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Cohousing Now! #49: Looking Back, Looking Forward

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from Rebecca...

Dear Friends of Cohousing,
Thank you for your continuing support of the Cohousing Association of the US!
This update is a quick look back at milestones in 2011. Our 2012 Annual Report will be out in the spring, and there will be much to announce & celebrate.

We hope you were able to participate in some of the memorable events last year - 2011:

- A stellar conference in Washington D.C.
- Hiring a new Executive Director & Operations Manager
- Bringing on several dynamic Board members
- Tours in three regions
- Presentation at the national Community Land Trust conference in Seattle
- Robust research team generating interviews & surveys about cohousing
- The generous help of our wonderful Volunteers!

Your financial support is now more important than ever to ensure that Coho/US is able to continue its mission of supporting existing and forming cohousing communities. We make the world better, one neighborhood at a time!

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Happy holidays!
Rebecca Lane
Executive Director
Cohousing Association of the US

Tours & Events

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The Wisdom of Group Decisions

- [Direction more important than pace](#)

In principle, moving quickly often seems like a good idea, but moving quickly in the wrong direction simply gets you to the wrong place fast. Most groups have a high need for quick achievement. We have all heard someone say, "Enough talk, let's just do something!" And we have all seen groups charge off quickly and with much enthusiasm...in the wrong direction.

Practical Tip: Even when under pressure to accomplish something in a hurry, resist the temptation to achieve a quick, although possibly shabby, result. Quality group decisions, like anything of quality, require up-front investment. Determine your objective before springing into action. Spend some time planning. Read the directions. Check out the map. As Bob Dylan says in *Hard Rain*, "I know my song well before I start singing." No matter how slowly you go, if you are headed in the right direction you might eventually get there.

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