



Huntington Green Senior Housing



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A community of 8-12 single story, handicapped accessible apartments in Huntington Vt., for residents age 55 and older.

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The Vision ▲

To create an inviting, comfortable and affordable environment in the heart of Huntington for our seniors...a place close to services where they can find a sense of community just outside the front door...a place where they can enjoy the beauty of living in the foothills of Camel's Hump without worrying about maintaining a large plot of land or a spacious home they've outgrown. For those 55 and older, Huntington Green offers a community of 8-12 single story, handicapped accessible apartments within walking distance of the library, post office, Beaudry's Store, and the community garden. With affordable rents on a sliding scale, our seniors can rest easy knowing they are close to services and others, who like them, want to remain in Huntington as they age.

Residents may take advantage of the assistance of a non-residential volunteer coordinator to access information and referrals to social, health and transportation services. In addition, a volunteer will coordinate building and residential services, such as snow removal, repairs and landscape maintenance.

Financed by a combination of private and public funds with operational costs covered by rental income and other sources, the project will be debt free.

The Need ■

According to the Huntington Housing Needs Assessment of 2012 there has been:

- an increase of Huntington residents age 55 and over between 2000 and 2010: 129-258;
- an increase of Huntington residents age 65+ between 2000 and 2010: 67-82;
- the 2010 housing stock: 773 homes. 668 are owned and 85 are rentals;
- new permits for rentals in 2011: 8, with four of them "accessory" (small) apartments; and
- a dramatic decline in younger households and a steady increase in seniors based on 2010 census.

According to the Huntington Green Senior Housing Survey (with 76 respondents in spring 2012):

- 72 of 76 respondents stated yes there is a need for senior housing in Huntington; and
- 51 of the 72 respondents, who stated there is a need, said they would be interested in living in senior housing if it is available (32 respondents and 19 of the respondents' relatives).



The Plan ●

Phase 1 – Land Acquisition by January 2015

- develop donor list, key supporters, people and organizations
- develop partnership with town – letter of agreement
- schedule presentations with community groups and individuals
- determine if seeking public funding
- begin fundraising (50K) to show local commitment to funders
- refine vision as needed
- acquire land (site control): by donation or purchase through fundraising (1-2 acres within walking distance of village services)
- apply for planning/development grants

Phase 2 – Site Development: includes initial design, by January 2017

Phase 3 – Construction completed by January 2020

Phase 4 – Occupancy by Spring/Summer 2020

Sources:

Huntington Green Senior Housing Survey, 2012
Housing Needs Assessment, Huntington, 2012 by Meg Pond, Stepping-Stone Associates

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