Glossary of terms for York Neighborhood Survey

Accessory Dwelling Unit: A second, subordinate dwelling unit for use as a complete, independent dwelling with permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation.

Attached Accessory Dwelling Unit: An accessory dwelling unit located within or attached to a single family residence. To be considered attached the roof and wall of the accessory dwelling unit must be an extension of the roof and wall of the existing single family residence. In no case shall the attachment be made through an unenclosed structure.

Detached Accessory Dwelling Unit: No new accessory dwelling unit may be located within a detached structure. Unpermitted detached accessory dwelling units existing prior to January 1, 1995, may be permitted.

Co-housing: A residential development on one contiguous parcel of land, designed by and developed for members of an existing co-housing organization in which members of the co-housing organization will own and reside. A co-housing development shall consist of at least 5 residential dwelling units and shall be operated as a condominium, co-op or similar form which allows for individual ownership of each dwelling unit. It shall also include one or more common structures containing a shared kitchen, library, computer room, laundry, greenhouse, play area or other common residential facilities for use by the residents.

Condominium: An arrangement where a tenant in an apartment building or in a complex with multiple units holds full title to his/her unit and joint ownership in the common grounds.

Cottage Housing or Cluster (lots): As used within the Residential Single general use type, "cluster" shall refer to a lot or lots that may have less site area than that which is otherwise required, but which maintains the same overall density due to the provision of common open space. Cottage housing may have multiple homes joined by a common open space, allowing for setbacks less than required.

Townhouse: A two-story dwelling that is one of a planned complex, usually with a common wall to another dwelling. The land, on which it sits and its grounds, can be individually owned.

Urban Village: An efficient use of land where a village is planned with a mix of housing and businesses, normally multi-story, with planned open space and parking. (as Fairhaven)

Other terms:

Arterials: In the York neighborhood, these main streets are Lakeway, Holly, Ellis, Maple, Samish Way, Forest, State, Magnolia and Champion.