



“The affordable housing being built today is a good deal better than what we built 30 years ago. We spend a lot more time and attention on durability, green design, air quality, and sustainability. As a result, these buildings are a better investment of our public—and private—dollars.”

**- Erin Cooperrider, Development Director
(207) 879-0347 • erin@chomhousing.org**

Current Issues

- The differences in—and tensions between—developing affordable housing and market rate housing
- How Maine keeps out-of-state dollars coming in, even for affordable housing
- National trend: Increasing investor interest in the low income housing tax credits is pushing pricing up.
- National trend: The shift to renting continues in urban locations across the country.
- National trend: Affordable housing options for older Americans is becoming more critical.
- Maine trend: From starter homes to seniors downsizing, every community needs a range of housing choices; awareness is rising about the importance of housing to the economy.
- How will tax reform affect the affordable housing market in Maine?

About Erin Cooperrider

Erin Cooperrider has been the Development Director at Community Housing of Maine since 2002. She helped grow CHOM's asset using low income housing tax credits, state and federal historic tax credits, state and federal housing resources, grants, loans, and private equity.

As Development Director, Erin directs and participates in all facets of real estate development, including planning and permitting, creation and management of development and operating pro formas, site selection, design development, due diligence, and construction management. She has been integral to many CHOM projects, including the third largest Platinum LEED building in Maine.

Erin holds degrees from Duke University and Stanford University.

About CHOM

69 projects. 9 counties. 23 communities. 650 units of low income and special needs housing. CHOM creates, owns and maintains high-quality homes to house more than 1,000 of Maine's most vulnerable people.

Since its inception in 1993, Community Housing of Maine (CHOM) has been one of the most creative affordable housing developers in the state. CHOM ensures its residents receive sufficient support to be successful in their homes, and advocates on behalf of all vulnerable populations on local, state and federal policy issues.