

Brief Overview of the C-ViVe Vision

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The purpose of this document is to provide the Review Committee with a better understanding of the ultimate goal of the C-ViVe project.

The Charlottesville Village of Veterans will be a living community for veterans and their families. The community will promote internal sustainability and truly embody the core principles of a village. The current design has three “blocks” of apartments. Each block will have approximately 15-20 units, with either one or two bedrooms, a living room, kitchen, and balcony. A walkway will connect all three blocks.

An application and interview will be required to live in the community. The tenants will pay rent to the central Board. However, the rent will be approximately 20% below market value and the rent payments will go into a fund which will be used to help out the tenants when they eventually move out and build their own house. Veterans of all ages are welcomed, but mainly targeting towards younger veterans with young families who may be having a tough time adjusting to civilian life. Other proposed features of the community include a daycare for young children, bar, general purpose room for events, dinners, etc., and a medical room where a volunteer dentist and chiropractor will come in once a week, amongst other features.

Keeping with the idea of a village, every position in the community, such as daycare staff, security, and Board members, will be filled by residents of C-ViVe. Veterans struggling with PTSD or other disorders will have other veterans there to talk to, rather than a therapist who has not experienced the same events. This sense of community and trust will ultimately provide healing and a sense of security for the community’s members.

The purpose of the community is not to provide a permanent housing solution, but rather help veterans who may be struggling by providing them with a low-cost place to live and financial assistance with building or purchasing a home. That being said, there will be no time of residency restrictions; residents are encouraged to stay however long they like.