



First Presbyterian Church

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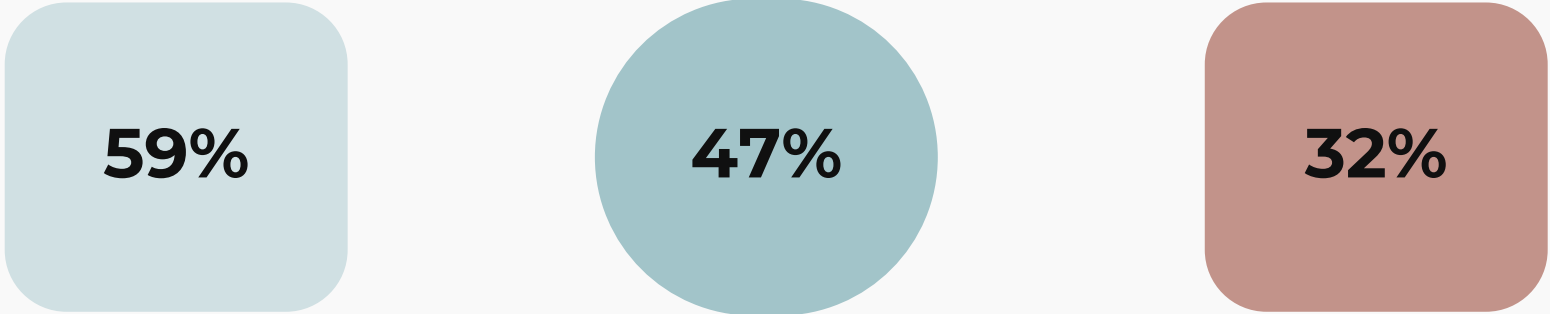
How can housing bring us together?



First, a story



WE ARE LIVING IN A LONELINESS EPIDEMIC



59%

**of Americans
report feeling
lonely**

47%

**of Americans
report their
relationships are
not meaningful**

32%

**Increased risk of
stroke due to poor
or insufficient social
connection**

HOUSING DESIGN EXACERBATES LONELINESS



MISSING Middle Housing



The Consequences of Modern Housing

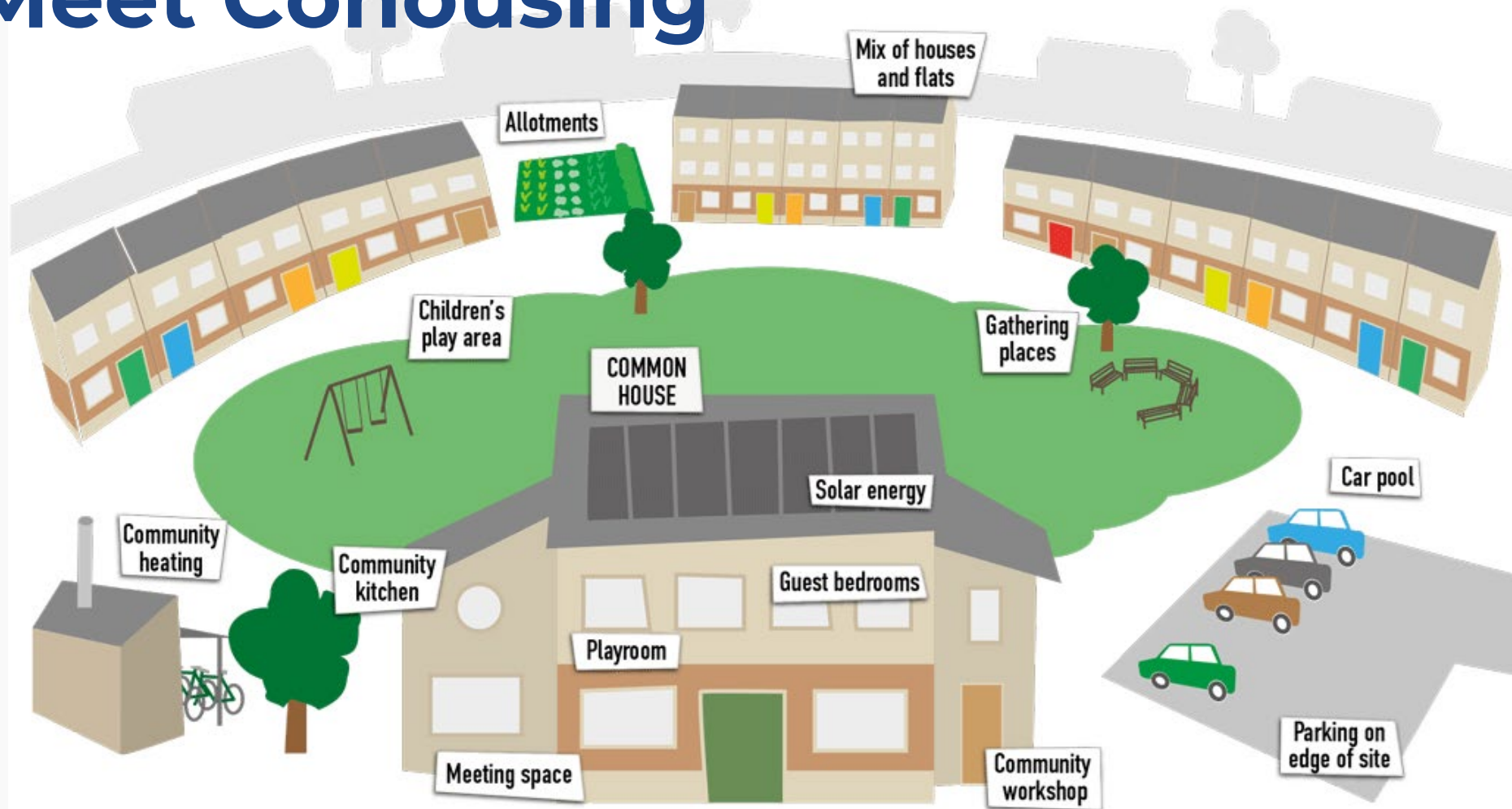
- 1 **Habitat loss**
- 2 **Increased greenhouse gas emissions**
- 3 **Energy consumption**
- 4 **Health impacts**



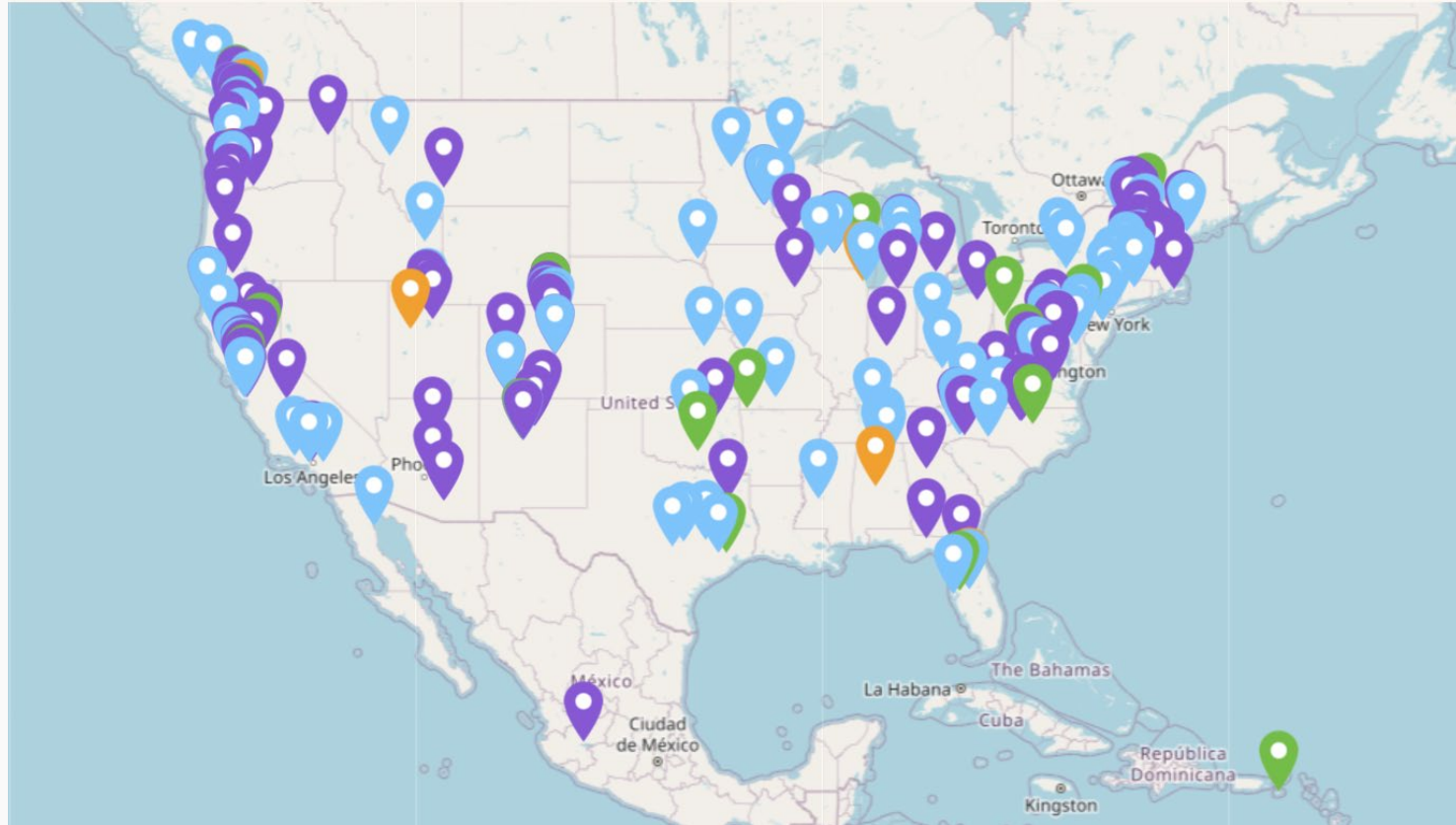
**What if housing could
reflect the values of
sharing and community
from *Stone Soup*?**



Meet Cohousing



There are more than 200 cohousing communities in the US ... but none in the First State



Shepherd Village, Shepherdstown, WV



Great Oak Cohousing, Ann Arbor, MI



Temescal Commons, Oakland, CA



MEET NEWARK AREA COHOUSING



LORRAINE



ANITA



JAMIE



CLAIRE



GINGER



JULIA

We are everyday people who want to create a different way of living—one that doesn't exist in the traditional housing market

OUR GOALS

Build a community that is...

- **Designed for connection**
- **Inclusive & diverse**
- **Built sustainably**

OUR VISION

A joyful, intentional community that values knowing and helping one another. Our community will thrive by caring for our neighbors while respecting privacy and celebrating together our shared values.



People want to live in community in Newark!

**Over 600 people
have expressed
interest in NAC by
subscribing to our
newsletter or
attending our
events**



First Presbyterian Church: An Excellent Location for Cohousing!



The Site



The Town



The Lifestyle

FPC-N Land: Potential Mixed-Income Housing and Woodland Stewardship



**Housing that strengthens community
and restores the land.**

A shared vision for community and land stewardship

- Welcoming more people
- Strengthening connection
- Caring for the land
- Extending the church's impact
- Creating a model



You can help us forge this path!



THANK YOU!