How Can Your Town Address Open Space Preservation and Housing Needs Together?

Attention Planning Boards, Housing Committees, Land Trusts and Housing Trusts

Is your community interested in:

- Preserving valuable open space;
- Developing affordable housing;
- Avoiding large lot development;
- Creating a plan for how housing development and preservation best fit ***your*** particular town and region?

Bring the "Affordable Housing and Open Space: Creative Partnerships for Success" presentation to your town and learn how to make these goals a reality.

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This presentation is sponsored by Citizens' Housing and Planning Association (CHAPA), the non—profit umbrella organization for affordable housing activities in Massachusetts. It was researched and prepared by Planning Consultant Susan Jones Moses.

Paine Estate, Wayland

99 acres of open space preserved.

Affordable and assisted living and market units.

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The Dual Crisis

Open Space Disappearing

Between 1985 and 1999, 40 acres a day were lost to development in Massachusetts.(1)

Housing Becoming Increasingly Unaffordable

From 1980 to 2003, MA home prices increased 463%, the highest percentage increase in the nation in that time period.(2)

(1) Mass Audubon, Losing Ground: At What Cost?, 2003.
(2) U.S. Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight.

Cherry Hill, Amherst

122 acres of open space preserved.

Can Communities Address These Concerns Simultaneously?

Eight Massachusetts communities initiated 13 combined preservation and development projects that maintained ***69% of land as open space*** and created ***585 units*** of mixed market-rate and affordable housing.

To achieve the dual goals of creating affordable housing and protecting natural areas, a wide range of partners came together, including land trusts, housing trusts, community preservation committees, housing and open space committees, planning boards, and non-profit and for-profit developers.

41 units of housing developed.

What Will the Presentation Address?

The one hour presentation will provide information on:

- Strategies and Tools;
- Funding Sources;
- 13 Case Studies of Rural and Suburban cities and towns;
- Smart growth principles for development and preservation;
- Creative partnerships between towns, non-profit agencies and for profit organizations.

How Do I Bring the Presentation to My Community?

The number of presentations available is limited. Please contact Karen Wiener at kwiener@chapa.org for more information

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