

Sunward Co-Housing

Sunward is the first cohousing development in Michigan. Cohousing incorporates shared facilities into a clustered housing development. The layout on the site creates a pedestrian community where people have to get out of their car and walk to their homes. This increases interpersonal interaction while limiting the impact of the automobile on the site. Homes are clustered into townhouses in order to increase energy efficiency while increasing the amount of open land on the site. Several acres of native prairie have been planted to foster natural ecosystems while reducing mowed turf grass to a minimum.

The Common Houses include a variety of group activity spaces (childcare, game, media, laundry offices, guest rooms) as well as a large dining room (with commercial kitchen) where residents eat meals several nights each week that are prepared by other residents. There will be a workshop where tools can be shared and group projects can be worked on. All of these facilities make it possible to reduce the size of the individual housing units, while providing more communal amenities than are possible in typical single family developments.



- Native Prairie



- Common House



- Typical Street

