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Town of Dennis Affordable Housing Trust

Press Release

The Town of Dennis Affordable Housing Trust is conducting a town-wide survey of those who work in the town of Dennis.

The purpose of the survey is to better understand the housing needs of its working people as the town continues to develop plans for more and better workforce or affordable housing.

Members of the Trust will be contacting Dennis employers regarding distribution of the questionnaire. If you have not been contacted and are interested in participating in this survey, questionnaires may be picked up and returned to the Dennis Town Hall or the Dennis Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, please call 508-398-8612.



Town of Dennis Housing Needs Survey

There has been considerable discussion of the fact that housing on the Cape is not affordable for many people who live and work here. In an attempt to better understand the workforce housing situation, the Dennis Affordable Housing Trust is conducting a survey regarding the housing needs and challenges you and your family may be facing and what types of housing would best satisfy your needs.

By affordable or workforce housing we mean housing that is available for Dennis residents with low, moderate and median income. This housing would not trade on the open market and would not appreciate faster than increases in household income.

Whether or not you qualify for affordable housing, we appreciate your cooperation in filling out this questionnaire and returning it to your employer or the Assistant Town Administrator's Office or mailing it to: Dennis Affordable Housing Trust, P.O. Box 2060, South Dennis, MA 02660.

For the purposes of this survey, references to Dennis include all of the villages of Dennis (Dennis, East Dennis, South Dennis, Dennisport and West Dennis).

All individual responses are anonymous.

8) If you **own**, what type of dwelling do you own?

- Single-family home with _____ bedrooms.
- Duplex with _____ bedrooms in your unit.
- Condo/townhouse with _____ bedrooms.

9) If you **rent**, what type of rental do you have?

- Apartment/condo with _____ bedrooms.
- Duplex with _____ bedrooms.
- Single-family home with _____ bedrooms.
- In-law apartment (attached to single-family home) with _____ bedrooms.

10) If you **rent**, on what basis do you rent?

- 12-month lease
- Yearly but month-to-month
- Seasonal
- Other (Please specify) _____

11) How many wage earners contribute to your household's living expenses?

- Just me.
- I share the expenses with other adults in my household.
- Both myself and my partner/spouse are contributing.

12) How much does your household pay in rent or mortgage? _____

13) If you **rent**, does your rental payment include utilities (heat and electric)?

- Yes No

14) If you do **not** live in Dennis, would you if you could?

- Yes No

15) If you do not own now and could afford to, would you purchase a home in Dennis?

- Yes No

16) If you were to **own** in Dennis, please rate the following types of home ownership:

	<u>Most Interested</u>	<u>Somewhat Interested</u>	<u>Not At All Interested</u>
Single-family house	0	0	0
Condo	0	0	0
Townhouse	0	0	0
Duplex	0	0	0

How many **bedrooms** would you need? _____

17) If you were to **rent** in Dennis, please rate the following types of rental housing:

	<u>Most Interested</u>	<u>Somewhat Interested</u>	<u>Not At All Interested</u>
Single-family house	0	0	0
Apartment/Condo	0	0	0
Townhouse	0	0	0
Duplex	0	0	0

How many **bedrooms** would you need? _____

18) Are you currently living in an affordable housing situation?

_____ No
_____ Yes. Please specify the program. _____

19) Are you on any current waiting list for affordable housing?

_____ No
_____ Yes. Please specify the program. _____

20) If you live on the Cape, are you likely to consider moving off the Cape during the next five years due to the lack of good quality housing that you can afford?

_____ No _____ Somewhat likely _____ Very likely

Thank you for your help!

Please return to your employer or the Assistant Town Administrator at Town Hall or mail to Affordable Housing Trust, P.O. Box 2060, South Dennis, MA 02660.