



NORWESCAP

Northwest New Jersey Community Action Program, Inc.

RE: Elder Cottage Housing Opportunities (ECHO Housing)

Dear Applicant:

As per your request, enclosed please find the following ECHO Housing program materials: a pre-application and an architectural elevation & footprint of a 624 SF all electric one-bedroom unit. If you wish to pursue this opportunity, please complete the pre-application and return it with the requested support documentation to NORWESCAP in the enclosed envelope. NORWESCAP administers the ECHO Housing Program in the northwest New Jersey Counties of Sussex, Warren, Hunterdon, and Somerset. The waiting period for the availability and placement of an ECHO unit is approximately 18-24 months.

If approved for an ECHO unit, the homeowner is responsible for obtaining permit approvals from the Board of Health (water & sewer), the Planning Board/Board of Adjustment for zoning issues, the local code officials for unit placement, and the electric utility company for service connection. Homeowners must also secure the services of an engineer and attorney to handle your municipal planning procedures. This "pre-installation" cost for the family can fall between \$5,500 - \$10,000 depending on municipal requirements, professional fees and site conditions.

NORWESCAP provides for the transportation to and installation of the modular unit on site. The unit's facade will be modified to blend with the existing home. All interior finish work will be the responsibility of NORWESCAP. When the unit is vacated, it will be removed by NORWESCAP. The site will be cleared of any debris and prepped for the owner's re-use.

The ECHO Housing Program, as described above, envisions a contractual relationship between NORWESCAP, the cottage resident, and the homeowner detailed in a rental agreement and a land lease agreement.

Thank you for interest. If you have any questions or comments, please contact NORWESCAP at (908) 454-7000, ext. 160.

Sincerely,

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