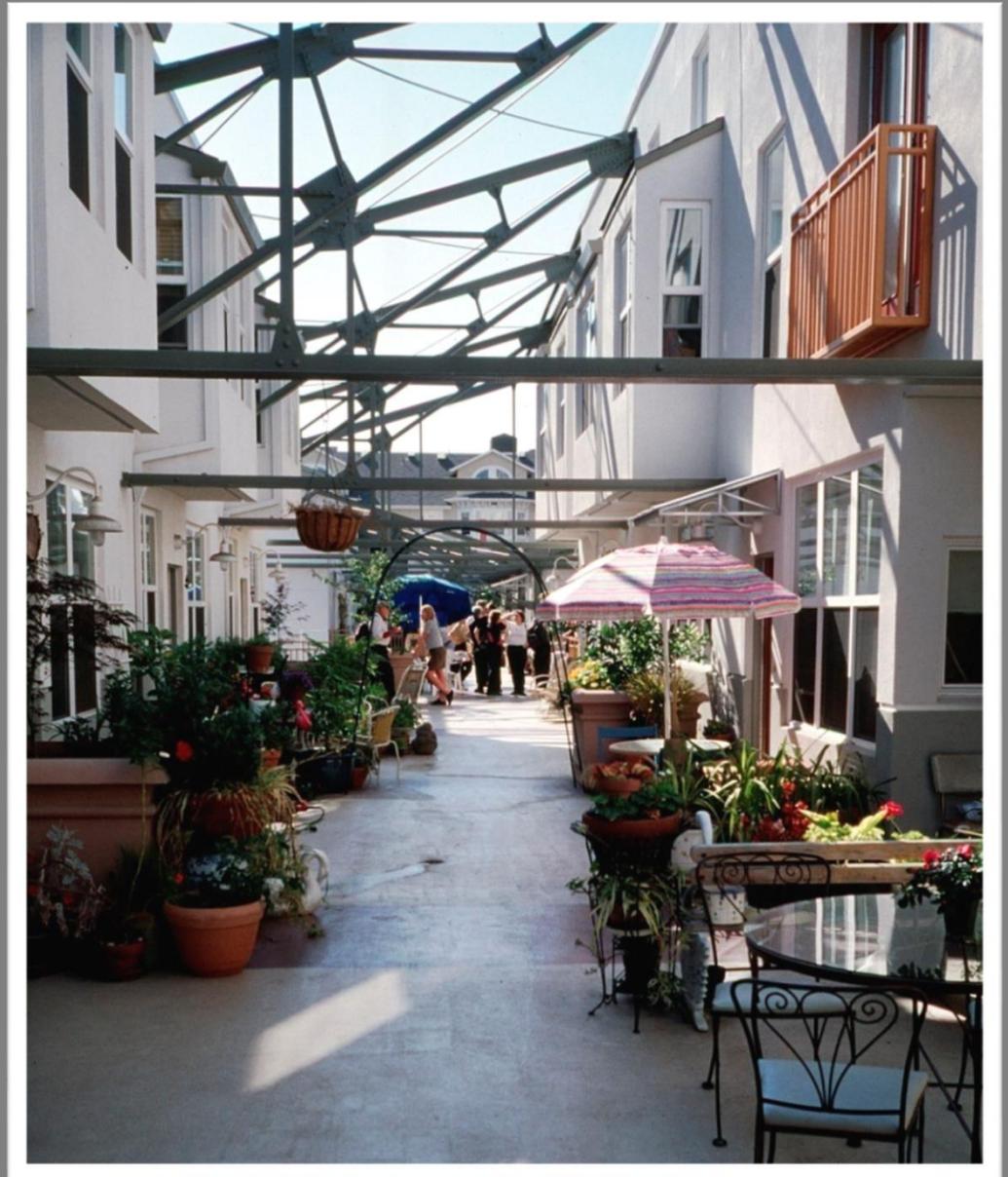
2005



# Urban Renewal and Historic Renovation



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# Adaptive Reuse

Eastern Village, Silver Spring, MD



# Pioneer Valley Cohousing

Amherst, MA

32 units  
23 acres;  
1994



# Smart Growth within Rural Community

Champlain Valley Cohousing, VT



14 attached units  
12 build your own lots  
125 acres  
2005

# Multiple (soon to be three) Communities on one site

Ecovillage at Ithaca, First Neighborhood



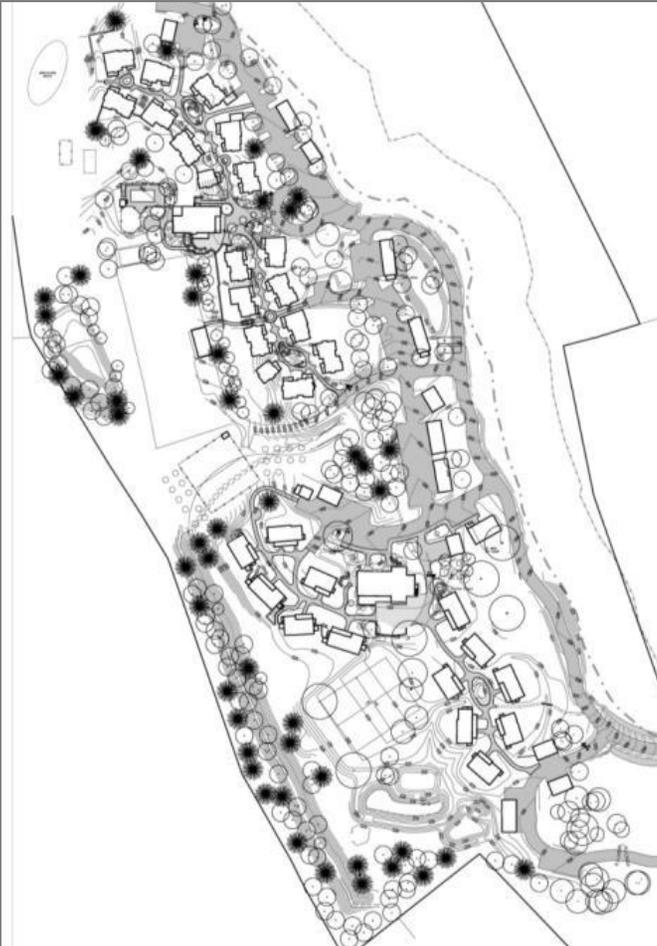
# Sawyer Hill

## Development

Two communities of 34 units each  
Berlin, MA

50+ acres, approx. 6 acre  
developed footprint

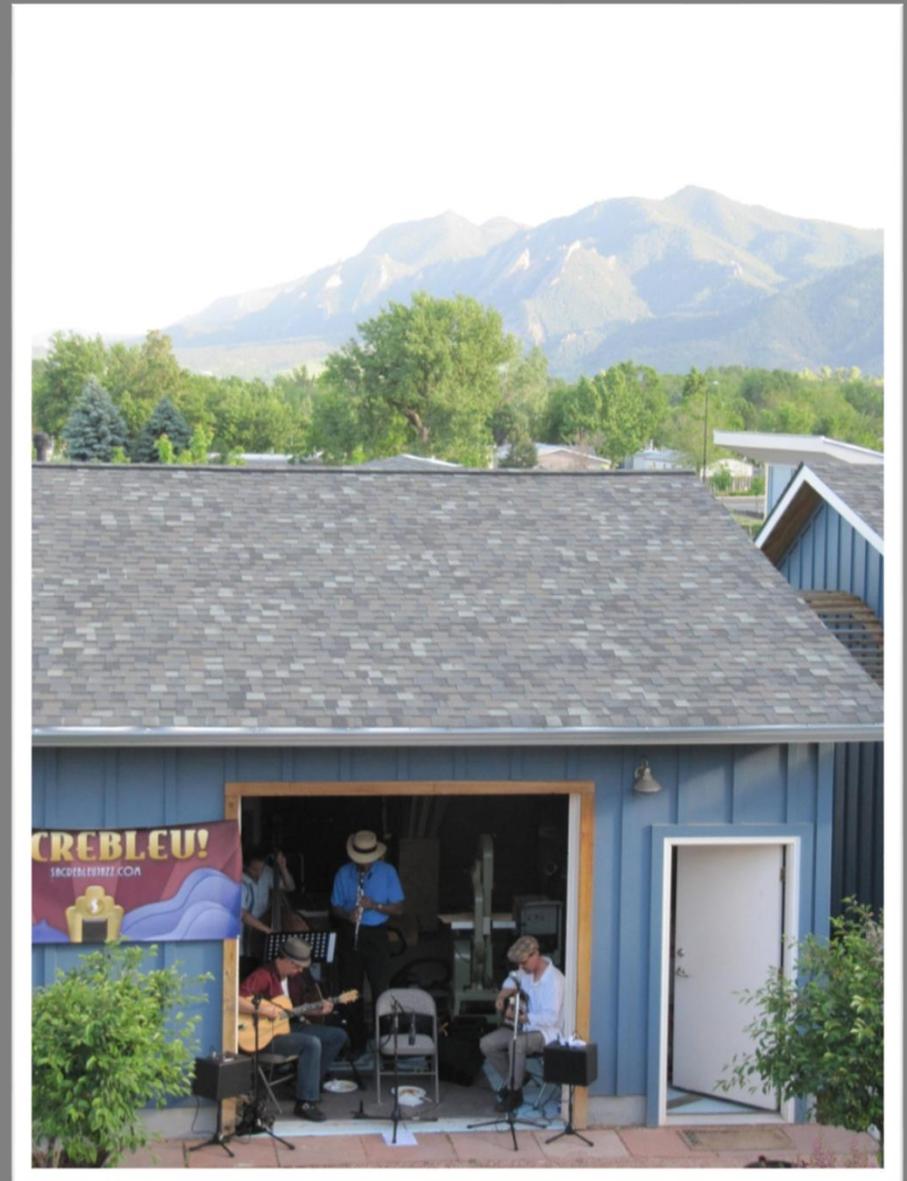
2009



Mosaic Commons and Camelot Cohousing

# Senior Cohousing

Silver Sage Cohousing, Boulder, CO



# Influence of Cohousing on Supportive Communities

for affordable rental housing, foster-adoptive families, seniors, returning veterans, etc.

Petaluma Avenue, Sebastopol, CA



SoldierOn, Pittsfield, MA.



Treehouse Community, Easthampton, MA.