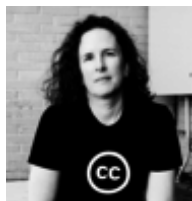


11 Tiny House Villages Redefining Home

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Above: Boneyard Studios in Washington, D.C.

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Tiny house villages are a new part of the [tiny house movement](#), yet they hold a lot of potential to transform lives and communities. The idea behind these villages is straightforward: bring tiny houses together in one place to create communities that share land, time together, skills, support, and other resources.

Some tiny house villages are still in the planning phase or are demonstration villages, and many are designed to house the homeless. But as the tiny house movement grows, so too does the desire to live a simple life in community. What we see today may be the beginnings of a large and diverse tiny house village movement. Below are 11 tiny house villages leading the way.

1. [Boneyard Studios - Washington, D.C.](#)



A demonstration tiny house village in the District of Columbia, Boneyard Studios has a mission to demonstrate creative urban infill, promote the benefits of tiny houses, support other tiny house builders, and model what a tiny house community could look like.

2. [Community First - Austin, Texas](#)



[Community First! Village](#), a 27 acre master-planned community under development, will provide affordable, sustainable, housing in the form of tiny houses, RVs, mobile homes, and more. They are focusing on creating a supportive community for the disabled and chronically homeless in Austin and the surrounding area.

3. [Tiny House Village - Sonoma, California](#)

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Still in the planning stages, this tiny house village in Sonoma, California is the brainchild of Jay Shafer, founder of the [Four Lights Tiny House Company](#). The village will be zoned as an RV park, but function like a coop, with shared common spaces and an intentional community vibe. The village will be completed in 2015.

4. [Quixote Village - Olympia, Washington](#)



Originally a self-governing tent camp of homeless adults in Olympia, Washington, Quixote Village now consists of 30 tiny houses, a community garden, and a common space with showers, laundry facilities and living and dining space.

5. Caravan Tiny House Hotel - Portland, Oregon



Touted as the first tiny house hotel, Caravan is a model of what a tiny house village could look like. Although there are no permanent residents in this little village of tiny houses, it provides visitors opportunity to test drive tiny house living and experience what it's like to live among other tiny house dwellers.

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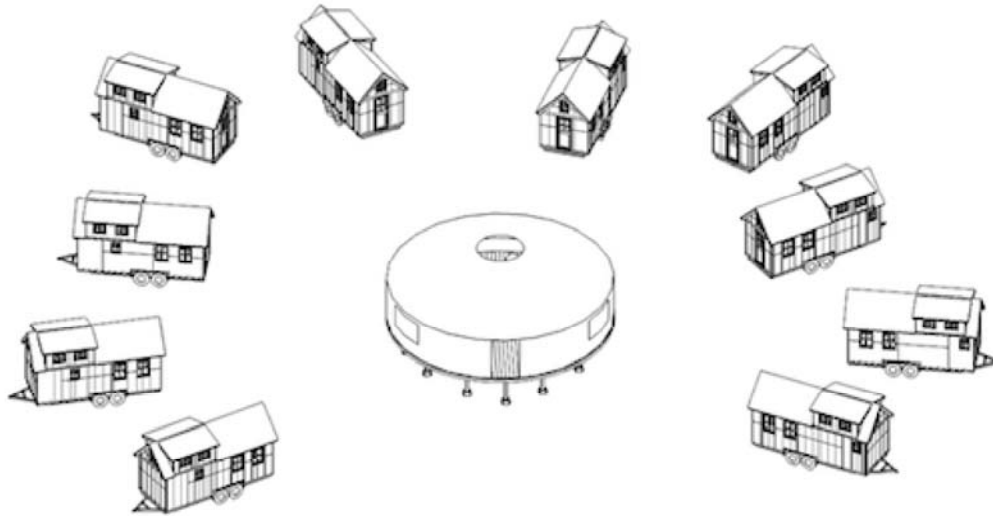
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6. Opportunity Village & Emerald Village - Eugene, Oregon



A collaboration between the “housed and unhoused,” Opportunity Village is a self-governed, self-managed tiny house village created to provide stable, safe housing while people transition to a more permanent living situation. Emerald Village is a planned tiny house village designed to be a model for long-term, affordable, tiny house living.

7. Tiny House Village - San Francisco, California

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A group of people in the Bay Area, led by [Chelsea Rustrum](#), are in the beginning stages of creating a tiny house village near San Francisco. The idea is to create a wifi-enabled village for those who want to be connected both online and off. The project is currently looking for land on which to test their model. To get involved and stay in the loop, sign up for the [mailing list](#) and join the [community on Neighborland](#).

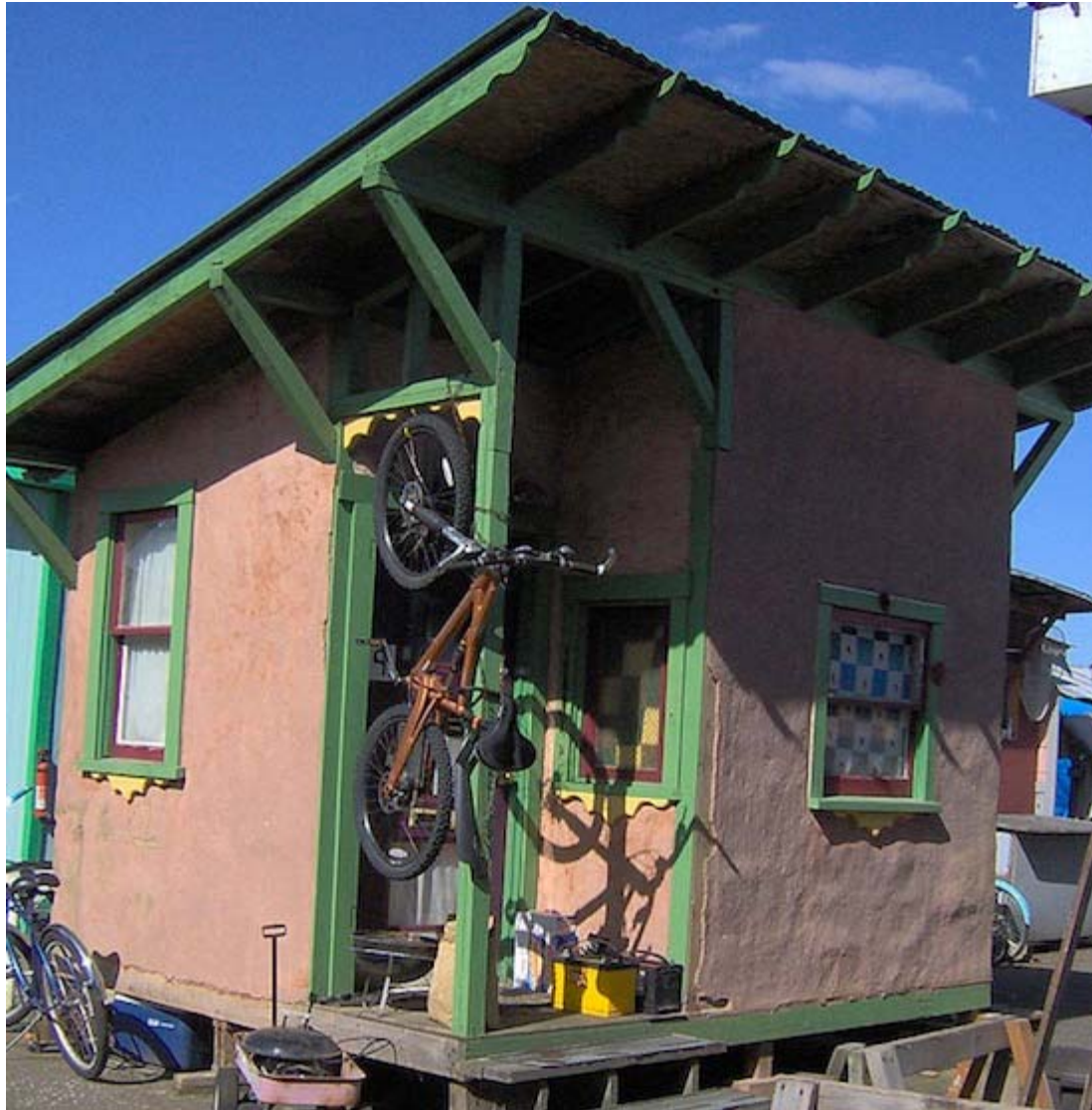
8. [Micro Communities - Portland, Oregon](#)



Given the thumbs up by city leaders in Portland, proposed tiny house villages called Micro Communities, in partnership with the help of building company [TechDwell](#), will provide affordable housing for the working poor. In the planning stage, these communities offer a way for people living near or under the poverty line to find safe housing, shared spaces, and vibrant neighborhoods.

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9. [Dignity Village - Portland, Oregon](#)



An official homeless encampment in Portland, Dignity Village has a number of tiny houses, community gardens, communal kitchens, internet access, access to education and counseling and more.

10. [Second Wind - Ithaca, New York](#)



A growing tiny village in upstate New York, Second Wind was started by Carmen Guidi as an attempt to help the homeless. With a crew of volunteers, he built the first six tiny houses and in early 2014. The first residents moved in shortly thereafter. There are currently plans to expand the village as time and funding allow.

11. Occupy Madison Village - Madison, Wisconsin



A project of Occupy Madison, OM Village is a tiny house village for the homeless currently in the building stage with the first four houses nearing completion. In addition to providing housing, there are plans for community gardens, an Occupy Madison store, a day labor program and more.

What other tiny house villages do you know of? Where would you like to see a tiny house village? Please share in comments below.

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The challenge with almost every tiny house village I've seen, isn't that some share infrastructure and others don't, but that they are essentially a monoculture and ultimately have no more resilience than other current artificially propped up communities, whether gated or subsidized. The most resilient communities are designed interactive communities of diverse income, structure, even ecology. The best example I know of is Parkview Hills in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Within that community you will find traditional apartments, condominiums, stand alone homes, small shops all within a restored natural area of wetlands to forests. Income range from roughly \$30k to \$30 million dollars and more. It is a community in the healthier sense in that residents have a group identity, sense of mutual obligation and are interactive to a greater degree than even the most homogenized communities. The community has resilience within itself even

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