

Madison Cohousing Community Information Sheet



VILLAGE COHOUSING

<http://villagecohousingcommunity.com>

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Size of site: less than 2 acres
Move-in year: 1999

Description

The Village Cohousing Community (VCC) is Madison, Wisconsin's first complete cohousing project. The award winning Design Coalition of Madison designed the community, and construction was completed in 1999. There are 17 units in all, 14 in three newly constructed buildings and three in two existing houses on half of a city block.

Physical Space

Three new multi-family buildings with 14 units; 2 free-standing houses kept from the original site.

Unit Sizes: Variable, from a one bedroom apartment, to a one family house

Accessibility: first floor new buildings accessible

Affordable Units: 4

Market Rate Units: 13. The Affordable Housing Committee is looking at ways to make more units affordable

Shared Property: everything, from the walls outside of units, including:

- Common house and Guest rooms inside the CH
- Community garden
- Laundry rooms

Parking areas, except for 3 units

People

Residents: # 16 Adults, # 1 Child, 1 teenager

Age Range: 6 to about 85 years

Community Meals: 1-2 meals/week, optional participation. Not since the pandemic started because of vulnerabilities of some members

Other community/people information:

Process

Decision-making: Consensus, but every decision goes through committees first, where it is fine tuned until the concerns of members are addressed.

Committees/Groups: Affordable Housing, Basement(s), Common House, Convivencia, Landscape and Parking, Maintaining Everyone's Safety and Security (Maintenance for short), Membership and Marketing, and Parents and Grandparents (mets occasionally)

Unique Features: it is the first and the smallest cohousing community in Madison

