

## Steps to Reserve a Home in the Rocky Corner Cohousing Community

### 1. To find out about our community, we encourage you to do some or all of the following activities to get to know us and cohousing:

- o Attend an information session
- o Email Welcome circle/committee sending your name, phone number, address and your reasons for being interested in cohousing to receive an invitation to one of our information sessions: [Welcome@RockyCorner.org](mailto:Welcome@RockyCorner.org)
- o Schedule a private or virtual site tour to see the property and talk with some of our members. contact [welcome@rockycorner.org](mailto:welcome@rockycorner.org) to attend
- o Subscribe to our mailing list at <http://eepurl.com/djDZd5> You will receive updates on our construction and community development progress, invitations to information sessions and social events.
- o Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/RockyCorner/>  
Learn about Sociocracy <http://rockycorner.org/about-cohousing/>
- o Read about us in Realtor.com magazine <http://rockycorner.org/cohousing-builds-active-communities-realtor-magazine/> from the National Association of Realtors entitled Cohousing Builds Active Communities by Barbara Ballinger
- o Learn more about cohousing Listen to our Radio interview: Cohousing in Connecticut <https://archive.org/details/01CoHousingSept252014>
- o Attend a community social gathering to get to know us. Right now this is online virtual brunch contact [welcome@rockycorner.org](mailto:welcome@rockycorner.org) to attend

### Personal Financial Reflection

- o This is also a good time to check your credit rating and see if there are any mistakes or issues you can resolve before you apply for your actual loan. The advantage of doing this early in the process is that you have time to improve your credit rating and loan prospect during the development process. You can also go to CreditKarma.com.

- o If you plan to get a mortgage, once you have confirmed your unit size you may speak with your lender and obtain a prequalification letter that will include approximate principal interest, taxes, association fees and insurance.
- o Wondering what your current house might sell for? Contact your real estate agent for an updated broker price opinion. They can help you find comparable sales and plan for how and when to consider selling your home.
- o Worried about downsizing and how you're going to get rid of all the stuff: Check out these books: *Downsizing The Family Home* by Marni Jameson, *Decluttering at the Speed of Life* by Dana K. White. If you are living in Connecticut; contact Gina Caldwell at: <https://bit.ly/3any7du>
- o Any one of the current community members would be glad to schedule a "Zoom coffee meeting" to help you think through whether or not this might be the neighborhood you always wanted to live in.

## 2. Ready to find out more? Here is how to become a cohousing buyer at Rocky Corner

- a. Come to an information session to learn more about the community. We will go over the status of the community's development, how to reserve a home, and any other questions you may have. At the information session, we can discuss getting you a "buddy" (see #4) in the community to help answer your questions as you move through the membership process.
- b. Work with the community members to get answers to any questions you may have and review the community's documents of interest to you (legal, design documents, meeting minutes, etc.). Community members of specific committees (legal, finance, development, process) will be glad to work with you to make sure you get your questions answered.

## 3. Ready to reserve your spot at Rocky Corner?

- a. Contact Leslie (760) 505-1684 to let us know you are ready to become a buyer. See what unit types are available and determine which specific unit you want to reserve.
- b. Read the financial disclosure documents.
- c. Become a member (Fee of \$200.00). NOT credited toward your home purchase.
- d. The welcome circle will add you to the email list and give you access to all of the community's key documents.
- e. As soon as you become a member, you are encouraged to become fully involved, attending community meetings and joining a committee (aka circle).

## 4. "Getting to know you" process

- a. Share a brief (one- or two-page) bio, telling us something about you
- b. Work with a Buddy to learn about everything
- c. Interview with a Rocky Corner home owner
- d. Participate in a sociocracy training (we hold them periodically)
- e. Show up and help out at work days at the land.