

The Commons at Windekind

Getting to Know You Questionnaire

Welcome to the Commons at Windekind and thank you for your interest!

In order to explore the option of joining the Commons, we ask that you first spend some time at the farm with Mark and Marijke (and other members, if possible) in order to see and learn about the project as much as you can and get your questions answered.

The Commons is uniquely designed to appeal to people with distinct interest and goals, which is why we are asking you to complete this Questionnaire. The purpose of the Questionnaire is to help you clarify your interest in the Commons and to help us get to know you better.

Your Questionnaire responses will introduce you to current Commons members and help you begin a conversation with them. Joining the Commons is a significant commitment and, because the Commons is a shared ownership community, it is important that members' values and goals for the Commons are in general alignment. We seek to create a community of diversity: age, background, interest and skills, while believing that it is important to find common ground around overarching principles and a vision. Through our conversations together, we build the understanding, clarity, and connection that enable each of us to decide what is best for our families, the Commons, and ourselves.

Don't feel limited to the questions. You may provide whatever additional information you'd like about your family, careers, areas of interest and life achievements that you are proud of and may help explain your interest in the Commons. We'd also love to have you include some introductory photographs of family members, your current home and yard/property, activities, art work, writings and projects that you have done and enjoy. In short, you have the option of creating a Portfolio that better tells you and your family's story that perhaps triggers your interest in the Commons and future goals.

Since some of us do not currently live within easy driving distance of Windekind, photographs are a good first step in getting to know each other. Once you submit your questionnaire and photos you will get access to other members' questionnaires and Portfolios.

The financial questions on this Questionnaire are very important, as we don't want anyone to get into a position that jeopardizes their livelihood or puts them at financial risk. Neither do we want to jeopardize the Commons. Economic sustainability is at the crux of the overall sustainability we seek. This must be a financially sustainable project for each member and the Commons itself, as we will have shared Commons expenses such as maintenance, taxes, and insurance.

In answering the financial questions, you are not required to provide any information that you would rather not reveal. However, be aware that we very much want to attract younger families to the project who may not yet have the capital reserves to afford the purchase of a home, and we are exploring ways by which we can help make living at the Commons possible for those who might find it challenging to come up with the capital requirements to purchase land and build a home.

We thank you for your interest in the Commons, look forward to getting to know you, and hope to help you make the best decision for your family and the Commons community!

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Date:

Family Member Names and Ages:

Pets or animals you would bring to Windekind:

Tell us about yourself	~ We invite you to include as much information as you'd like ~
Where do you live now? (location, in town/country, etc.)	
Why are you interested in the Commons at Windekind?	
Have you lived in a cohousing, ecovillage, or other intentional living arrangement? If yes, please describe your experience.	
What is most important to you about what the Commons could offer you/others?	
Is there anything you'd like to see at the Commons that you don't see in our current Mission/Principles document?	
Are you interested in using the Commons land for income generation, or to operate a home business? If so, what are your ideas?	
What concerns or reservations do you have regarding moving to the Commons?	
What questions do you have?	

Financial Questions	
What is/are your source(s) of income?	
Would your income change if you moved to the Commons? If yes, how would you address that change?	
If you decide that the Commons is a good fit for you, when would you be able to put down a \$15K Design Deposit? (Please review the Design Deposit Agreement)	
What are your barriers or needs in regards to purchasing a parcel/house at Windekind?	
What is your estimated timeframe for when you could purchase a parcel or house at Windekind?	
Do you have any financial questions for us?	

* When returning your questionnaire (or separately if you wish), you are invited/encouraged to attach Portfolio items.

We look forward to meeting you!