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FIRST COHOUSING NEIGHBORHOOD IN LANSING BUYS LAND

LANSING, MI; November 27, 2001 – Meadowood Cohousing, Lansing's first cohousing neighborhood, has purchased the land for its future community, announced the Cohousing Development Company, developers of the project.

"Until you have a piece of land, it's just a conversation. Now, I feel Meadowood Cohousing is real, and the project can take off," said Nick Meima, a partner in the Cohousing Development Company, also developers of the Great Oak and Honey Creek cohousing neighborhoods in Ann Arbor.

On November 20, the Cohousing Development Company purchased 23.8 acres at 3721 Aurelius Road, a strip of wooded land which runs between Aurelius Road and Stone Leigh Avenue. According to Meima, his company will be creating two adjoining cohousing neighborhoods and a small condominium development on the property, and keeping over two-thirds of the land as open space.

Cohousing communities are designed as old-fashioned villages that promote easy interaction among the residents. They are mainstream neighborhoods in which the future homeowners help design and develop the overall site, the individual homes and common buildings. Residents own their homes and are equal owners in the common property. There are over 60 completed cohousing neighborhoods in North America, according to The Cohousing Network, the non-profit association that tracks the industry.

Meadowood Cohousing is the first cohousing community planned for the Lansing site. The resident group already has 10 households interested in the cohousing concept and, with the land purchase, will now move into a more accelerated development process. Beginning on November 30, the group will participate in a "Vision & Values" workshop led by a professional cohousing facilitator to define the members' shared values and common vision for the project, and to reach agreement on other basic guidelines for working together effectively.

People interested in learning more about the Meadowood Cohousing project, may contact Nick Meima at **517-337-3116 or via email at mirest@aol.com**, or visit the Meadowood website at **www.ic.org/lansingcohousing.**

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