

WEST TISBURY'S HOUSING FUTURE

West Tisbury community members envision that in 2027 the community will still be an agricultural community with active farms, extensive open space, and natural resources, and will also have dispersed pockets of homes and businesses that form quaint village centers. This development pattern with clusters of development including year-round affordable housing will help to protect the community's rural character, natural resources, and scenic beauty. New housing development will provide more affordable options for seniors looking to age in the community, as well as young professionals and families of all income levels who value the rural character and creative nature of this open-minded, friendly town. In addition, the increase in business activity in these enhanced village centers will help strengthen the local economy.



Community members hope that through thoughtful planning, progressive town policies, investment in creative infrastructure, and targeted public and private funds, the community will foster the development of broader housing options that reinforce and enhance its rural character. New housing developed will include clusters of townhouses and tiny/micro houses, as well as large older houses that have been sensitively converted to multi-family apartments.

In addition, West Tisbury's business district and town center will include mixed-use properties with businesses and apartments. These new

housing options will include affordable housing for low/moderate-income households, create more year-round rental housing, serve seniors who need smaller homes or service enriched housing, and help address regional housing needs.

The new residential developments will be carefully located and designed to protect the community's rural small-town feel, farmlands, woodlands, and scenic views through alternative site planning and ownership structures such as cohousing, cooperative-style housing, and cluster housing development.

Community members also envision that West Tisbury will provide new dormitory/hostel-style housing near the airport to help address the Island's need for seasonal workforce housing and support the local and regional economy. Community members hope that such seasonal workforce housing will help free up more of the existing housing stock for year-round occupancy.