

REVISED AQUINNAH VISION

Based on community input at the November 2016 Housing Production Plan workshop
Revised 12/7/16

Aquinnah residents envision that in 2027 the town will **remain** a safe, quiet, close-knit community with a **growing** town center and an ample supply of year-round housing **to stabilize** its multicultural population. Residents old and new **continue to value** the town's **traditional** scenic beauty, peacefulness, and feeling of privacy, while appreciating the modest new residential options **near town center – and elsewhere - that help to foster and sustain** Aquinnah's small-town feel and strong sense of neighborly connection. **The Town, the Tribe, seasonal and year-round residents, and local non-profits, will all be engaged to provide resources that support the community's continued housing needs.**

The town will allow smaller lot sizes in certain areas and increase affordable housing to serve the needs of small families, single people, people with disabilities, and the elderly. Tribal and town governments will explore collaborative housing ventures and sharing resources.

New developments of cluster housing with well-designed cottage-style homes and duplexes disguised as single-family homes will preserve open space and scenic views, and a sense of community among residents. Some homeowners will create year-round affordable accessory apartments and some owner-occupied duplexes will include an affordable unit. Zoning changes and new types of housing may also be considered and built on Tribal lands.

Over the upcoming decade, the community will make great strides in creating a walkable town center area along State Road with a mix of uses including town offices, residences, recreation areas, and home businesses. These new residences are envisioned to consist of smaller houses on smaller lots, providing housing options for people of all ages, encouraging vibrant and walkable neighborhoods, and serving households with a range of incomes.

Beyond Town borders, Aquinnah will continue to play an active role - along with the other five Island towns- to increase our Island-wide stock of Affordable Rental Housing opportunities.

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Martha's Vineyard Draft Goals for Housing Production Plans – revised based on community comments at November 2016 HPP workshops

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<p>Housing Options</p>	<p>Expand year-round housing options to provide more housing choice, both affordable and market rate units, such as houses on smaller lot sizes, cottage-style homes, accessory apartments, duplexes disguised as single-family houses, including units affordable to low/moderate and middle-income households,</p>
<p>Household Types</p>	<p>Increase year-round housing units, especially rental units, affordable to low/moderate income households including small families, single people, people with disabilities, and the elderly to support Aquinnah's multi-cultural population.</p>
<p>Community Character / Smart Growth / Location</p>	<p>Ensure new housing development is sensitively located, scaled, and designed to protect Aquinnah's wild scenic beauty, rural nature, natural features, and peaceful, small-town feel. Foster new modest residential development that includes affordable units, with small houses on smaller lots near the town center area along State Road to help create a mixed-use, walkable area for people of all ages. Encourage new residential development on larger properties to be designed as cluster housing to maximize preservation of open space and scenic views. Explore Town-Tribe collaborative housing ventures that can utilize existing infrastructure.</p>
<p>Resources & Capacity</p>	<p>Engage seasonal and year-round residents and the Tribe to provide resources, such as funding, property, or infrastructure that support the community's continued housing needs.</p>
<p>Quantitative / Production</p>	<p>Based on documented local housing needs that go beyond 40B goals, which Aquinnah has already met, support the creation of five or more rental housing units affordable to low/moderate-income (LMI) households over five years (an average of at least one unit per year).</p> <p>In addition, support the creation of five or more ownership units affordable to households between 80-100% of the area median income over the next five years (an average of at least one unit per year).²</p>

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² Note: For Aquinnah – despite having needs that could also support creating affordable ownership units for up to 150% AMI (as presented in Sept.), the greater need is for rental LMI units and ownership units between 80-100%AMI. Therefore, we are recommending, through this draft goal, that public resources are focused on these greater needs over the 5-year timeframe of the plan and could be revisited in a subsequent plan.