Tiny house communities to end homelessness

Second Wind Cottages (Newfield, NY)

- 2014
- 18 residents/18 houses
- $12,000 per unit
- Land and many building materials donated, homes built by volunteers
- Private fundraising covered costs

Quixote Village (Olympia, WA)

- 2013
- 29 residents/30 houses
- $87,500 per unit
- Sponsored by Panza, a non-profit organization with volunteers from faith-based organizations
- Began as a 2007 protest encampment in a city-owned parking lot; moved over several years to sites at different area churches following eviction
- Panza worked with city council to secure county-owned land for a permanent site
- Camp staffed by hundreds of volunteers, now has full-time staff member/program manager
- Funding came from private donors, state funding, local community grants, Native American tribes, CDBG and a grant from the state legislature.
- Land is leased for $1 a year
- Architects contributed services pro-bono

OM Village/Occupy Madison (Madison, WI)

- 2013
- 10-15 residents/11 houses
- $5,000 per unit
- Non-profit formed to develop housing solution following encampments associated with Occupy movement
- Funding from private donors, crowd-funding campaign
- City retains oversight through permitting process, city council approval led to development
- Neighbors opposed out of concerns for property devaluation and incidents, but fears unrealized within first year.

Dignity Village (Portland, OR)

- 2004
- Average of 60 residents (caped by city); residents pay $35 per month
- Started in downtown Portland as a “tent city” protest against Portland’s ban on homeless encampments in 2000.
- City-sanctioned permanent campsite in 2004 on city land, near airport on outskirts of city.
- A non-profit with elected governance board of nine residents.
- Social worker three days a week
Sanctuary (Nashville, TN)

- 2015
- 7 initial homes
- Green Street Church of Christ began offering sanctuary behind church to homeless campers in 2012, had 20 tents, converted to micro-homes.
- Private crowd-sourced fundraising produced $50,000
- Homes cost about $7,000 to produce
- Residents use the church bathroom, shower outside and eat donated food.

Sources:


