

SENIOR HOUSING SURVEY 2006—TOWN OF WASHINGTON

The Housing Commission plans to assess the need, interest and support for Senior Housing in Washington. Senior Housing pertains to units for persons over 60. This survey asks about three different types of Senior Housing: **APARTMENTS, CONDOMINIUMS** and **CONGREGATE LIVING**. Future efforts to consider such housing will rely on data from this survey. The more people responding, the better gauge we will have of the need. Thank you.

The Washington Housing Commission
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No signature is necessary. All comments are welcome.

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Your Age: below 35 36-50 51-60 61-70 71-80 over 80
2. Sex: Female Male
3. My current housing: Own home Rent Live with family/friends Other
4. Should the town have more Senior Housing? Yes No
5. If yes, what size Senior Housing should be built? 1 Bedroom 2 BR 3 BR

II. RENTAL APARTMENTS

We would like your thoughts about encouraging units that could be RENTED by seniors (over age 60) with roots in the Washington community.

6. Senior Rental Housing is (Check One)

An excellent idea
 A good idea
 A fair idea
 A poor idea

7. I think some of the RENTAL units should be available to persons of moderate income (moderate income is considered at or below 80% of the area median income. For a couple the amount is currently \$62,000 per year.) : Yes No

8. If you answered 'yes' on #7, what % of the total RENTAL units should be offered at moderate rates?

10% 30% 50% more than 50%

9. How likely do you think you, a relative or friend in Washington would desire such RENTAL housing in the next **five years**? Would you say it was

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Somewhat Unlikely
- Very Unlikely

III. PURCHASED CONDOMINIUMS

Does Washington need more privately owned condominiums for seniors? These could be 1, 2 or 3 Bedroom units with a main living area and one master bedroom on the first floor.

10. Senior Owned Condominiums are (Check One)

- An excellent idea
- A good idea
- A fair idea
- A poor idea

11. I think some of the CONDOMINIUM units should be available to persons of moderate income (moderate income is considered at or below 80% of the area median income. For a couple the amount is currently \$62,000 per year.) : Yes No

12. If you answered 'yes' on #11, what % of the total CONDOMINIUM units should be offered at moderate rates?

- 10% 30% 50% more than 50%

13. How likely do you think you, a relative or friend in Washington would desire such PURCHASED CONDOMINIUM housing in the next **five years**? Would you say it was

- Very likely
- Somewhat likely
- Somewhat Unlikely
- Very Unlikely

IV. CONGREGATE LIVING

What are your thoughts about the idea of apartments or condominiums for seniors (over age 60) that include a 'congregate living' component? These would allow seniors who cannot maintain their current living arrangements the option of remaining in Washington. This residential environment fosters independent living by providing many conveniences and less worry.

Congregate living can offer a variety of fee-based features such as:

- One meal per day
- Light weekly housekeeping
- Scheduled van transportation
- Snow removal and lawn mowing
- Emergency call services

14. Overall, how would you rate this idea of Congregate Living for seniors in the Town of Washington? Would you say it was...(Check One)

- An excellent idea
 A good idea
 A fair idea
 A poor idea

15. How likely do you think you, a relative or friend in Washington would desire Congregate Housing in the next **five years**? Would you say it was

- Very likely
 Somewhat likely
 Somewhat Unlikely
 Very Unlikely

16. Please add any comments:

Thank you for completing this survey. You may also download a copy of the survey at www.washingtonct.org. Please mail by Wednesday, November 15th 2006 to:

Housing Commission Survey • P.O. Box 383 • Washington Depot, CT 06794

Or drop off at the following locations:

Bryan Town Hall Lobby • Washington Senior Center • Washington Pharmacy