

## **Affordable Cohousing Advocacy Goals**

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### Goals:

- Gain audience with HUD to discuss ways to collaborate to create mixed income communities
- Have high attendance of HUD officials/staff and policy makers at 2011 conference
- Create strategic alliances with other organizations (sustainability, aging, affordability)
- Get CohoUS representative on HUD task group/committee that might address sustainable, mixed income, community oriented housing.
- Conduct Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill before/after conference

### Activities of this Task Group might be:

- Look at existing policies to identify existing programs that could be used (with slight modification)
- Identify obstacles/barriers with current policy that hinder widespread adaptation of the cohousing by affordable housing developers
- Begin local advocacy campaign – in top 7-8 states with most cohousing communities, contact/lobby legislators to support our efforts re: sustainable, mixed income communities.
- Identify the federal committees that could affect legislation that would promote cohousing, lobby the members of those committees
- Identify key HUD advocates - develop and nurture relationship with the over the year