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UAA Professional Development Seminar Series

Cohousing: An Engineering Perspective

Presented by Melissa Branch, Owner/P.E.
Big City Engineers, LLC

Cohousing communities are intentional, collaborative neighborhoods, created to bring together the value of private homes with the benefits of more sustainable living. Raven's Roost Cohousing is the first of its kind here in Anchorage. Melissa will talk about how the development of cohousing differs from conventional development, and how that impacts the design process. She will also share her experiences with Raven's Roost Cohousing from the planning stages through design and permitting challenges, to the Grand Opening celebration.

Melissa Branch is the owner and principal engineer at Big City Engineers, LLC. She specializes in civil site development, working with a team of architects and other engineers to design sites that complement a building's use and connect the site to its community. Her journey with Raven's Roost started while she was at Enterprise Engineering, Inc. Melissa graduated from UAA with a BS in Civil Engineering in May 2000 and is an active alumna. She has worked on several projects at UAA, including the ANSEP and Integrated Science Buildings.

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