

## Biography – Ann Zabaldo



Ann Zabaldo is one of the pioneers of the Cohousing movement in the United States.

Beginning in 1991 Ann was involved with some of the early efforts to help this new idea take root. She has been both a volunteer and paid consultant with a number of cohousing projects.

Since 1996 Ann has been a financing partner with the Liberty Village Cohousing community just outside of Frederick, Maryland.

In 1997 Ann became one of the founding board members of the Cohousing Association of the United States, which grew out of the original organizational group, The Cohousing Network. In 2001, Ann served as the president of the Association.

In 1998, Ann founded Mid-Atlantic Cohousing (MAC) and continues on its board, serving as its treasurer. MAC is a confederation of the 14 cohousing communities in DC, Maryland, Virginia, Pennsylvania and North Carolina that strives to promote mutual support and promote the concept of cohousing. MAC will have a booth at the Green Festival in Washington, DC in October.

From 1998 to 2001, Ann was a consultant with The Eco Housing Corporation of Bethesda, Maryland, handling the marketing/outreach and community development of the Takoma Village Cohousing community.

In 2005, Ann again consulted again with The Eco Housing Corporation to help design and promote the LEED certified Eastern Village Cohousing community in Silver Spring, Maryland. The National Association of Home Builders awarded Eastern Village Cohousing its Green Building Award for Luxury Multi-Family Homes.

In 2006 Ann formed and is Principal of the Cohousing Collaborate, a professional corporation of local architects, developers, financing and marketing professionals to promote and co-develop cohousing communities.

In 2007, Ann began managing a grant from the Wallace Global Fund to help increase the number of professionals working in cohousing.

Ann is a graduate of Florida State University with an undergraduate degree in History and an M.A. in Theater.

It is no exaggeration to say that Ann Zabaldo eats, drinks and breathes cohousing.

Ann lives in the Takoma Village Cohousing community with 64 adults, 22 children, 27 cats and two dogs.