

# Resource Guide on Community Sharing

*Developed by Boston area residents*

## General / introduction on sharing

- “Educating the Cooperative Movement about Anti-Oppression: NASCO taking a lead on organizational and grassroots levels” by Mingwei Huang: <http://geo.coop/node/449>
- ‘Smart Cities’ Should Mean ‘Sharing Cities’. <http://time.com/3446050/smart-cities-should-mean-sharing-cities/>

## Real estate / land / housing

### *Group buying of real estate*

- articles
  - Yes Magazine, “These Neighbors Got Together to Buy Vacant Buildings. Now They’re Renting to Bakers and Brewers” <http://www.yesmagazine.org/new-economy/neighbors-got-together-buy-vacant-buildings-renting-bike-shop-brewer>
  - "Shared Equity Homeownership: The Changing Landscape of Resale-Restricted, Owner-Occupied Housing" by John Emmeus Davis, National Housing Institute (2006): [http://www.nhi.org/research/522/shared\\_equity\\_homeownership/](http://www.nhi.org/research/522/shared_equity_homeownership/)
- examples / existing organizations.
  - NY real estate investment cooperative. “The NYC Real Estate Investment Cooperative (NYC REIC) is a group of over 300 New Yorkers who are pooling their money and power to secure space for community, small business, and cultural use in NYC.” <http://nycreic.com/>

### *Community land trusts*

- Wikipedia: “A community land trust is a nonprofit corporation that develops and stewards affordable housing, community gardens, civic buildings, commercial spaces and other community assets on behalf of a community. “CLTs” balance the needs of individuals to access land and maintain security of tenure with a community’s need to maintain affordability, economic diversity and local access to essential services.”
- Dudley Neighbors Inc: <http://www.dudleyneighbors.org/>
  - One of the first US ones in urban context was in Roxbury: <http://www.yesmagazine.org/issues/cities-are-now/how-one-boston-neighborhood-stopped-gentrification-in-its-tracks>
  - MIT Urban Studies Thesis on DSNi: "Mapping Impact: An Analysis of the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative Land Trust," Lee A. Dwyer: <http://dusp.mit.edu/news/student-research-mapping-impact-bostons-dudley-street-neighborhood>

### *Cooperative housing (aka shared housing aka cohousing)*

- resources
  - National Association of Housing Cooperatives: <http://coophousing.org/>

- National Cooperative Law Centre: <http://nationalcooperativelawcenter.com/> (includes a cooperative map of the US)
- Cooperative Housing Association of New England: <http://www.coophousingnewengland.org/index.html>
- University of Wisconsin Center for Cooperatives (food, worker, residential, agricultural, etc.): <http://www.uwcc.wisc.edu/>
- EcoVillage Ithaca: <http://ecovillageithaca.org/>
- some local examples
  - People of Color Sustainable Housing Network: <https://pochousingnetwork.wordpress.com/>
  - local residential coops: <http://bcc.coop/>
  - Jamaica Plain CoHousing: <https://sites.google.com/site/jpcohousinginternet/>

## **Daily items (food, household etc.)**

### *Neighborhood-level sharing of resources*

- articles:
  - Shareable, "The Launch of A Community Sharing Hub" <http://www.shareable.net/blog/the-launch-of-a-community-sharing-hub>
- examples:
  - LA area cul-de-sac coops : <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=102651496>

### *Small-scale bulk-buying of food / household items*

- articles:
  - "How to Start and Run a Bulk Buying Club with Your Friends & Neighbors" Cooperative Food Empowerment Directive Bulk Buying Club Guide: <https://www.nasco.coop/resources/how-start-and-run-bulk-buying-club-your-friends-neighbors>
- existing examples:
  - Millstone's bulk-food ordering group <http://www.millstonecoop.org/bulk-food-buying-club/>

### *Shared production of items*

- existing examples:
  - Yogurt making coop (example of joint food production / joint approach to chores) : <https://somervilleyogurtmakingcoop.wordpress.com/>

### *Time banks / time circles*

- a way to help and be helped by a large community. People involved work a certain number of hours helping others, and then are "reimbursed" with the same number of hours help from someone else.
  - Cambridge time trade circle. <http://timetradeircle.org/>
  - Jamaica Plain time exchange: <http://jptransition.org/time-exchange/>

## **Organizations geared towards facilitating change**

- JP net. "JP NET is a neighborhood effort to create a local economy that works for everyone in harmony with the planet. Given the challenges of a hurting economy,

climate change, and more, we are co-creating a shared future vision for an equitable and sustainable JP to ensure that we all live well in the "new economy."

<http://jptransition.org/>

- Fellowship for Intentional Community. "The Fellowship for Intentional Community (FIC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting cooperative culture.":  
<http://www.ic.org/>
- Transition network. "Transition Network is a charitable organisation whose role is to inspire, encourage, connect, support and train communities as they self-organise around the Transition model, creating initiatives that rebuild resilience and reduce CO2 emissions. Ultimately it's about creating a healthy human culture, one that meets our needs for community, livelihoods and fun.": <https://www.transitionnetwork.org/>
- Stone Soup Worcester (organizing/supporting co-op sustainability and creation):  
<http://www.stonesoupworcester.org/co-ops/>
- Boston Cooperative investment club <https://sites.google.com/site/boscoopinvestclub/>

### ***Legal resources***

Existing laws weren't written with shared ownership in mind; this makes sharing tricky at times. Here are some legal resources.

- Massachusetts General Laws on Cooperative Housing:  
<https://malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleXXII/Chapter157B>
- NOLO Legal Dictionary/Glossary: <http://www.nolo.com/dictionary>
- HUD Glossary of Terms: [http://www.huduser.gov/portal/glossary/glossary\\_all.html](http://www.huduser.gov/portal/glossary/glossary_all.html)
- Co-oplaw.org: <http://www.co-oplaw.org/>
- Community Enterprise Law (real-estate law): <http://communityenterpriselaw.org/real-estate/>
- National Cooperative Law Centre: <http://nationalcooperativelawcenter.com/> (includes a cooperative map of the US)