

Living Well Community— Developed by Walk Softly, LLC

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Come be a part of our Community if you are passionate about green, energy-efficient neighborhoods focused on:

Sense of Community: Combining private homes with shared community amenities allows a framework for building neighborhoods that work as communities. A portion of Living Well Community is set up on the Cohousing model, while the remainder works as a diverse, mixed-use interconnected neighborhood and village.

All parts of the Living Well Community work towards creating “Community,” a community that understands the values held in common while allowing people space to be individuals. The design encourages interaction with neighbors. The Conference Center keeps the focus from only turning inward.

Health/Wellness: Healthy lifestyles and physical activity encouraged. Regional Greenway/Railtrail on property connects to adjacent towns and beyond. The healing sound of water, and the natural beauty of the place encourages connection to nature and Spirit. Creativity, Music, and the Arts a priority.

Sustainability: All buildings built “Green” and with alternative energy incorporated. Rainwater captured and stored for use in houses and gardens. River and Creek buffered to preserve natural areas. Alternative transportation instead of reliance on petroleum fuels and cars. On-site recycling program. Reclamation of disturbed site. Community gardens, edible landscaping, and harvesting of wild edibles.

Mixed-uses and Diversity: Traditional neighborhood design with mixed uses on the property. Conference Center, mixed commercial/residential lots, commercial/institutional lots, and residential lots. Project is a stimulus to extended community. Regional greenway encourages walking/biking and regional eco-tourism. Conference Center provides visitors. Building done with local materials and tradespeople. Workspaces near living spaces to reduce need for commuting.

In nature the more diverse the plant and animal communities the more stable those communities are. Diversity encouraged.

Honoring the History and Energy of this magnificent land: Many different peoples have already lived on or traveled over this land, from Native Americans who built fish weirs on the river and creek, to early Quaker settlers who started the mill as an economic alternative to slavery for the pre-civil war south, to farmers, mill workers, and early settlers. The River, Creek, Woods, Rocks, Plants, and Animals connect us to the Natural World encouraging us to celebrate and share our unique gifts, insights, and backgrounds.