



**COMPOST  
CO-OP**

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### **An Affordable Housing Initiative - a cooperative effort**

*Will you join us in the effort to create sustainable, safe and affordable housing for co-op members?*

#### About Us

[The Compost Co-operative](#) is a worker-owned co-op that provides residential and commercial pick ups of food scraps and other organic materials to be delivered to composting facilities. They are driven by environmental and racial justice and are committed to providing opportunities for ownership, meaningful work, and housing for folks impacted by incarceration.

[Oxbow Design Build](#) is a full-service design and construction cooperative committed to supporting the community and anchoring their construction practices in sustainability. Devoted to sourcing materials and services locally whenever possible, they are constantly aiming to build a sustainable, local, and worker-centered economy.

#### About the Project

The Compost Co-op and Oxbow have teamed up to realize the dream of creating opportunities to live in safety for folks who have faced financial and other barriers to housing. We are in the process of purchasing a 2-unit building in downtown Greenfield. This property will be reinvisioned and redesigned to feature 3 units with efficiency and sustainability prioritized. This property is an excellent candidate for solar installation!

This is just the beginning! Conversations continue and the vision of cooperative land stewardship on a larger scale is continuing to develop.

We hope you'll join us in this collective effort to decommodify housing.

## Join Us

As we prepare to undertake an exciting renovation, we are looking for the support of individuals and groups who may be able to help us cut costs so that we can offer affordable housing more quickly. There are many ways your support might take shape.

- Financial Support
  - We are [actively fundraising](#) to help reduce overall costs. To date, the community has raised over \$50,000. Please share and contribute if you're able.
  - We are seeking zero to low interest loans to cover the \$170K remaining costs of renovation. Please let us know if you or someone you know might support in this way.
- Renovation & Construction
  - We will be looking for volunteers ready to get their hands and bodies in the work of it all. Would you like to be on that list? Please let us know.
- Mission Amplification
  - Will you tell someone about what we're up to?
  - Follow The Compost Co-Op on Facebook, Instagram, and Youtube for updates!

## Connect

We appreciate you taking the time to learn about this cooperative initiative and hope you will partner with us to make this a reality. The Compost Co-op and Oxbow are always happy to answer questions and connect!

[Click here to make your pledge of support today!](#)

In Solidarity,

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