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**To:** [Gordon Ridgway](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Affordable Housing Plan - Comments for Tonight's Meeting  
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See comments in my letter to Maggie Cooley below.

I applaud your efforts to get wastewater treatment into West Cornwall. Now we need a community water supply in West Cornwall.

We also could use wastewater treatment in Cornwall center and both wastewater and water in Cornwall Bridge.

These are expensive but are needed investments if Cornwall is to remain both green and economically vibrant.

Best  
Bart Jones

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**From:** Barton Jones [REDACTED] >  
**Date:** Wed, Dec 8, 2021 at 3:09 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Affordable Housing Plan  
**To:** Margaret Cooley [REDACTED] >

Dear Maggie,

As you know I support the effort to have affordable housing in Cornwall.

Missing from your plan is any mention of infrastructure investment for sewer and water. The cost of septic and a drilled well are three to four times as expensive as an acre of land at \$10,000 an acre. Simply re-zoning Cornwall to allow for smaller lots is not sufficient nor is it even smart planned development.

Cornwall center has a community water supply. West Cornwall may be getting a wastewater treatment facility. Finding ways to build more densely in Cornwall center, West Cornwall and Cornwall Bridge through sewer and water infrastructure investment would go a long way towards enabling affordable housing. Government funding for infrastructure has been enhanced in the current Congress.

Finally, building more densely where housing already exists would be better for conservation of forest and farmland. Our biggest long term challenges as you know are climate change and extinction of species. Fortunately Cornwall has land that if conserved will help to address these major long term challenges. Planning for affordable housing should be done in a way that does not defeat conservation of these valuable and unique resources.

I applaud your efforts on behalf of Cornwall Housing Corporation but I think you need better support from our governmental organizations for investment in sewer and water infrastructure to make any real progress that is in concert with our longer term environmental challenges.

Best  
Bart

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