

# CHILMARK'S HOUSING FUTURE

Chilmark community members envision that in 2027 the community will retain a strong sense of history and continuity with its past. Its many caring and involved residents will include those that have substantial roots in the community and newcomers. Chilmark's residents will benefit from the diverse and innovative affordable housing options developed over the decade. Residents will continue to value the rural village character and lifestyle of Chilmark, as well as its beautiful landscapes, beaches, and strong sense of community.



New small multi-family rental developments, which are designed to serve year-round residents including young families, workers, and the elderly, will help increase the diversity of the population in Chilmark. This diversity will also be due, in part, to more varied and innovative affordable housing options including small clusters of cohousing with shared services that will be surrounded by open space and working farms.

A few small well-designed and inconspicuous multi-family rental housing developments on large residential parcels will be attractive additions to the community providing year-round apartments at modest prices, as will the handful of large older homes that will be tastefully

converted to multi-family buildings. These housing options will be an asset to the community and will accommodate multi-generational residents including older adults wishing to downsize.

The town will foster housing development on town-owned land, acquire developable lots for housing, and actively foster the creation of more diverse housing options through tax incentives, zoning updates, and partnerships with organizations such as the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank.

In addition, the town, through updated zoning, will encourage the conversion of key properties to small multi-family units to respond to the need for seasonal workforce housing.