
Kinship Inspired Neighborhood

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A new model embracing diversity and creating homes for all



KINSHIP INSPIRED NEIGHBORHOOD

What is a Kinship Inspired Neighborhood (KIN)

Beyond housing, a Kinship Inspired Neighborhood is a welcoming, secure place for any Massachusetts resident to call home.

Specifically, a Kinship Inspired Neighborhood (KIN) is an intentional, multi-generational, neuro-inclusive, net zero energy residential community neighborhood informed by cohousing best practices and based on our **Five Pillars**.

One

Foster community connection within the neighborhood and its greater community

Two

Encourage engagement and participation among and between a truly diverse population.

Three

Enhance housing options and inventory for people to secure a place to call home.

Four

Honors net zero energy practices in the development of the structures.

Five

Use of technology to support the independence and connection of the residents within the community.



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The Five Pillars of a Kinship Inspired Neighborhood

Concept 1

Multigenerational
and
Neurodiverse

Kinship Neighborhoods embrace...

Residents of all *ages* and *stages* across the life span (eg. infancy to elderly and all in between)

Neurodiverse and *neurotypical* residents—because we recognize no two brains function exactly alike—and each one has gifts to offer.

Before we go any further...

We know you're thinking



WHAT ABOUT DDS?

*Who would be the
provider agency?*

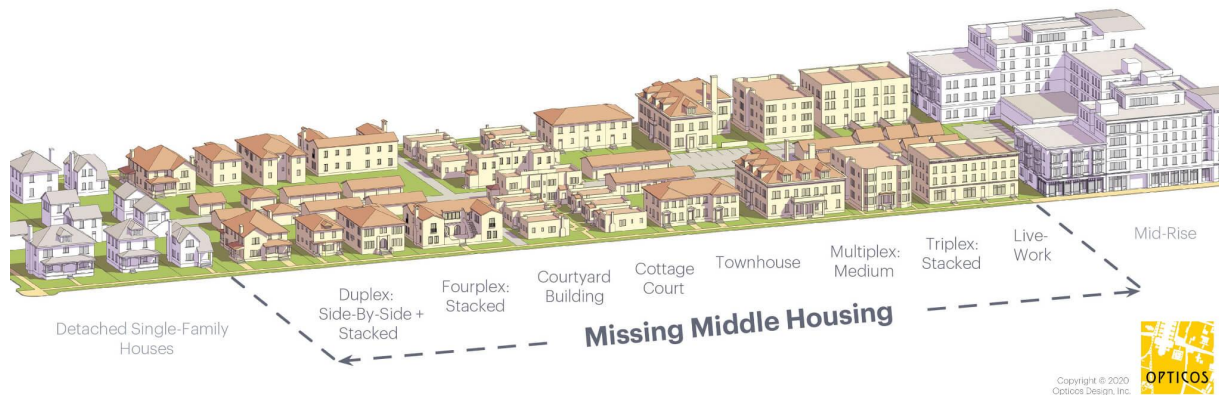


*Can my loved one live in this
type of model?*

*Would they still be able to get their residential
funding?*

Would shared living be an option?

Missing Middle Housing Sample



Kinship Neighborhoods—like the Missing Middle Housing model— include single family homes and those with multiple units in compatible scale, ideally in a walkable neighborhood.

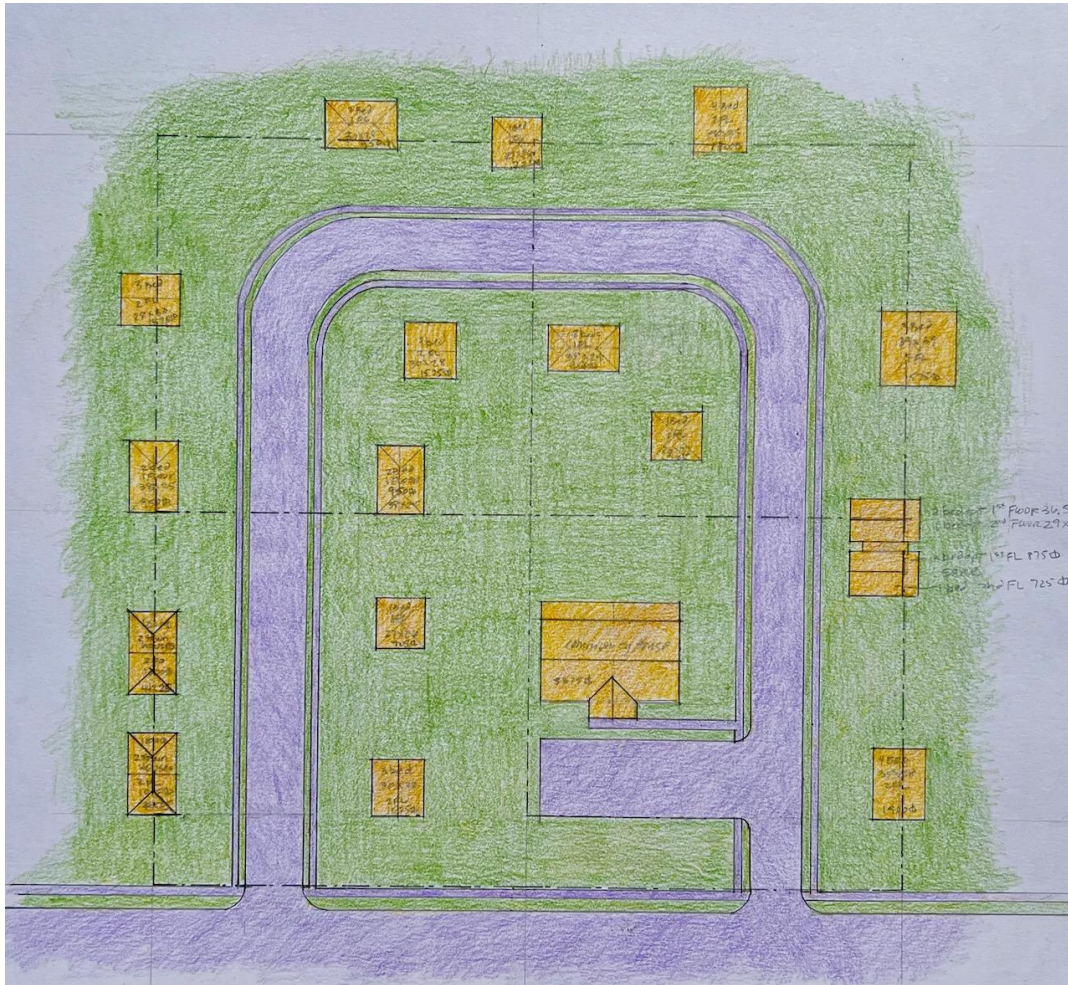
The biggest difference is the intentionality of diversity of the residents and the community development around a (set of) common interest(s).

Concept 2

Dwelling Diversity

“Home” is as unique as each individual.
Sampling of options in a Kinship
Neighborhood includes a combination
of the following:

- 4 bedroom homes, 2 floors, 1900 sq. ft. +/-
 - 3 bedroom homes, 2 floors, 1575 sq. ft. +/-
 - 3 bedroom homes, 1 floor, 1550 sq. ft. +/-
 - 2 bedroom townhouses, 2 floors, 1000 sq. ft. +/-
 - 2 bedroom cottages, 1 floor, 1000 sq. ft. +/-
 - 1 bedroom cottages, 750 sq. ft. +/-
 - Apartment building: 4 apartments, 2 floors
 - 2 bedroom units on 1st floor, 875 sq. ft. +/-
 - 1 bedroom units on 2nd floor, 725 sq. ft. +/-
 - Community Building, 3375 sq. ft. +/-
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Sketch of a *possible* Kinship Inspired Neighborhood

- Placement of dwellings, road, community house, etc, may differ depending on group
- Shape of neighborhood will depend on land parcel including geography and natural resources

Notice: **NO GATE**

Concept 3

Net Zero Energy

What is Net Zero Energy?

A policy in construction that creates an extremely energy efficient building utilizing energy sources other than fossil fuels along with sustainable and green building construction technology.

Why Net Zero Energy?

Provides for lower maintenance and operating costs which helps with sustainability.

Massachusetts: Executive Office of Energy and the Environment created a plan for transforming buildings to Net Zero Energy building.

Concept 3

Net Zero Energy *(continued)*

Ways to create a Net Zero Energy building:

- Site the building to take advantage of passive solar heating and cooling.
 - Super insulate the building and install energy efficient windows, doors and building materials.
 - Install energy efficient appliances & systems.
 - Set up possible smart home technology.
 - Possible geo-thermal thermal heating and cooling.
 - Utilizing solar panels for energy and possibly building a solar farm.
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Concept 4

Intentionality and Cohousing

What do you mean by an *intentional community*?

“a group of people who have chosen to live in neighborhood together on the basis of common interests.”

What do you mean by *cohousing*?

We are interested in three (3) main elements of cohousing model:

1. The community house
 2. A sense of connection of the residents based on shared interests
 3. Choice! The concept of making an intentional, informed decision on where a person wants to live.
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THAT SOUNDS KINDA WEIRD.

Are they talking about a commune?

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Who will own the homes?

How could this possibly work for my loved one?

WHO MAKES THE RULES IN A PLACE LIKE THIS?

Yeah, and who is gonna pay for it?

We don't have all the answers, but...

- We are committed to a diverse neighborhood—from the dwellings to the people themselves—representing all of humanity who seek to gather around common interests (eg. music, cooking, gardening, sports).
- We looking to create a private/public partnership in an effort to access grant and government funding to provide access to all, regardless of socioeconomic status or housing subsidies.
- We are meeting with folks in South Hadley this week for a preliminary discussion about this possibilities of this model.
- We believe in an old-fashioned sense of a safe, connected neighborhood—one that embraces equity, diversity and belonging.

And, we would love to hear from you!

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