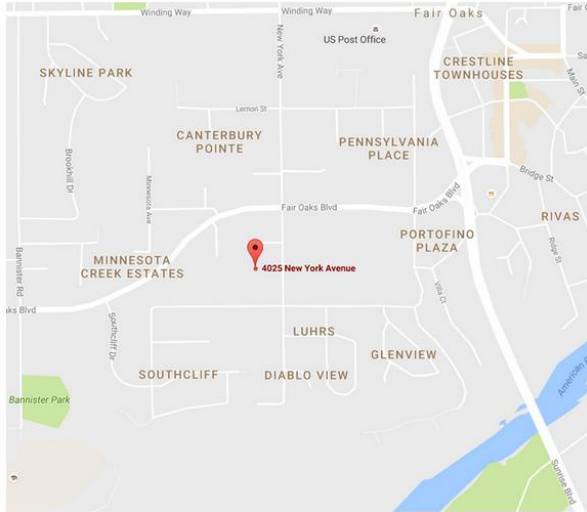




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## Environmental council endorses Fair Oaks cohousing project



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A Fair Oaks cohousing project has received the endorsement of the Environmental Council of Sacramento. Fair Oaks EcoHousing plans to build 30 units and a 3,800-square-foot clubhouse on 3.7 acres bordered by Fair Oaks Boulevard and New York Avenue.

“One of the key objectives of ECOS is to promote and reinforce Smart Growth principles,” Brandon Rose, the Environmental Council of Sacramento’s board president, said in a written statement. “We are pleased to endorse Fair Oaks EcoHousing as an example of a sustainable infill project that will enhance the Fair Oaks community.”

In cohousing developments, residents own their homes and share ownership of community features, such as a clubhouse with kitchen and guest rooms, a swimming pool and grounds, which in Fair Oaks will include a garden and orchard. The development typically features environmentally friendly designs, including solar energy and water-saving features. The aim, advocates say, is to foster a sense of community.

Marty Maskall, project manager for Fair Oaks EcoHousing, said 14 households have committed to the project to date. Construction is expected to begin in early 2017. Free site tours for prospective residents are offered twice a month. For more information, see the [Fair Oaks EcoHousing website](http://www.FairOaksEcoHousing.org), [www.FairOaksEcoHousing.org](http://www.FairOaksEcoHousing.org).

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