Cohousing
Smart Growth, Sustainable, Socially-relevant Housing
What is Cohousing?

Cohousing

is a form of intentional community that was imported to the United States from Denmark in the late 80’s. 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

Swans Market
Old Oakland, CA
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
Berlin, MA
Two communities of 34 units each
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.

SoldierOn, Pittsfield, MA.

Treehouse Community, Easthampton, MA.