



Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU)

ADUs can be a good housing option for young people, couples, small families, or seniors. An ADU is a self-contained apartment, cottage, or other small residential unit located on the same property as a single-family home. An ADU may have more than one bedroom but must be “subordinate” to the main residence. It is an independent housing unit complete with a kitchen, bathroom, living space, and permanent utility connections (water, sewer, electric). An ADU can be attached to or detached from the primary home. State funding assistance may be available for qualifying ADU construction projects!

Watch a video on ADUs:

- <https://shelterforce.org/2022/05/02/what-an-accessory-dwelling-unit>

ADU How-To Handbook:

- <https://acrpc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/ACRPC-ADU-Guide-3.pdf>

For more information:

- Adam Lougee, Director of the Addison County Regional Planning Commission
- (802) 388-3141, <https://acrpc.org>

HomeShare Vermont

For over 40 years, HomeShare Vermont has been matching people who have room in their homes with those seeking an affordable place to live. Time and care is taken to create a compatible match between host and guest. HomeShare Vermont conducts background and reference checks and provides ongoing support throughout the length of the match. HomeShare Vermont hosts consistently say they feel safer and are happier because of their home share match.



Watch a video on HomeShare Vermont:

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhJxRZvzLNg>

For more information:

- <https://www.homesharevermont.org/>
- Email: info@HomeShareVermont.org
- (802) 863-5625



Homes First- Small/Tiny Homes

Homes First seeks to provide economically and environmentally sustainable “right-sized” homes for Addison County residents that are designed, funded, and built, fully or in large part, by the local community. Homes First partners with the Patricia Hannaford Career Center to train youth in home building. In 2023-2024 students built the first well-constructed, affordable, 250 square foot + loft home. Homes First envisions more in the coming years, with neighborhoods of right-sized homes (300-600 sf) located within the village and city centers of Addison County to take advantage of public transportation and services. They are also open to siting single tiny homes on suitable lots or as ADUs throughout Addison County.

Watch a video on small/tiny homes:

- <https://vimeo.com/416128370>

For more information:

- <https://homesfirstvt.org>
- (802) 398-5491

Three solutions for you and your community to consider:

Adding an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) to a property

Home sharing with HomeShare Vermont

Homes First Small/Tiny Homes

Volunteers with the Addison County Interfaith Affordable Housing Alliance would be happy to talk with you or your group about how to make these feasible housing options a reality.

Contact:

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Want to be on our distribution list to keep up to date on what is happening in Montpelier and locally around housing initiatives?

Contact:

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Addison County Interfaith Affordable Housing Alliance

Bread Loaf Mountain Zen Community
Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist Society

The Congregational Church of Middlebury, UCC

Middlebury Friends Meeting

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Vergennes Congregational Church

Weybridge Congregational Church



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Concerned about the lack of affordable housing in your community?

Thinking of making space on your property for a relative to live or as a rental?

Do you know young people who would like to live in your community but cannot afford to?

Do you know seniors living alone, who would benefit from having someone live with them?

Does your community know there is state and local funding available for some projects?