



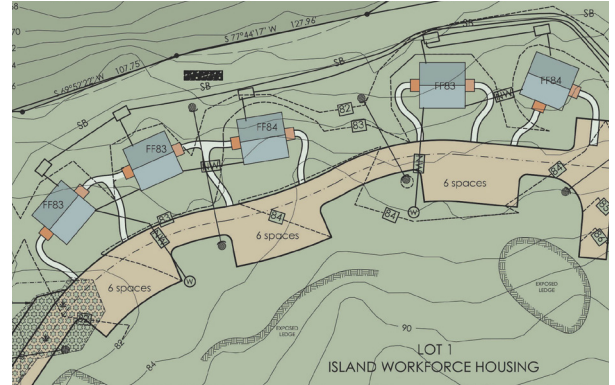
Island Workforce Housing Deer Isle - Stonington, ME

Island Workforce Housing is a 501c3 non-profit dedicated to ensuring a vibrant year-round economy in Deer Isle and Stonington by creating permanently-affordable housing solutions for moderate-income individuals and families working in our community.

The island is a unique community, full of beautiful natural features and hardworking people. The combination of year-round residents and summer visitors is what makes this place so vibrant, but it brings with it a few challenges. Creating affordable housing is critical to maintaining the character of this place.

The Problem:

There is a severe shortage of affordable, year-round housing in Deer Isle and Stonington, and the pandemic has further intensified this problem. The large amount of vacation homes and rentals constricts the supply of year-round rental housing, which is now only 10% of the island's total housing stock. Lack of available housing makes it difficult for employers to attract and retain workers, jeopardizing the health of our economy, our schools, and the integrity of our community.



The Response:

The plan is for IWH to create 30 new dwelling units over the next 5-7 years that are affordable to moderate-income members of the island workforce.

IWH will provide attractive, durable, energy-efficient housing for island workers, keeping prices affordable through income-based rent and highly efficient buildings. These rental units will house all parts of the community: teachers, nurses, sternmen, plumbers, carpenters, restaurant staff, etc.

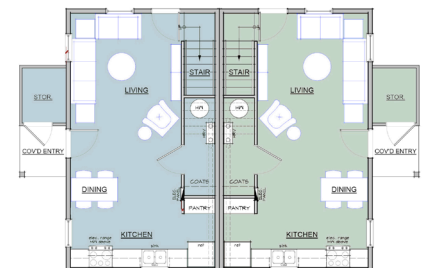
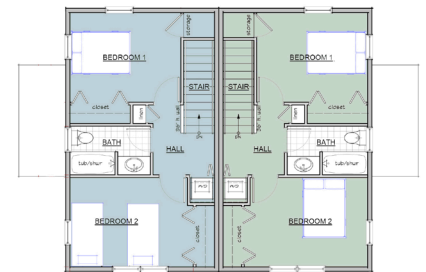
Progress:

Our first project, 10 two-bedroom apartments in five duplex buildings, has begun at Oliver's Ridge on the Sunset Crossroad in Deer Isle. Sitework is underway, foundations are in, and framing has begun. These year-round rental homes will serve as a stepping stone to homeownership on the island. This is the first important step towards ensuring that Deer Isle and Stonington will continue to thrive as vibrant communities.

For questions regarding donations, please contact:

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To learn more, please visit IWH's website and watch our video!



Thank you to everyone who has supported this effort so far. We truly could not do this without you!