



"Every day I feel so fortunate to be a part of life here at the Armory"

Lorna Brown is a resident of Armory Lane Senior Housing in Vergennes. Lifelong Vermonters, Lorna and her husband both graduated from Burlington High School and later the University of Vermont, going on to pursue long-term careers in teaching.

When Lorna's husband fell ill, it became necessary to find a safe, caring place for him, so they moved into Armory Lane. Seven months later her husband passed away, but the care and support they received through SASH provided them with quality life experiences. Lorna continues to benefit from the community that has formed at Armory Lane complemented by support from the SASH team.

Addison County Community Trust

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Our Programs

ACCT has been creating affordable housing and conserving land for 25 years. Our mission is to ensure that residents of Addison County have access to a solid foundation: a safe, affordable place to call home.

As of 2015, ACCT owns and operates over 600 units of permanently affordable housing. We do so in five key areas:

- Property management for 228 multifamily apartments;
- Operation of 340 lots in nine nonprofit ACCT-owned parks for owner-occupied mobile homes;
- Down-payment grants for first-time homebuyers and stewardship of 72 homes currently in our perpetually affordable single-family ownership program;
- Providing "Support and Services at Home" through the SASH program to up to 250 residents of ACCT senior housing & in surrounding communities;
- Development of new permanently affordable units to alleviate the county's <1% vacancy rate.

At ACCT, our motto is "it all starts with a home." Read on to learn more about our programs.

AFFORDABLE APARTMENTS

ACCT owns six multifamily buildings in Addison County: Armory Lane Senior Housing in Vergennes; Peter Coe Apartments (formerly John Graham Court), Pine Meadow, Middlebury South Village and Stone Hill Apartments in Middlebury; and Mountain View Apartments in Hancock. Additionally, we partner with HOPE and Housing Vermont to manage seven other affordable properties in Middlebury, Vergennes, and Bristol.



Our apartments are typically designed to be affordable to families earning less than area median income. Some units carry additional subsidies guaranteeing that qualifying residents will not pay more than 30% of their gross income in rent, regardless of how little they earn. Moreover, many of our apartments are in new, energy efficient buildings near downtown hubs.

MOBILE HOME PARKS

Mobile home parks are a significant affordable housing resource in Addison County. ACCT strives to preserve and improve parks in the county and surrounding areas, and is currently embarking on a project to replace outdated housing stock with new energy- efficient modular homes for park residents.

SINGLE-FAMILY OWNERSHIP

ACCT offers a limited number of 20% down payment grants to first-time homebuyers. In return, purchasers contribute a small stewardship fee and agree to share 75% of any appreciation with future buyers, helping to ensure home prices don't outstrip incomes.

SASH

ACCT partners with other senior service organizations in the county to operate SASH programs in Vergennes, Bristol, and Shoreham/Orwell. SASH supports healthy aging in place through providing an on-site Wellness Nurse and a Coordinator who organize activities such as Bone Builders workshops, blood pressure clinics, and more.