



**CoHo Ecovillage • 1975 SE Crystal Lake Dr #101 • Corvallis, OR 97333**

## **Goodness of Fit**

The CoHo Ecovillage community is a close knit, participatory cohousing community. We've formulated some questions to help you consider whether our community and cohousing would be a good fit for you. It's meant for your own consideration and as a good discussion tool. If you agree with most of these statements, cohousing might be a good fit for you and membership in the CoHo Ecovillage community might be just the place for you!

- I am interested in sharing work, celebrations, laughter, tears, and the milestones of life with a community of people long term.
- I support using consensus as a decision-making process because I value every member's participation and inherent wisdom.
- I am happy to learn or already use Non-Violent Communication (NVC – a specific communication method developed by Marshall Rosenberg). I will listen to others' needs (NVC needs) with an open heart.
- I am willing to learn as much as possible about cohousing (reading books and articles, reviewing cohousing.org archives, etc.), so I have realistic picture of what living in cohousing is like.
- I value both community and privacy, and so desire to have my own home and some outdoor space as well as sharing much of the outdoor area and use of common facilities.
- I look forward to having shared spaces, such as the Common House, in which I can participate in vegetarian common meals, celebrations and activities.
- I am happy to live in a community where each person's money/income is their own.
- I am willing to contribute about 4 hours a week to CoHo work and responsibilities through participation on a WorkShare Team.
- I want to support a community that strives to be an inspirational resource locally and a bridge to other communities in the world at large.
- I would like to further develop my gifts and talents, and encourage others to develop theirs.
- I embrace diversity in my community with regards to race, age, income level, sexual orientation, religious belief, ethnicity and ability.
- I respect individual beliefs and encourage diverse traditions, celebrations and explorations of the spirit.
- I want to live in a community where cottage industries, home offices and artistic endeavors are encouraged.

- I care about the earth and am committed to environmentally sustainable practices and building techniques.
- I want to give and receive support in making sound day-to-day living choices that reduce our impact on the earth.
- I do – or am committed to learn how to – recycle, reuse and share resources whenever possible.
- I am willing to do my part to create and maintain habitat for native plants and animals, including having my pets be indoor or contained, leashed or under certified voice control outdoors.
- I understand the fun, affection, comfort, and meaning pets add to their families' lives and am willing to promote a harmonious relationship among pets, pet owners, and non-pet owners in order to maintain a peaceful, clean and safe environment for all.
- I am willing to walk from my vehicle to my home so I can live in a pedestrian-oriented community.
- I often use my bike, take the bus or walk instead of driving a vehicle.
- I am open to change.

*Adapted from the Elderspirit Community*  
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