

Coho Townhouses



The Coho Townhouses project is a high density, infill project located in the West University District. This student-housing development consists of nine three-story townhouses divided into two buildings that are situated to create a common court. The key objective of this project was to create quality spaces that encourage a sustainable lifestyle.

The carbon footprint of this development is minimized through the integration of solar panels on the roof which deliver electricity to the units. All of the stormwater runoff is treated on site, thus reducing the load on the municipal systems. Limited car parking is available, however extensive covered lockable bicycle parking is provided to support pedestrian modes of transportation. Material choices were made to emphasize sustainability, low maintenance costs, and durability. Examples of this include the corrugated metal & cement fiber board sidings on the exterior, and the granite countertops found inside.

The townhouse units are arranged around a community courtyard designed to encourage social interaction among the tenants, however not at the expense of privacy within the units. The arrangement of windows in the angled bays along the facades provides each bedroom with ample daylight without overlapping views to/from other units. The Coho Townhouses are intended to provide students with higher-quality housing option that facilitates a lower-impact lifestyle.



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student rowhouses on a courtyard near campus



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