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COHOUSING: Building for Social and Environmental Sustainability





Danish Inspiration

"... has become something of a bible for the cohousing movement."
— *New York Times*

COHOUSING

A Contemporary Approach to Housing Ourselves

The revised edition of the definitive book—updated and expanded with accounts of the new American communities.



Kathryn McGamant and Charles Durrett
Second Edition with Ellen Hertzman

Foreword by
Architect Charles W. Moore



An old fashioned sense of neighborhood
blending private homes with
extensive community facilities



... where people work together to create a great place to live



VISION
We will help others succeed and prosper.
We care for and support each other.
We will ensure everyone has equal opportunity and community skills.
We welcome and support people of every age, ability and ethnicity.
We will be partners and leaders of education in Community.
We will be environmentally friendly.
We will be a community that works together.

Mission Statement
We will provide...
We will ensure...
We will ensure...
We will ensure...
We will ensure...

Strategy
We will ensure...
We will ensure...
We will ensure...
We will ensure...
We will ensure...

Whiteboard content including a map and various notes.

Handwritten notes on a flipchart, including a list of items.

Document held by a person in the foreground, containing text.



Participatory Process



Extensive Community Facilities



KIDS PLAY ROOM





Private Homes
= *Balance of privacy and community*



DOYLE STREET COHOUSING, EMERYVILLE
Completed 1992



DOYLE STREET
COHOUSING
Completed 1992



BERKELEY COHOUSING completed 1997





TEMESCAL COMMONS,
OAKLAND, CA
Completed 2000





SWAN'S MARKET
Completed 2000



PLEASANT HILL



NEVADA CITY



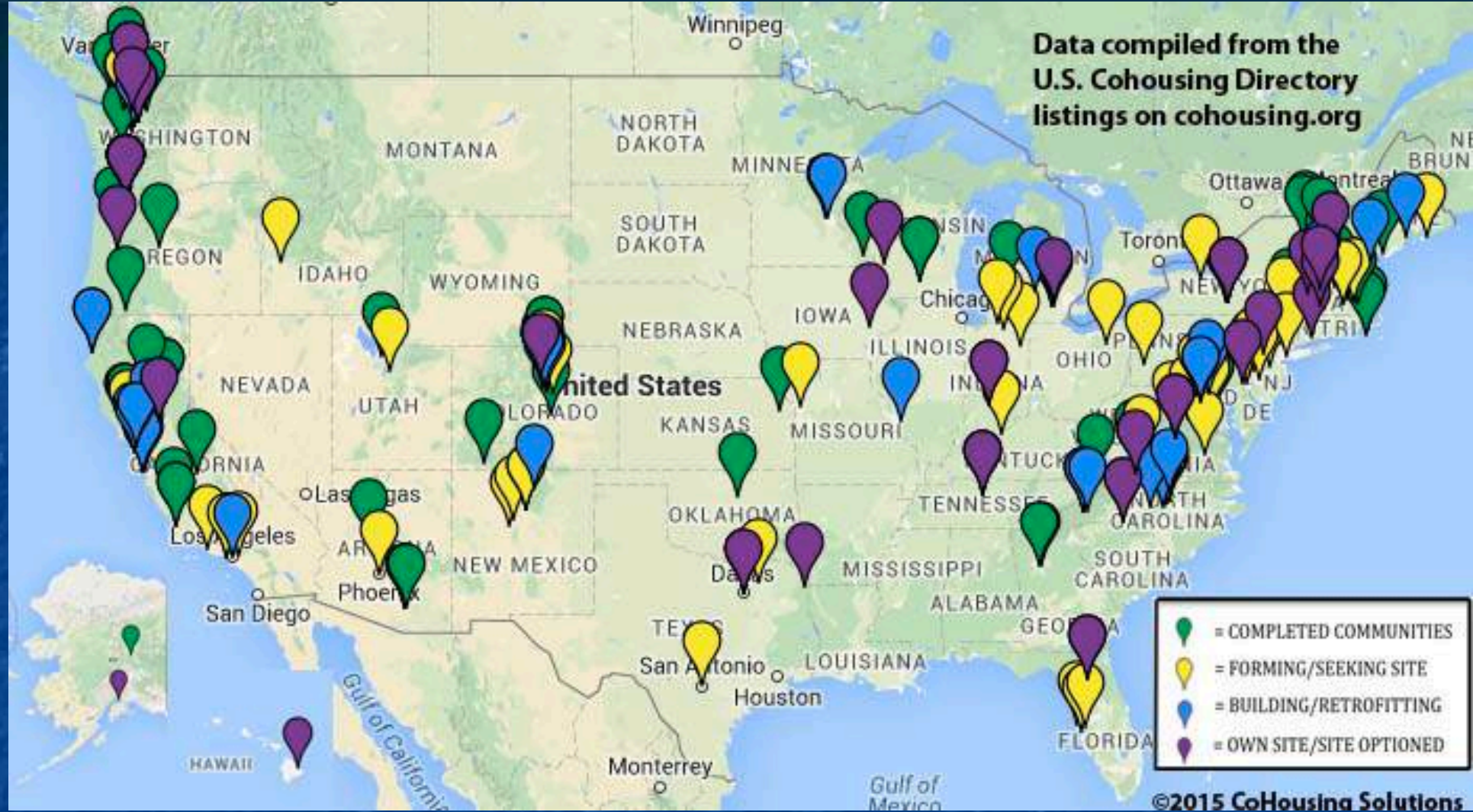
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Petaluma Avenue Homes in Sebastopol - Affordable Rentals



TODAY - OVER 165 COHOUSING COMMUNITIES BUILT IN 38 STATES, MANY MORE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF FORMATION
 National Association: www.cohousing.org

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Creating Cohousing

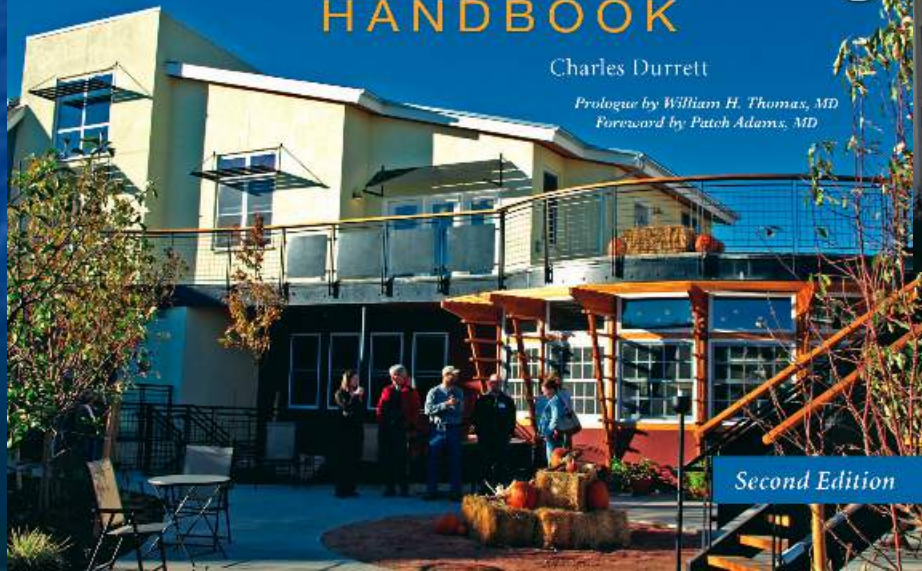
Building Sustainable Communities



THE *A Community Approach to Independent Living*
Senior Cohousing
HANDBOOK

Charles Durrett

*Prologue by William H. Thomas, MD
Foreword by Patch Adams, MD*



Second Edition







SILVER SAGE, BOULDER, COLORADO
2007 16 Units



CENTRAL PARK COHOUSING, DURHAM, NC

PDX Commons

Senior Cohousing

Community makes us happy.

pdxcommons.com



Cohousing's Benefits:

- ❑ *Authentic Community*
- ❑ *Great neighbors that care about each other and the larger neighborhood.*
- ❑ *Makes higher density & smaller units attractive to families and homeowners*
- ❑ *Sustainability, easy to live the good life with less resources*

Cohousing's Challenges:

- ❑ Getting control of urban properties
- ❑ Cost/risk of planning approvals
- ❑ Planning codes written to protect unsuspecting consumers as opposed to custom neighborhoods designed with input from real people.
- ❑ Financing



“Community is the secret ingredient for sustainability”

***baugruppen: communal dwelling
sans granola***











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**10-20% COST
REDUCTION**



LAND

SOFT COSTS

HARD COSTS

**CONSTRUCTION
MANAGEMENT**

**PROFIT &
MARKETING**

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