Green Initiatives

Residents express their vision for a sustainable world in diverse ways, from efforts as basic as recycling, water harvesting, composting, and organic gardening, to more complex technologies such as solar arrays and electric cars. Our former car-sharing group experimented with strategies for carbon reduction by collectively leasing and operating an electric car.

*To inquire about available homes
or to experience firsthand
who and what we are, contact:*

SAND RIVER
COHOUSING
www.sandriver.org

Elder Cohousing

COHOUSING COMMUNITIES are founded on the idea of participatory design and operation. Residents collaborate on all aspects of common use and management, and are consciously committed to living as a community.

INDIVIDUAL HOMES are clustered around an open space and common house. Each home is completely self-sufficient and self-maintained, including its personal outdoor areas, while common areas are managed by members as a community.

WHILE MOST cohousing communities are multi-generational, Sand River is one of the few in the United States specifically for elders. The concept of elder cohousing has its roots in Denmark, where such communities are common.

SAND RIVER
COHOUSING

*Participatory • Active
Green • Sustainable*

*An award-winning 55+ community,
grounded in the principles
of cooperation, self-governance,
environmental stewardship,
and a connection to Place.*

Who We Are

In dedicating ourselves to lifelong personal growth, friendship, respect for the environment, and service to others, we aspire to embody the following values:

Wisdom. We respect the diversity of paths to personal growth. Deepening our connections to the natural world and others in the place that we live is a significant part of conscious aging.

Community. We live in a respectful, egalitarian community that uses consensus to guide our decision making. We are creating a peaceful, aesthetically pleasing environment that nurtures a sense of community and individual contentment.

Friendship. We value one another and the expression of mutual caring. We cherish and celebrate our diverse origins, joys, talents, beliefs, and life experiences.

Environment. We affirm a sustainable future by conserving resources and living ever more lightly on the Earth.

Service. We offer service to the larger community both as individuals and as representatives of Sand River.

Life at Sand River

WE WORK AND PLAY, striving to actively engage in community—with one another and with the hands-on business of operating a viable cohousing village. In addition to monthly community meetings, which serve as a forum for information sharing and decision-making, various teams—such as Landscape, Meals, Well Being, and Buildings & Grounds—plan and execute their responsibilities in line with their missions, sometimes with assistance from the rest of the community.

THE COMMON HOUSE is the heart of Sand River. It is where we conduct our meetings and town halls, prepare and share meals, take a holistic class, enjoy live concerts, share coffee on the portal on summer mornings, and engage in fireside chats in the winter.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS who wish to join us in realizing our values and goals for a cooperative and sustainable community and world. We encourage those interested in participating in Sand River to check our For Sale page frequently for current home sale listings by going to: sandriver.org/for-sale.html

Living Green

SAND RIVER IS A LEED* community with the following sustainable design features:

Universal design • Permeable paths and trails
Accessible public transportation
Community open space
Water-saving features • Rainwater harvesting
Native plants and trees
Passive solar orientation
In-floor radiant heat
Healthy indoor air quality
Energy-Star qualified
30% more energy efficient
Low e windows • Blown-in cellulose insulation
Photovoltaic-ready hookups

Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design

THE HOUSING TRUST, the nonprofit developer of Sand River, is dedicated to improving lives through affordable-housing options.