

# Introducing the CO-CO-MO

This proposal represents a case study of CO-, where facets of various collective housing approaches are combined in a single intentional community located in Richmond, BC, a prominent ethnoburb of Vancouver.

The study rejects a “one size fits all” housing approach, opting to develop a user-led design and project delivery process that aligns with cooperative project financing and community-focused lifestyles. By developing layered “personas” based on demographic data, interviews, and direct observation, we enacted an expert-led workshop, operating empathetically to develop critical design criteria.

The site is a leftover from Richmond’s agrarian past, a large lot with double street frontage in a largely developed area. Richmond’s unique history and geo-location support a cultural mosaic and a large number of working and middle class families, resulting in a rich opportunity for diverse intentional communities.