



BREE LACASSE

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
Community Housing of Maine
On sabbatical until summer 2024

ABOUT BREE LACASSE

In her role as Development Director, Bree oversees and participates in all facets of housing development activity, including site selection; due diligence; hiring of design professionals; permitting; securing equity, debt, and grant financing; design development; and construction management. After joining CHOM in 2017, Bree completed the development of Central Commons, a 29-unit certified historic LIHTC rental housing project for adults aged 55 and older in Hallowell, Maine. The project received a Maine Preservation Honor Award and a MEREDA Notable Project honorary mention. Since then, Bree led the development of The Schoolhouse, a 66-unit certified historic LIHTC project in Bangor, and The Equinox, a 43-unit LIHTC new construction Passive House project in downtown Portland.

Bree has more than 15 years of experience in the field of affordable housing and real estate development. Prior to CHOM, Bree was a partner at Raven Equity Holdings, an affiliate of the Monks Companies, where she evaluated and managed investments in affordable housing, and served as the Real Estate Manager at Maine Preservation, where she oversaw the Protect & Sell and State Historic Tax Credit Programs. Bree has a B.A. from Bowdoin College and Master's Degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Bree serves on the Board of Directors of the Portland Museum of Art and the Friends of Congress Square Park.

ABOUT CHOM

Mission & Values

CHOM creates, owns and maintains high-quality homes to house more than 1,200 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 collaborates to produce and maintain community-based housing that fosters a sense of pride, dignity, and respect and ensures its residents receive sufficient support to be successful in their homes. While its direct work is in providing housing, CHOM is deeply dedicated to advocating for equity. CHOM advocates on behalf of all vulnerable populations on local, state, and federal policy issues to achieve diversity, equity, and inclusion for all populations.