



SITKA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Community-Supported, Sustainable, Affordable Home Ownership

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There are variations in the size and location of land available. Juneau Land Trust (JLT) has successfully acquired individual plots of land, widely scattered throughout the community. That model can require a longer time as each plot is acquired individually as land becomes available at a favorable price. (A land trust in Anchorage focuses only on commercial property.)

Acquisition of a larger acreage with sufficient land for 10-15 residences is the model adopted successfully by a community land trust on Orcas Island, one of the San Juan Islands in Puget Sound. That model was created to overcome a situation in which the high cost of land reflected a scarcity of land in an island community, resulting in a lack of diversity in the community and a shortage of a labor force to work in local small businesses and supply services. (This model will be the focus of a video which will be available at the first local public meeting.) The web site shown below lists another CLT community on Lopez Island in the San Juan Islands, also on a contiguous property.

The model adopted by the Sitka CLT will depend on how property can be acquired and whether a larger plot or smaller, scattered plots are best suited to Sitka. It is expected that acquisition of the land, either as a contiguous parcel or as smaller plots, will be a ten year project.

SCDC strives to attract and retain a board which reflects diversity of community, in relation to income, skill sets and depth of knowledge about housing issues. The present board (currently short 2 members) reflects that distribution with a third of the members identified as having income of no more than 80% of the median income for the community, another third identified as having specific skills relevant to the building and development industries and a third with in-depth knowledge of local housing issues.

Additional Information can be found at:

www.sitkaaffordablehousing.org (website) or

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Community Land Trust Network: www.lctnetwork.org (website)

Community Land Trust Info: www.burlingtonassociates.com