

CAMBRIDGE

# GoGreen Awards

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**CATEGORY:** Waste Reduction/Apartment/Condominium Building

## CORNERSTONE VILLAGE COHOUSING CONDOMINIUM

175 Harvey Street

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Cornerstone Village Cohousing Condominium is a 32-unit multi-family residence in Cambridge housing over 60 residents, with a resident recycling coordinator who facilitates community education.
- One of the more appealing aspects at Cornerstone Cohousing is the opportunity for a lighter, less consumer-oriented lifestyle. Economies of scale abound, including sharing the lawn mower, tools, child care, and guest rooms. We try to be as environmentally responsible as we can.
- The condominium maintains an "A level" recycling program diverting over 20 pounds of recycling per week per household for curbside collection, and collects plastic bags, clothing, packing peanuts and scrap metal to bring to the City's Recycling Center.
- Residents at Cornerstone Cohousing further reduce their waste by maintaining several compost bins to turn food scraps, leaves and newspapers into soil for vegetable and flower gardens.

### ABOUT CORNERSTONE COHOUSING

Cornerstone Village Cohousing Condominium is located in a diverse neighborhood in North Cambridge with easy access to public transportation, stores and open spaces. Housing is designed to allow as much shared open space as possible, such as gardens and play space for children. There is a central common house for shared dinners and other community activities. Each household occupies a complete home with a full kitchen, and may opt for privacy or sociability as desired. There will continue to be an emphasis on excellent, innovative design, both architectural and landscape, with a focus on creative, aesthetic use of small spaces.

Members are a group of friendly, diverse and sincere people who look forward to belonging to a supportive neighborhood community to live richer and happier lives. We emphasize creating community through shared activities, work, play and joy. The community promotes cultural, racial and economic diversity through a broad outreach, the inclusion of affordable units and a welcoming attitude.

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### ABOUT THE GO GREEN AWARD

The City of Cambridge annually recognizes local businesses and organizations for outstanding practices in transportation, waste reduction and recycling, energy, stormwater management, climate protection, and community sustainability. The awardees make significant contributions to the reduction of the carbon footprint of Cambridge and to making the city more sustainable.