

TISBURY'S HOUSING FUTURE

Tisbury community members envision that in 2027 the community will still be a lively, family-oriented port town that sustains a vibrant, diverse year-round community known for its friendly people, excellent schools, and working marina. Mixed-use commercial/residential redevelopment along Main Street and throughout other commercial areas will add to the town's year-round rental housing stock, while zoning updates will encouraged the development of creative smaller housing options. The rehabilitation and conversion of large older homes to multi-family housing will help increase affordable housing opportunities for low/moderate-income residents without impacting the character of this tree-lined, quaint, and walkable small town.



Tisbury's vibrancy will be enhanced with new and rehabilitated mixed-use commercial/residential buildings, including new year-round micro-housing and small apartments in the downtown commercial area of Vineyard Haven. Community members also envision that the Town will have dormitory-style seasonal workforce housing at key locations, as well as smaller, in-fill development and accessory apartments in homes and garages in residential neighborhoods. The town will have creative senior living options including intergenerational housing. These options will provide greater choice for older adults to downsize and stay in the community as they age.

New housing will include a variety of housing types and sizes including smaller units designed for single people and tiny/micro houses. In addition, there will be a few cluster housing developments on larger properties that protect extensive open space and natural resources. Community members hope that some of these projects will be made possible by a new Vineyard Housing Bank, modeled after the successful Martha's Vineyard Land Bank, as well as various progressive zoning updates.

Affordable housing will be scattered throughout town in residential neighborhoods, as well as mixed-use and multi-family buildings. Zoning updates and creative funding strategies will facilitate the development of smaller in-fill homes and the rehabilitation of existing buildings for affordable and multi-family housing. Many of Tisbury's older houses will be improved through an influx of rehabilitation funds for low/moderate-income homeowners and a number of large older houses will be rehabilitated and converted to apartments.