

## **Two Echo Co-Housing Strategic Vision for the Year 2016**

Created February 12 – April 9, 2006

We are here to live in a safe, welcoming and friendly neighborhood where residents create and sustain community.

We are people of diverse races, religions, ethnicities and sexual orientations. People of all generations and cultural backgrounds are welcome and valued. As a community, we value kindness, honesty, tolerance, mutual support, compassion, cooperation, respect, diversity of thought and clear communication. We balance individual freedoms with the well being of our community.

We recognize that the community is not static and we are open to change in order to meet our evolving needs. We recognize that the way we do things may be improved.

We live in a neighborhood with a variety of social activities, community projects and spontaneous gatherings. We have a culture of sharing -- goods, ideas, meals, help, etc. We have fun together.

Two Echo is a shared responsibility. Everyone contributes to the work that keeps our neighborhood going. We value the different ways that each person contributes. We recognize that people have constraints of time and energy at different times in their lives.

Our community decision-making process incorporates our diversity and our shared principles. When making decisions, we collaborate with each other and carefully consider all ideas and concerns. We abide by those decisions. We approach conflict constructively and make resolution our goal. We are efficient and purposeful in our meetings and record keeping.

We are a child-friendly community. Our community provides a safe environment for children to explore, learn and grow.

We can walk safely throughout our community at all times and in all seasons. The interior of the community is preserved for pedestrian and

bicycle use, where motorized vehicles travel slowly, carefully and only in limited circumstances.

We manage our common land and natural resources in a way that contributes to a healthy, sustainable ecology.

*Consented at General Meeting of April 9, 2006.*