

Nancy's Warren

A Healing Village for the Return to Community

Concept Overview

Nancy's Warren is envisioned as a healing village dedicated to addressing one of the deepest crises of modern society: not merely homelessness, but alienation.

While many social programs seek to alleviate symptoms such as poverty, addiction, isolation, and mental illness, Nancy's Warren begins from a different premise:

Human beings are suffering because they have become increasingly disconnected from the conditions under which human life naturally flourishes.

We have become alienated from nature.

Alienated from meaningful work.

Alienated from community.

Alienated from one another.

Alienated from ourselves.

Nancy's Warren seeks to restore those relationships through the creation of a living, working, healing community built around mutual participation, natural living, holistic wellness, and shared purpose.

This is not merely a housing project.

It is not merely a homeless shelter.

It is not merely a tiny-home development.

It is an attempt to construct a living alternative to the social fragmentation increasingly characterizing modern life.

The Meaning Behind the Name

The project is named in honor of Nancy Warren, whose tiny-home community concepts, desire to contribute to sustainable living and experience with mental illness victims helped inspire this vision.

The name also functions as a double entendre.

A "warren" is a network of interconnected dwellings, passages, and chambers underlying and supporting a living community.

This is a fitting metaphor for the deeper purpose of the project: creating a network of relationships, responsibilities, and mutual support through which people may heal and thrive together.

The Foundational Philosophy

Nancy's Warren is rooted in a simple spiritual realization:

Human beings do not thrive in isolation.

We heal through relationship.

We heal through participation.

We heal through meaningful connection to land, labor, community, and purpose.

We heal through closing the gap between ourselves and the holy interbeing pervading existence.

The project is based upon the belief that many forms of modern suffering arise from structural conditions that disconnect people from these essential relationships.

The answer is therefore not simply treatment.

Not simply charity.

Not simply housing.

The answer is rebuilding the structures through which healthy human life naturally emerges.

The One-Thirds Model

The community is organized around a three-part residency structure designed to create both sustainability and diversity.

One Third: Builders & Stewards

One third of the homes will be dedicated to individuals who contribute directly to the construction, operation, and maintenance of Nancy's Warren.

These may include:

- Builders
- Craftspeople
- Farmers
- Educators
- Counselors
- Healthcare workers
- Herbalists
- Administrators
- Maintenance personnel

Participants may receive housing through service-based agreements requiring a set number of workdays per week over an agreed period of years, earning equity in their homes via service.

This structure allows the village to cultivate a stable core of invested community stewards.

One Third: Community Residents

One third of the homes will operate through affordable lease-to-own arrangements.

These homes will be available to individuals and families seeking affordable housing, community-centered living, and participation in the broader mission of Nancy's Warren.

The goal is not ideological conformity but the avoidance of unjust leases and the cultivation of a healthy social ecosystem in which residents complement one another's predilections and capacities.

One Third: Healing Residency

One third of the homes will be reserved for individuals experiencing significant hardship.

This may include:

- Homeless individuals
- Veterans
- Refugees
- Survivors of domestic violence
- Individuals recovering from addiction
- Others facing severe life disruption

Housing will be provided without rent during residency.

Residents will commit to participation in a structured healing process focused on personal growth, wellness, responsibility, and community involvement.

The purpose is not merely shelter, but restoration.

If the residing individual or family transitions into 'gainful employment' either on or off of the property whilst occupying their residence, they have the option of entering into the same lease-to-own contract offered to the other two-thirds of residents. The entire property will eventually be owned by its residents, having lifetime access to the communal areas, as with condominiums etc.

The Fernando House

The Fernando House will serve as the village's wellness and healing center.

Named in honor of a departed friend, it will embody the belief that healing is most effective when approached holistically.

Potential services may include:

- Primary healthcare partnerships
- Mental health counseling
- Addiction recovery support
- Nutritional education
- Herbal medicine

- Massage therapy
- Mindfulness and meditation
- Grief support
- Community support groups

The Fernando House will seek to address the whole person rather than isolated symptoms.

Wells n' Wabl

Named in honor of two fallen friends, Wells n' Wabl will function as the social heart of the village.

Potential functions include:

- Community dining hall
- Gathering space
- Workshop center
- Classroom space
- Café
- Event venue
- Arts and music programs

The purpose of Wells n' Wabl is to foster meaningful relationships and strengthen the communal bonds that make healing and belonging possible.

The Community-Supported Agriculture Model

The village will be organized around a working CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) system.

Residents will participate in cultivating:

- Vegetables
- Fruits
- Medicinal herbs

- Mushrooms
- Honey
- Eggs
- Other regenerative agricultural products

The agricultural system serves multiple purposes simultaneously:

- Food production
- Physical activity
- Skill development
- Ecological education
- Community building
- Therapeutic engagement

Cultivation itself becomes part of the healing process.

The Public Storefront

A central component of Nancy's Warren will be a public-facing storefront.

Products generated through the community may include:

- Fresh produce
- Herbal medicines
- Honey
- Preserves
- Handmade goods
- Artisan products
- Educational materials

Customers will understand that their purchases directly support the mission of the village.

The storefront transforms community activity into sustainable revenue while connecting the broader public to the project's values and vision.

Business Collectives and Community Enterprise

Nancy's Warren seeks to explore forms of community enterprise inspired by principles of shared participation and mutual benefit.

Potential ventures may include:

- Landscaping services
- Plant nurseries
- Herbal product lines
- Woodworking
- Artisan crafts
- Educational retreats
- Workshops and classes
- Food production enterprises

The objective is not profit maximization.

The objective is sustaining the community as a whole as well as the individual residents and their families while creating meaningful opportunities for participation and contribution.

Economic activity should serve life rather than dominate it.

The Business Collective Contract – An Example

All participants in the CSA and any other enterprise conducted by the residents of Nancy's Warren are entitled to a percentage of the profits produced by their enterprise relative to their contribution. Any revenue produced by the business collective(s) which exceeds operating costs (the net revenue) is invested in a collective account dispensed through the four-block Business Collective Equation.

Each block might be equal in weight (25%), else weighted according to the opening member vote:

- (1) The Citizen Block
 - Based upon the equal membership of every owner-operator in the collective
- (2) The Investment Block
 - Based upon the money invested by the individual member of the collective, assuming that a majority of members approve of receiving the investment (traded for equity)
- (3) The Contribution Block
 - Based upon the relative assessed contribution of the individual based upon their responsibilities (their role and workload), NOT based upon blocks of time – a

majority of members may find that the individual is not fulfilling their obligations and vote that they therefore not receive this portion of the net revenue dividends

(4) The Voting Block

- Based upon how the members vote on the relative value of the individual contributors to the collective, potentially by simply writing a percentage out of 100 next to each member as an assessment of their relative worth, averaging every vote
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The Founder's House

The Founder will live within the community in a modest tiny home known as The Founder's House.

This reflects an important principle:

Leadership should participate directly in the life of the community rather than standing above it.

Nancy's Warren is intended to be lived, not merely managed.

Community founders live here until the village is settled, then move on, leaving The Founder's House open for the founders, their friends and any other future visitors and temporary residents.

Long-Term Vision

Nancy's Warren is envisioned not as a single community, but as a prototype.

If successful, the model may be adapted and replicated in other locations throughout the country.

Each village would reflect local conditions while preserving the core principles:

- Healing
- Participation
- Community
- Stewardship
- Ecological integration
- Human dignity

The goal is not the expansion of an organization. The goal is the cultivation of living examples demonstrating that healthier forms of human community remain possible.

Mission Statement

Nancy's Warren exists to restore belonging.

Through housing, healing, meaningful work, ecological stewardship, community participation and mutualistic profit-sharing, we seek to create environments in which people may reconnect with themselves, one another, and the living world.

We believe that many of society's deepest wounds arise from separation.

Our purpose is to build places that heal through connection.

Not merely places to live.

But places to belong.

