

# ELDERBERRY



## QUESTIONNAIRE FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS (MARCH, 2016)

Dear Prospective Elderberry Member,

This self-evaluation questionnaire is a tool we have developed to help you discern your fit with our community. The tool is based on the mission and values of Elderberry which are available on our website and in our materials. The questions below relate to our mission and values and are posed to help you evaluate your "goodness of fit" with Elderberry.

Because the questionnaire is meant **only for your own self-evaluation**, take the opportunity to answer each question as honestly as possible. There is no scoring system and no need to share the results with us. If you mostly "agree" with the questions, this likely means that you and Elderberry are a good fit; if, on the other hand, you disagree with several of the questions, this might raise a flag to you about whether this would be the cohousing community for you.

Decide if you Agree, are Neutral, or Disagree.

1. I want to live in a rural area and enjoy the natural world around me.
2. I look forward to practicing consensus group decision-making and am willing to accept decisions that reflect the community's preference.
3. I enjoy participating in growing, processing, preparing and eating healthy food.
4. I believe in physical activity and intend to include this in my schedule as long as I am able.

5. I want to be part of a community where people can share in art, music, woodworking, crafts or whatever their unique talents, intellectual pursuits and interests might be.
6. I support a “green” lifestyle that protects the environment, including organic gardening and composting, recycling, sharing equipment, and reducing waste and energy consumption.
7. I value networking with neighbors and friends, and outreach into the broader community.
8. I will work as well as play in order to keep this a functional and fun community.
9. I respect and honor the right of all people to walk their chosen spiritual path.
10. I want to spend the rest of my life in community *growing* into new roles and facing challenges that come with aging.