

Preliminary Site Evaluation

Note: This handout was created for a cohousing design workshop presented by Design Coalition in 1992

Goal: To determine if a potential site meets the group's criteria and warrants further investigation and analysis.

Tasks include:

1. Assemble and become familiar with available information, such as:

- Location (address, legal description, etc.)
- Character of land and uses surrounding site
- Boundaries (plat map, mortgage survey etc.)
- Size
- Zoning, current
- Seller's identity and willingness to sell, when and under what conditions (i.e, how easy will it be to obtain site control?)
- Asking price
- Contingencies, if any (by group or of seller)
- Topography map, if available
- Floodplain?
- Toxins likely?
- Is our project likely to match city / town / neighborhood expectations for this site?

Tools / Sources of information:

- City or Town Parcel Information
- Site Search Checklists (from *Cohousing Tools*)
- Realtors
- Seller

2. Evaluate site(s) against group's site criteria