MIDDLE HOUSING CAN HELP...

**INCREASE HOUSING OPTIONS**

Middle housing addresses changing demographics by providing diverse options for various groups, including downsizing families, singles, first time home buyers, co-living, co-housing communities, and multi-generational households.

**INCREASE LOCAL HOME-OWNERSHIP**

The current housing shortage has led to record-high housing costs. Enabling middle housing can help meet the unmet demand by providing more housing options and expanding access to smaller, more affordable housing types throughout the region.

**STRENGTHEN LOCAL ECONOMY**

Middle housing can foster the growth of small local businesses, incubators, corner grocery stores, home offices, and other neighborhood-serving uses, enhancing resilience and establishing vibrant community activity.

**ENHANCE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

Middle housing offers avenues for generating passive income and contributing to the accumulation of generational wealth. It facilitates small-scale, gradual housing development at the local level, accessible to the average homeowner for financing.
INCREASE HOUSING ACCESS

Traditionally, middle housing has offered affordable living options for lower-income households. In the face of rising housing expenses, embracing middle housing can help alleviate racial and socio-economic inequalities perpetuated by zoning for detached housing.

LESSEN CLIMATE IMPACT

Middle housing, characterized by smaller homes, has a reduced carbon footprint compared to larger homes. It also fosters sustainability by offering housing in proximity to transit, amenities, and employment, thereby mitigating the environmental impact of extended commutes.

SUPPORT NEIGHBORHOOD REGENERATION

Middle housing enhances diverse neighborhoods that cultivate a sense of community. It offers opportunities for local residents, builders, and civic leaders to reinvest in their communities, develop new housing and contribute value.

PROMOTE HEALTHY LIVING

Middle housing promotes walkability and active lifestyles when located near transit. This can support diverse lifestyles and facilitate ageing in place, fostering the development of robust communities and long-term residents.
WHO CAN MIDDLE HOUSING HELP?

We are retirees. We need a small home, close to the community amenities that support our daily life. It would be nice to stay in the same neighborhood where we have established friendships.

We are friends sharing housing. We are looking for walkable housing options close to transit and amenities. We can’t afford to buy a detached house and would prefer to not rely on vehicles.

We are a young couple. We don’t have kids and don’t need much space. We would like to be near amenities and maybe start a home-office or other small business.

We are a small family. We’re looking for a starter home with some open space for our young child and dog. We’re interested in co-living as a way to reduce housing costs.