

What would it cost to build in Green Grove Cohousing Community?

Green Grove is unusual in its size (limited to 9 homes), its quantity of shared amenities (including 5 acres & a large common house) and its development structure, in that each member household (at least as we initially build the community) manages the design and construction of their own 900-1400 sq. ft. free-standing home.

Green Grove member households each purchase one of the available lots to build on, plus a 1/9th share of the 5 acres of land and the shared amenities which includes:

- 3,400+ sq.ft. high-quality geothermally heated & cooled common house w/ solar electricity
 - Large community wood-working studio and outbuilding
 - Carport/storage unit for each household with green roof
 - Rainwater catchment system & cistern for irrigation
 - Cedar gazebo and playhouse
 - Mature trees, orchard and landscaping, plus open land for expanding permaculture garden
- (These amenities are far more extensive than most cohousing communities)

Cost: \$150,000

Households then work individually with our green contractor to build their free-standing high-performance energy-efficient home, on their own lot. The smaller a home is, usually the greater the costs per square foot because kitchens and baths are the most expensive elements. High performance green construction will create long-term savings on utility bills, but is more expensive to build.

Estimated Cost: \$225+ per sq. ft.

Hence, we estimate that the minimum cost for a home in Green Grove will be **at least \$375,000, including the \$150,000 for the land and shared amenities.**