

Nantucket Housing Timeline (1948-2015)

- **October 9, 1948** – Veterans' Housing Authority (VHA) appointed
 - Elected: Charles P. Flanagan, John L. Hardy, Frank L. Hardy, Leroy A. Pease
- **February 12, 1949** – VHA officially active
 - Open call for veteran applications; 42 received
- **April 30, 1949** – VHA program under "rental-purchase" plan (MGL Ch. 372)
 - Tenants may purchase houses after five years of inhabitation
- **September 30, 1950** – VHA housing project complete; open for public inspection
 - 9 units on Orange Street
- **December 8, 1956** – VHA announces liquidation of all 9 houses
- **February 15, 1958** – VHA final report released
 - 8 homes purchased by original tenants; 1 sold to public bidder
 - Program officially dissolved
- **March 17, 1969** – First Nantucket Housing Authority vote at annual town election
 - Elected: Charles R. Morris, Francis W. Pease, George E. Pinault, John K. Wilson
- **July 10, 1969** – Nantucket Housing Authority public meeting on elderly housing proposal
- **August 23, 1969** – Massachusetts enacts the Comprehensive Permit Act (Chapter 40B)
- **February 19, 1970** – Elderly housing project cancelled due to lack of qualified applicants

- **November 3, 1971** – Nantucket Development Corporation (NDC) formed
 - Announces plans for elderly and low-income housing
 - President: Kenneth W. Holgate
- **November 18, 1971** – NDC housing project meeting
 - 125-unit Tashama Farm development for elderly/low-income residents
 - To be funded through Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency
- **April 12, 1977** – Nantucket Housing Authority abolished at town meeting
 - Article 28 by a vote of 153-61
- **December 5, 1983** – New Housing Authority approved by vote at Town Meeting
- **February 21, 1985** – Housing Authority to receive \$570,000 grant
 - Part of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Housing Act of 1983
- **July 1985** – Applications accepted for new Academy Hill elderly housing development
 - 28 total units, 12 affordable elderly housing apartments
- **August 1, 1985** – Town land transferred to Housing Authority
 - 19.9 acres to be developed for elderly and family housing, Miacomet Village
 - 15 acres at the former Navy Base in Tom Nevers, to be used by six lottery applicants as a part of self-help housing program
- **March 1986** – Landmark House elderly housing center opens to residents
 - Developed by Nantucket Community Services on Old Island Home property
 - Subsidized by the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA, terminated in 2006)
- **October 25, 1986** – Nantucket Housing Needs Conference

- **July 23, 1987** – Nantucket Planning Commission approves new Housing Partnership
 - Members from the Planning Board, Housing Authority, Historic District Commission, and Nantucket Commission Services
- **December 23, 1987** – Native American burying ground found on Miacomet Village building site
- **April 15, 1989** – Miacomet Village project dedication ceremony
- **August 8, 1996** – Ground breaking for additional 19 units behind Miacomet Village location
- **April 9, 2001** – Nantucket adopts Community Preservation Act (CPA)
 - Voluntary state legislation establishing a local community preservation fund; monies raised by a 3% property tax
 - 62% approval at annual Town Meeting
- **May 25, 2004** – Groundbreaking Ceremony for Nantucket Public Schools' new teacher housing project
 - 12 affordable units on Cow Pond Lane
 - Managed by the Nantucket Education Trust Fund*
 - *Nantucket Housing Office assumes responsibility in 2007
- **September 2, 2004** – Interfaith Council begins emergency rental assistance program
- **August 2007** – Abrem Quarry affordable 40B housing project complete
 - 28 units; originally proposed in 2001
- **April 23, 2009** – Nantucket named most expensive county for rentals
 - National Low Income Housing Coalition study
- **April 25, 2013** – “Quiet Crises”; rental housing shortage peaks
 - Seasonal and year-round rental shortage
 - Fair-market rental rates exceed those of Manhattan according to Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) statistics
- **June 2015** – Sachem's Path affordable 40B housing project lottery
 - Two-phase, 36-unit development for first-time homeowners
 - Project originally proposed in December 2011