

Building More Homes Incrementally

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Cultivating 1000 small developers
and cities that support them

IncDev Mission:

We Teach and Nurture Implementers

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Train small business owners, neighborhood advocates, design/real estate professionals, builders and others to become small developers

Coach civic groups and government agencies on how to create a thriving ecosystem for small developers and entrepreneurs

Connect a continent of neighborhood level doers to celebrate success and share field notes through opportunistic alliances





Zero to Three Stories, In Your Neighborhood
Constantly Evolving, Regenerating



Neighborhood



Block



Lot

Big City



Small Town

Building of Intergenerational Wealth

Families

**Leverage Building
as Income Source**

**Provide Lifecycle
Housing Choice**

Communities

**Flexible and
Adaptable Buildings**

**Anti-Fragile
Tax Base**



How This Got Started (Where I was in 2009)



Boom.

Bust.

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Building mixed use, mixed income neighborhoods, at scale of dozens of acres.

Trying to build one building and finance it.







What To Do After “The End of Financing As We Know It”

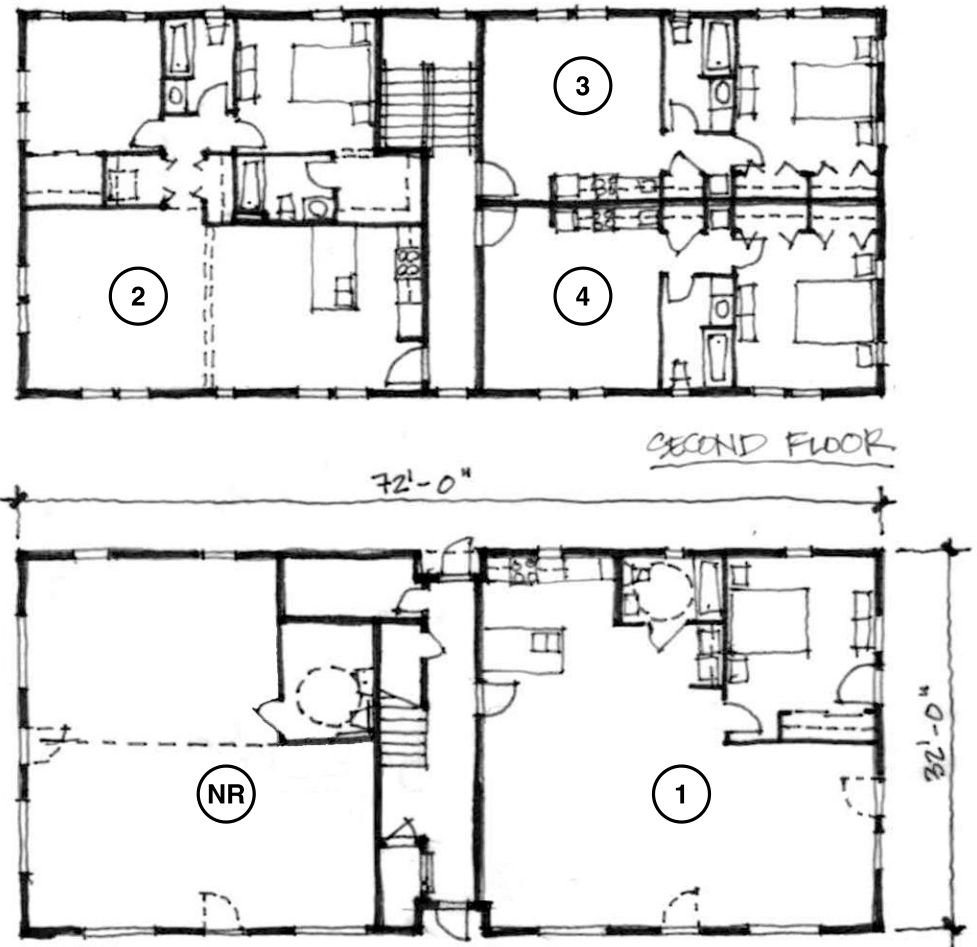
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Unit	Program	Area
1	1BR - First Fl.	1,080 SF
2	2BR - Second Fl.	1,034 SF
3	1BR (#1) - Second Fl.	540 SF
4	1BR (#2) - Second Fl.	540 SF
	Common Area	488 SF
Residential Subtotal		3,682 SF
NR	Non-Residential	906 SF
Total		4,588 SF

19.7% of the building is non-residential.

FHA mortgages allow for a maximum of 20% non-residential.

Form Follows Finance
Fourplex





Lessons Learned

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- **Rules Matter.** What you make easy and legal is what you get the most of in your town.
- **Financing Matters.** What can be financed gets built. What you want, but doesn't have a common, off the shelf financing mechanism, doesn't get built.
- **Codes Matter.** Building codes make staircase tiers of cost.
- **Math Matters.** If you can't get the rent, you don't get the building.

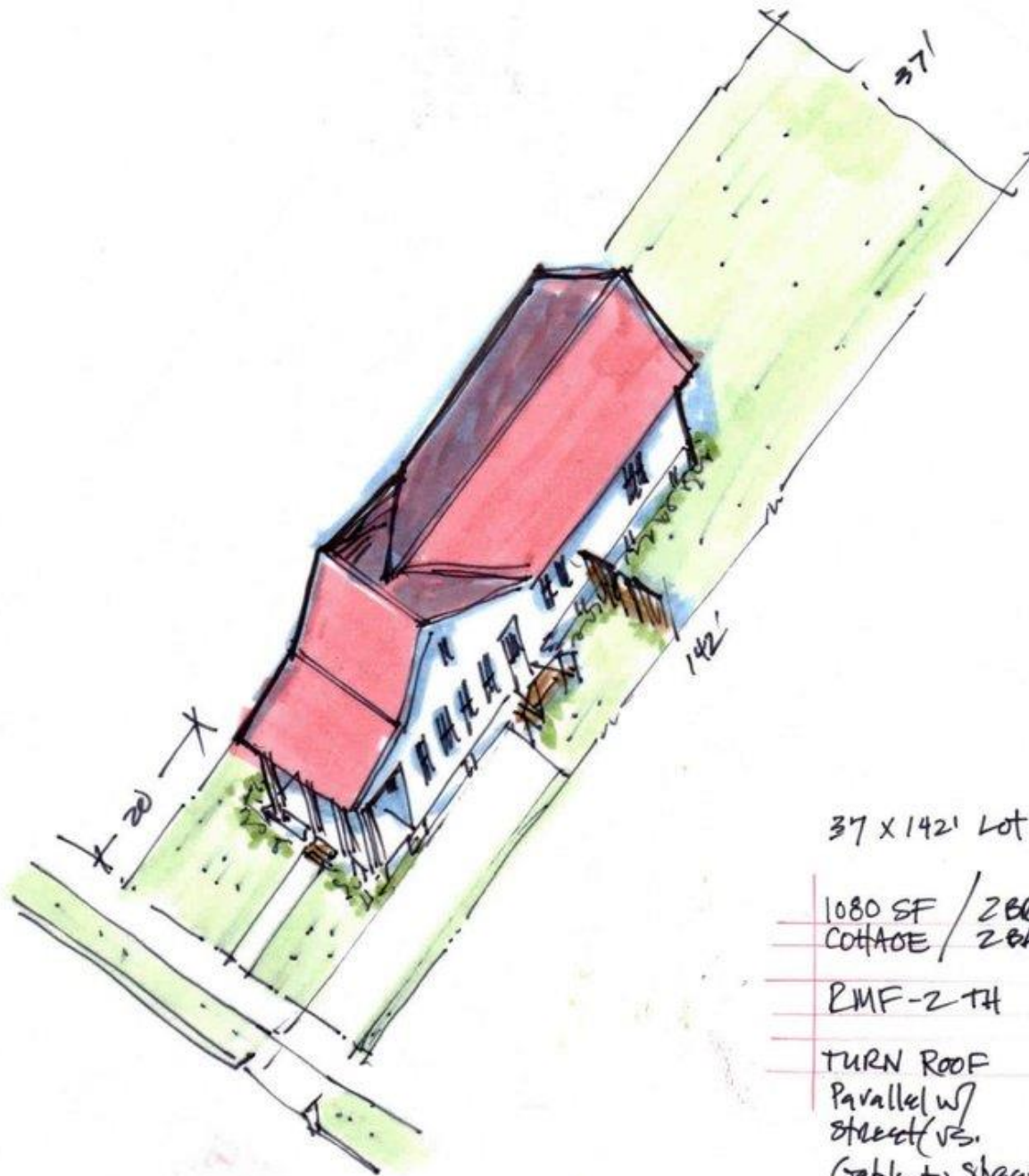


Simple vs Easy

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It's Simple: Make a building that stays inside the boundaries of the least complex building codes, which is also legal to build in many zoning code areas, that also makes more money than it costs to build, and can be financed with a ubiquitous, common financing tool.





37 x 142' Lot

1080 SF / ZBC
COTTAGE / ZBA

RMF-2 TH

TURN ROOF
Parallel w/
street (vs.
Gable to street.)

Quick Recap of Situation in NH

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~200 Local Planning Boards, some a bit behind the curve

The Town Meeting Decision Making Process

~0% Vacancy

Rising Sales Prices and Rents

Some fear of what change looks like



The Facts are Clear.
There's a Housing
Crisis.



Hi, I'm John

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As a small real estate developer, I'd like to build and renovate some housing in your neighborhood.





...but this situation is more about *feelings* than facts



This Will Move at the Speed of Trust



Here's the Secret

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This is the next big thing in real estate.

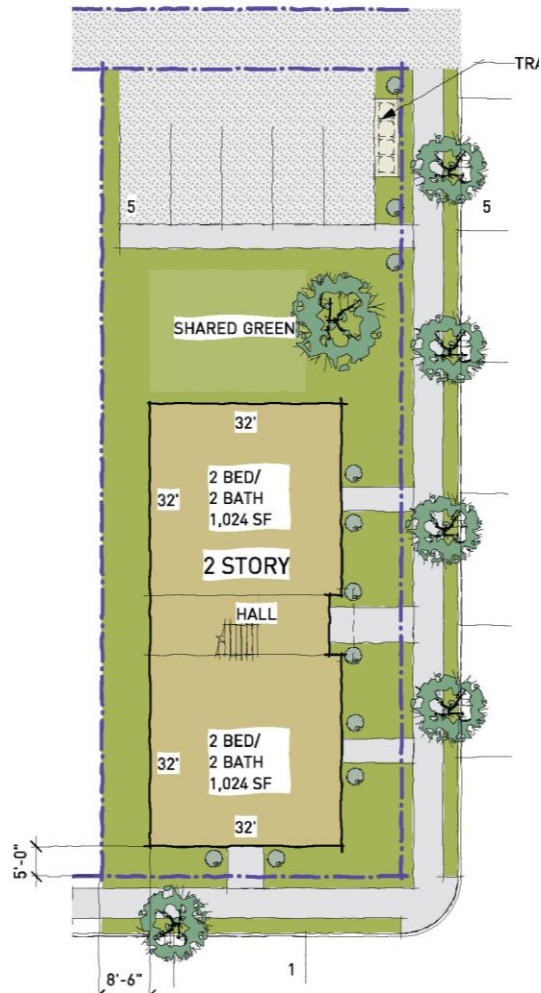
Really. Worth the price of admission by itself.

Ready for it?



Simple, Rectangular, Lovable

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Are you getting
the kinds of
housing projects
you want to see?



Why Not??

I'll Give You Three Reasons



Reason #1

Habit of Extractive Land Development

**We Don't Regenerate
Like We Used To....**



**Culture of
Throwaway
Buildings**

**Land Held in Hands
of Few**

**Deteriorating
Municipal Tax Base**

Reason #2

Current State of the Development Industry



Chronic Specialization

**Patchwork Quilt of
Arcane Regulation**

**Neighborhood
Opposition and NIMBY's**

**Dire Construction Labor
Shortage**

Tariffs on Materials

Reason #3

Mismatch of Buildings to People

What we have and what we
need don't fit well



Goldilocks Problem:
Don't have enough of
the
'just right' buildings

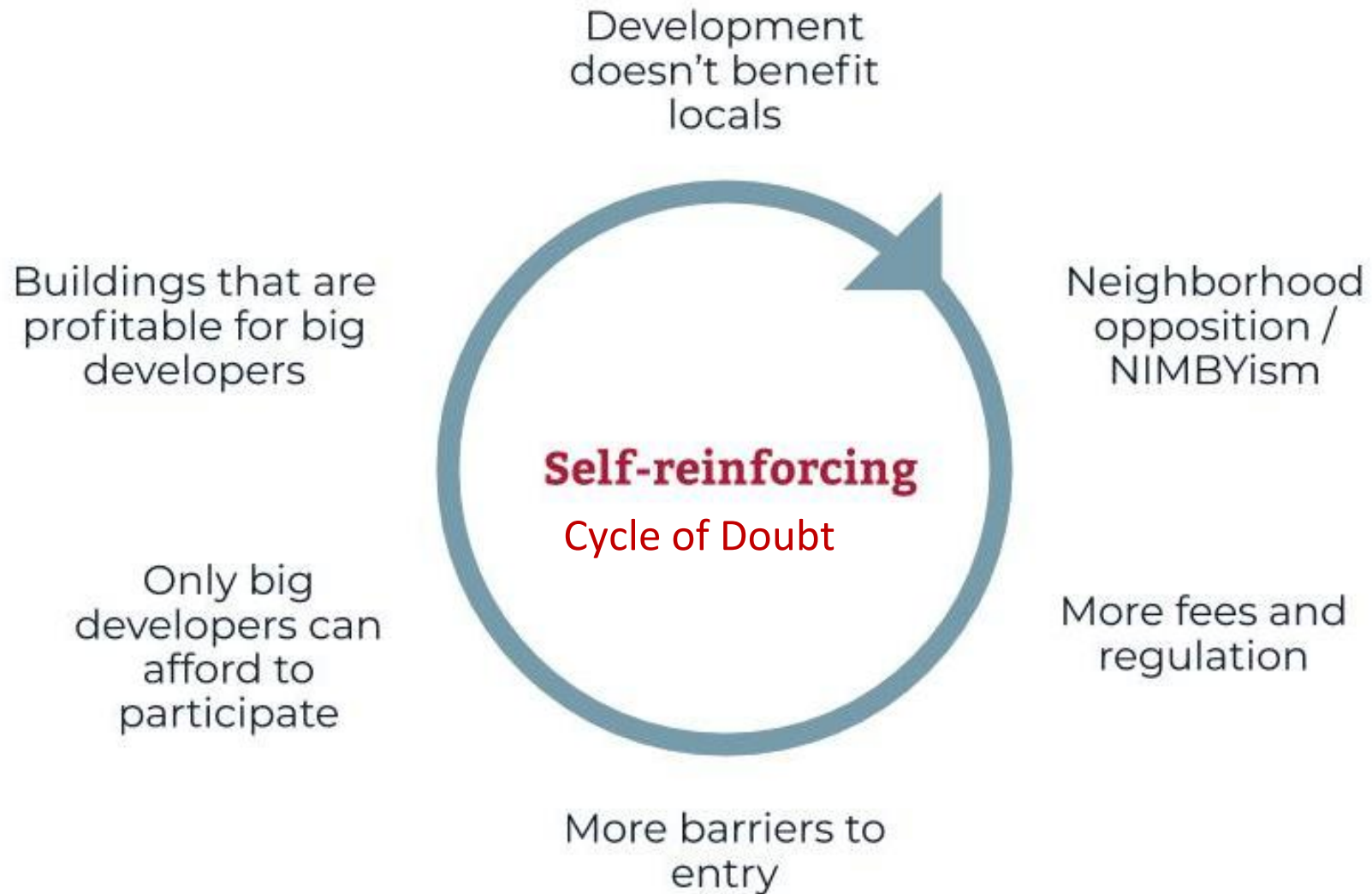
**National
demographics shifting
to smaller units for
single person
households**

**Overheated real estate
markets in walkable
neighborhoods due to
lack of supply of them**

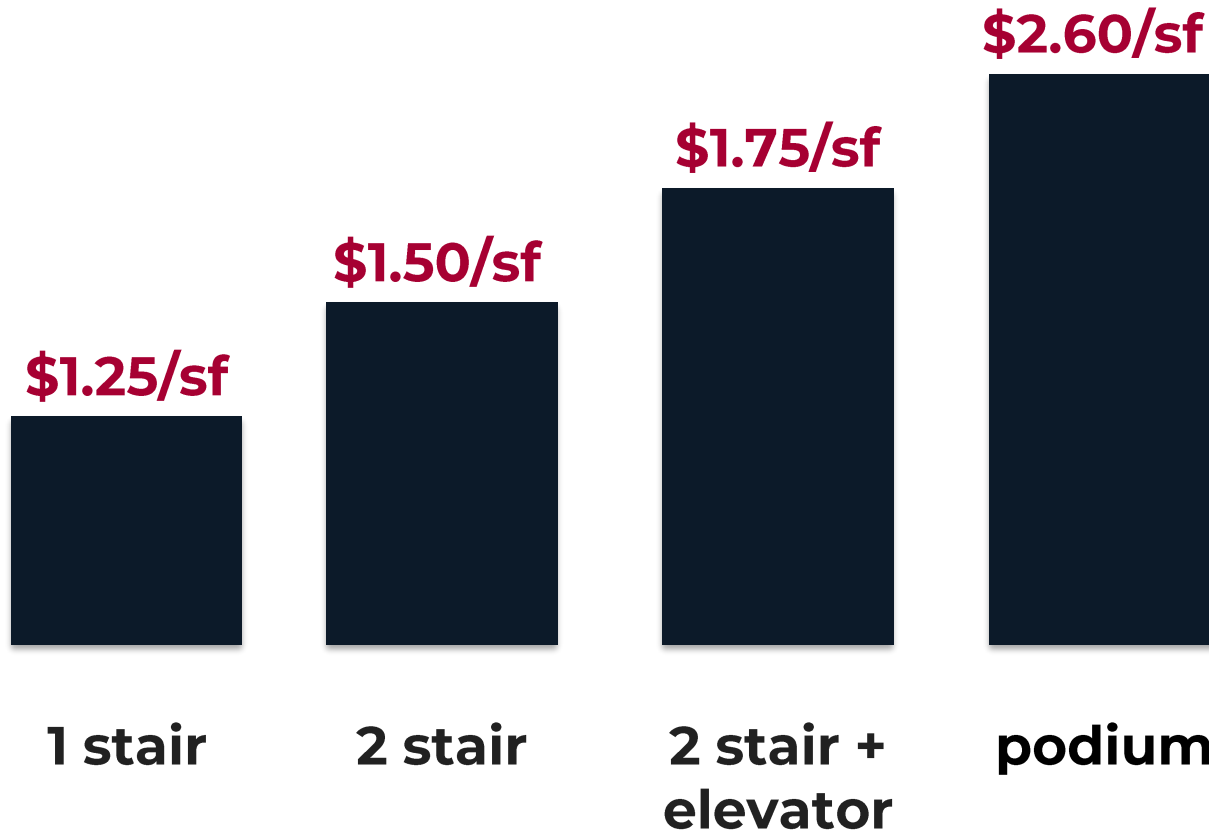
Corporate and institutional



Entrepreneurial and bootstrapped



Building Complexity Versus Required Rents to Cover Costs (Illustrative Numbers)



**If you can't get the revenue,
then you shouldn't build the building.**



Solving Housing Shortages with New Big Buildings Is Only Possible with Big Rents



Smaller Buildings Makes Smaller Prices Possible



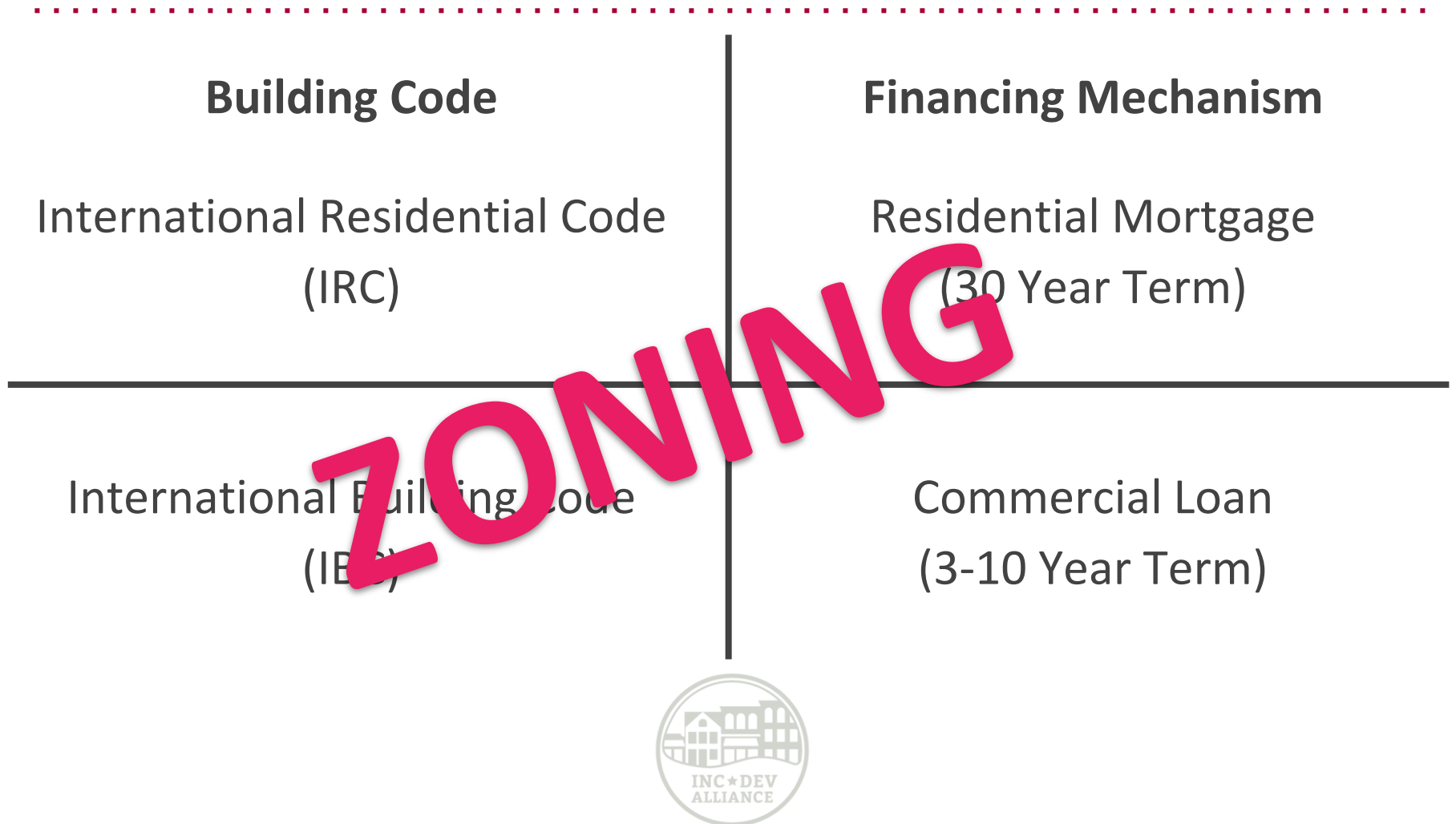
What Do We Have to Know to Make These Happen?

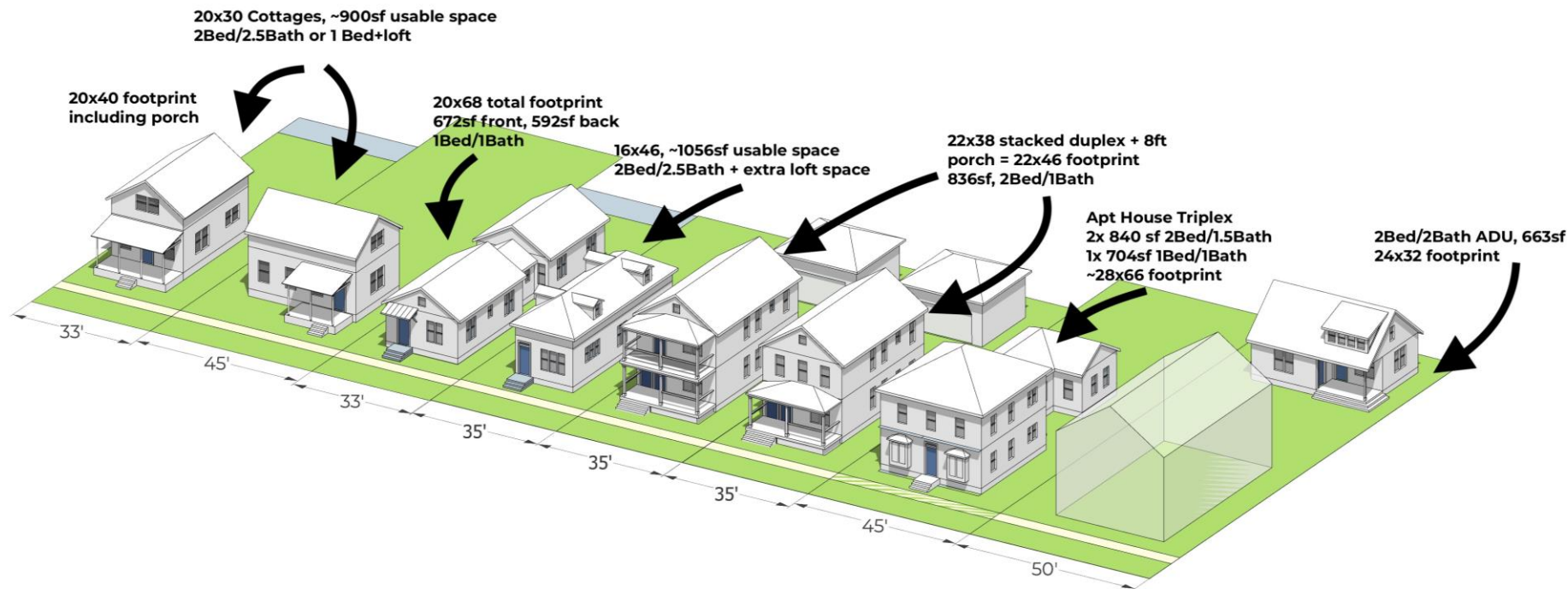


Mastering Code and Financing Thresholds



Small Building Thresholds





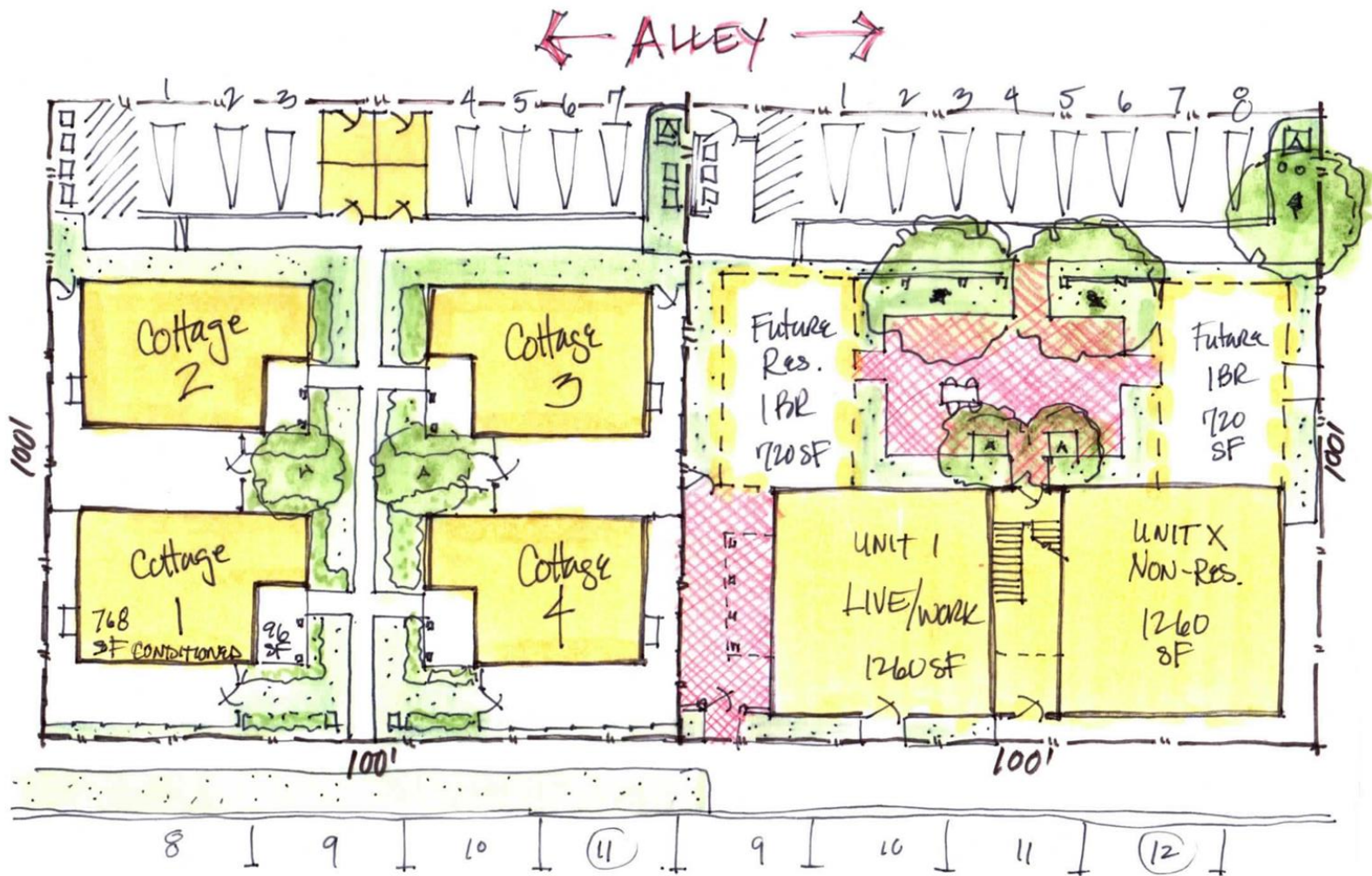
1-4 units is a house
Housing variety, taking advantage of narrow lots





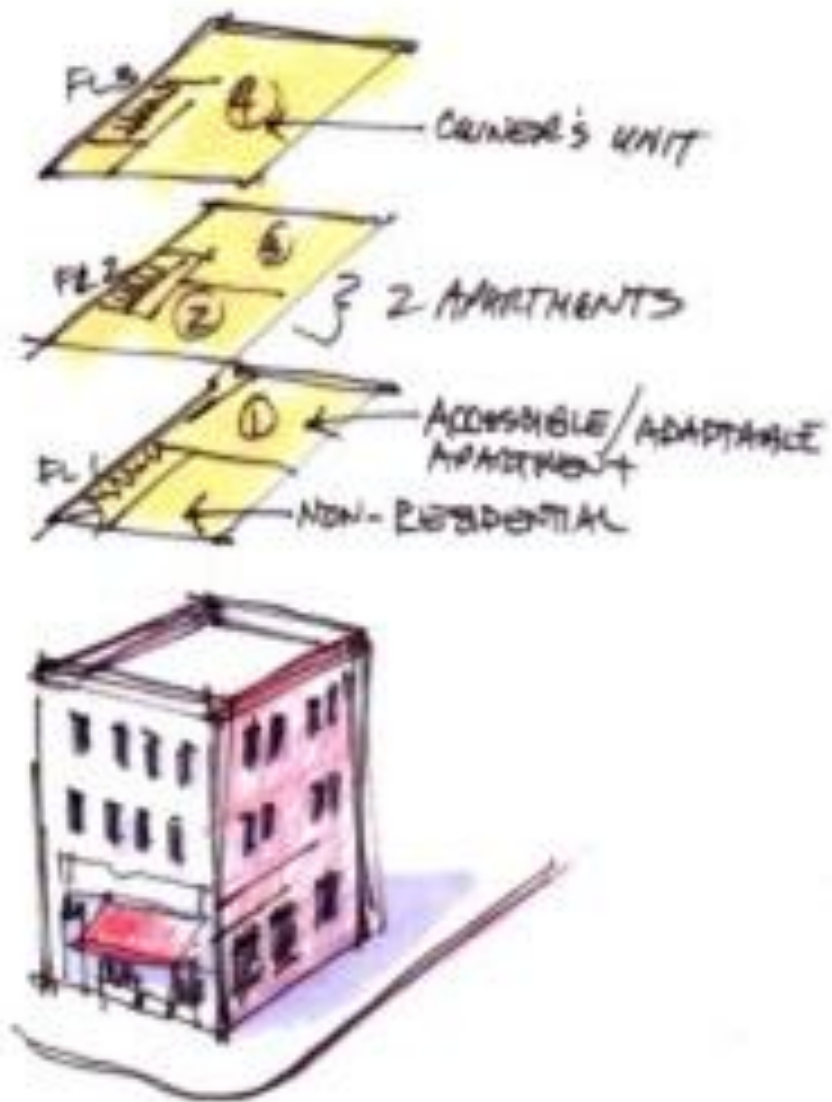
1-4 units is a house
This quadplex fits in with other grand homes.





1-4 units is a house
Two options with equivalent financing.





Rehab a 'House' (Owner Occupied)

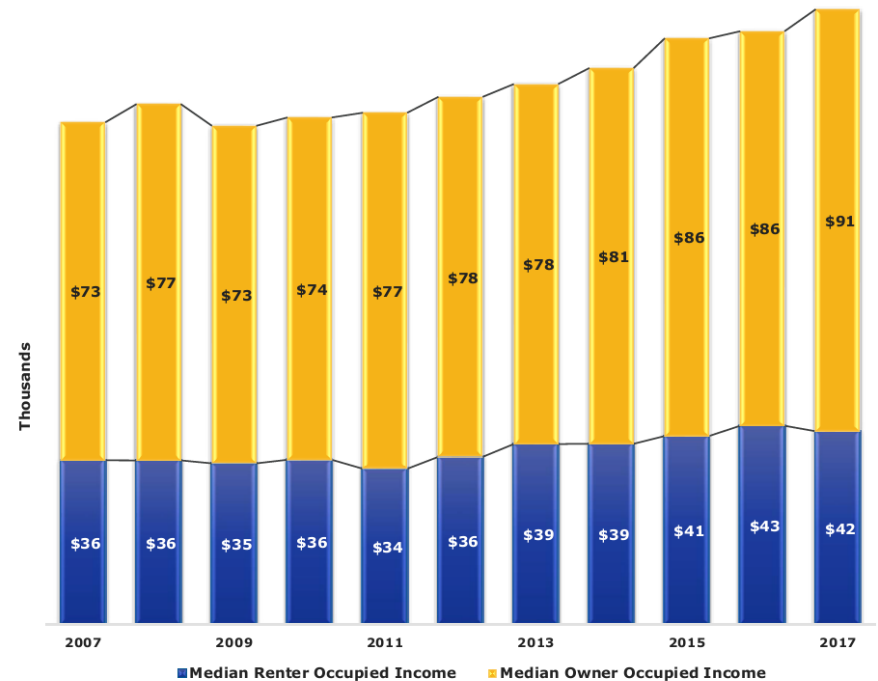


Incomes of New Hampshire Renters/Owners

Owners: \$91,000

Renters: \$42,000

How Can These Groups Help
Each Other?



ACS 2007-2017

MISSING MIDDLE ▲▲▲



Side-by-side
DUPLEX

"We're having twins!"

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Renovation
APARTMENT HOUSE

Triplex or quadplex + TLC

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Attached
STACKED FLATS

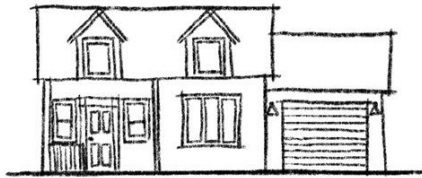
For the love of Jane Jacobs...
Give the people a stoop.

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1-4 units is a house
Housing options for Owner Occupied
Landlords



COMMERCIAL INCUBATION



Office / Workshop **HOME BUSINESS**

"We got started in my garage."
Tax deductible square footage.

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MAINSTREET LITE



Units	1-3 res. + small non-res.
Minimum lot width	12'
Finance	mortgage

Accessible "Live/Work Unit" (per IBC Residential Occupancy Type) on ground floor + up to 3 other units. Check specific loan terms for non-res. allowance.

1-4 units is a house
Potentially live/work





ATTACHED
GUEST SUITE



ATTACHED
ADU



DETACHED
ADU



CO-LIVING
HOUSE



DUPLEX



APARTMENT HOUSE

Suites, Units and Combinations Thereof



Aligning Supply and Demand

(inside the places we already have)



The City of Grayling

Net Annual Market Potential for New-Builds

POP.
1,842



5
Cottage
House



4
Fourplex
Townhse



2
Above
Retail



4
Lofts
Flats



Let's Focus Here

Building Code

International Residential Code
(IRC)

Financing Mechanism

Residential Mortgage
(30 Year Term)

International Building Code
(IBC)

Commercial Loan
(3-10 Year Term)



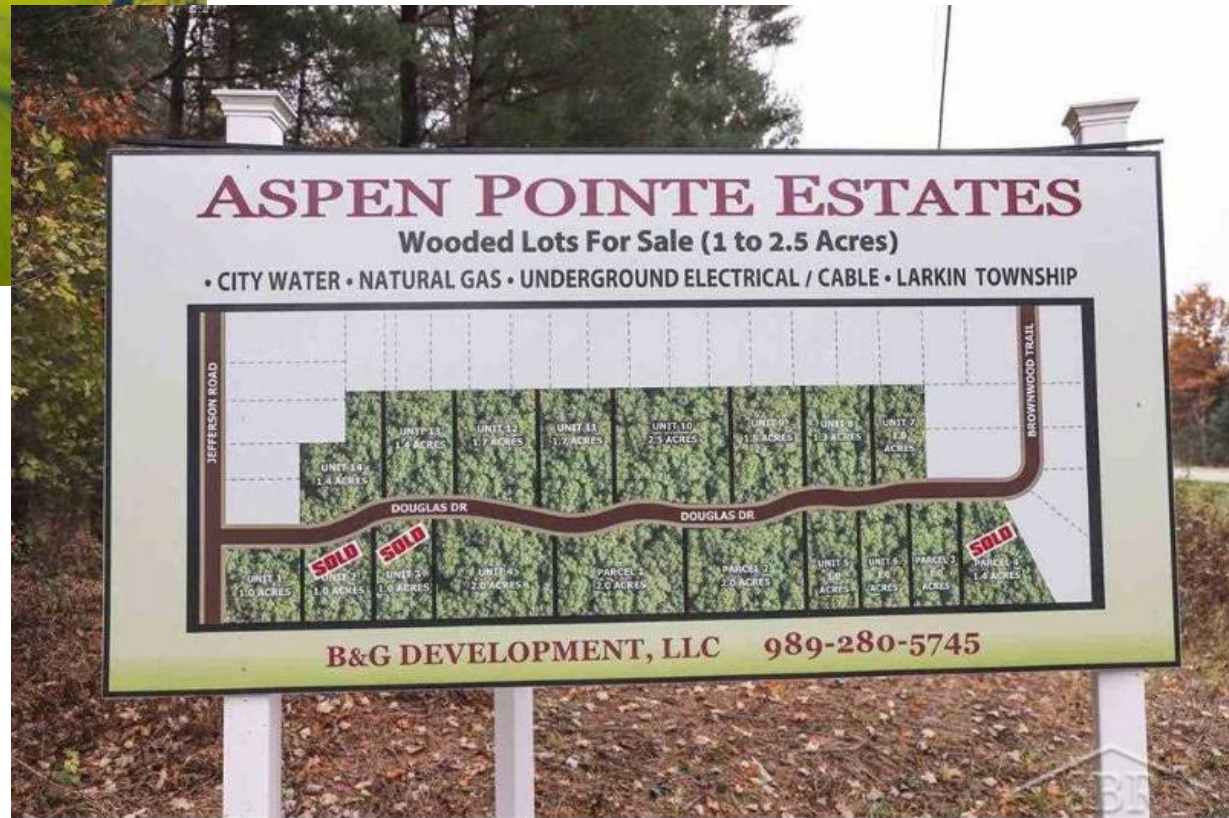
Pattern





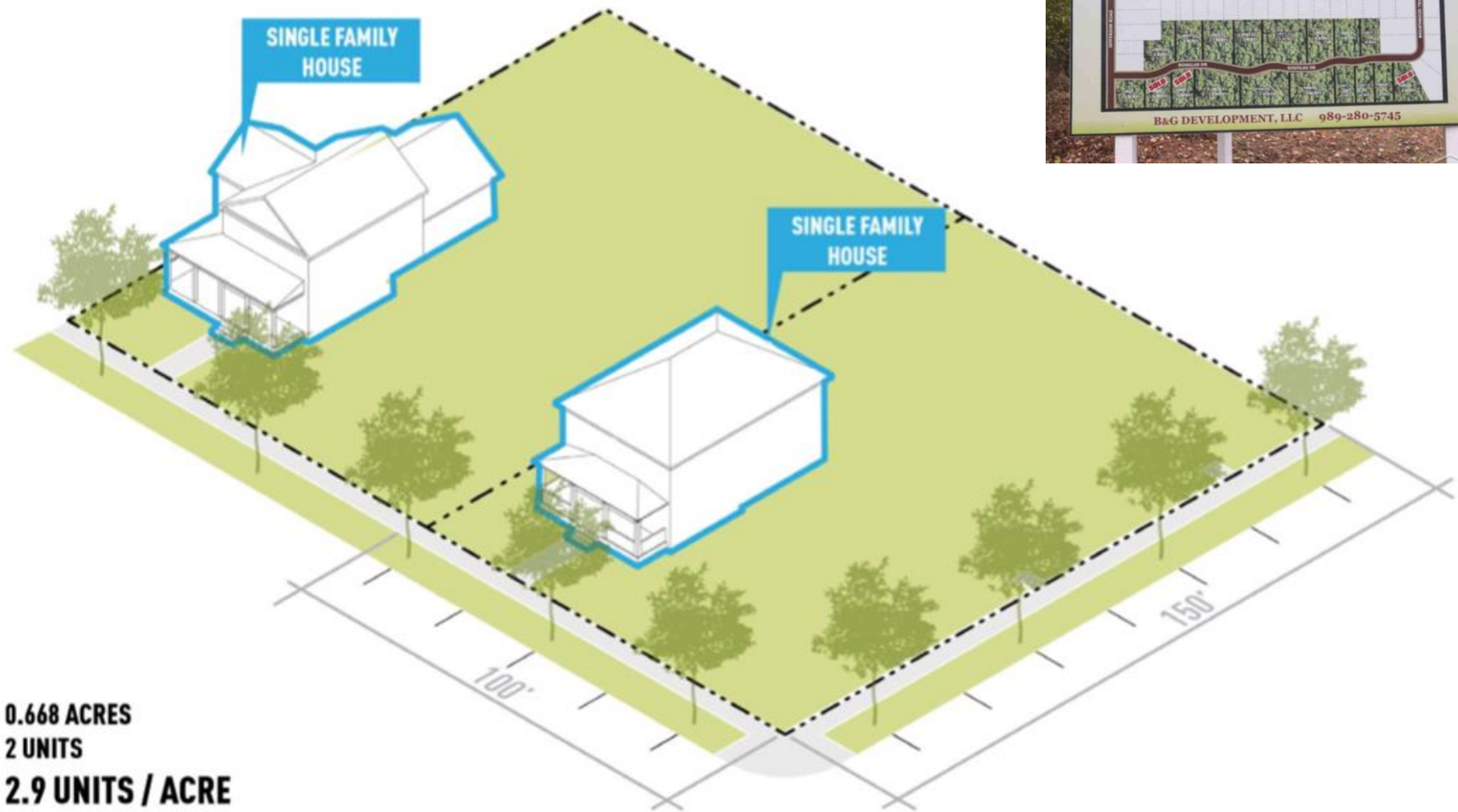
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 (The Planning Commission Wanted It)

We Must Preserve the Rural Character!



‘Rural’ Character Versus Rural Pattern

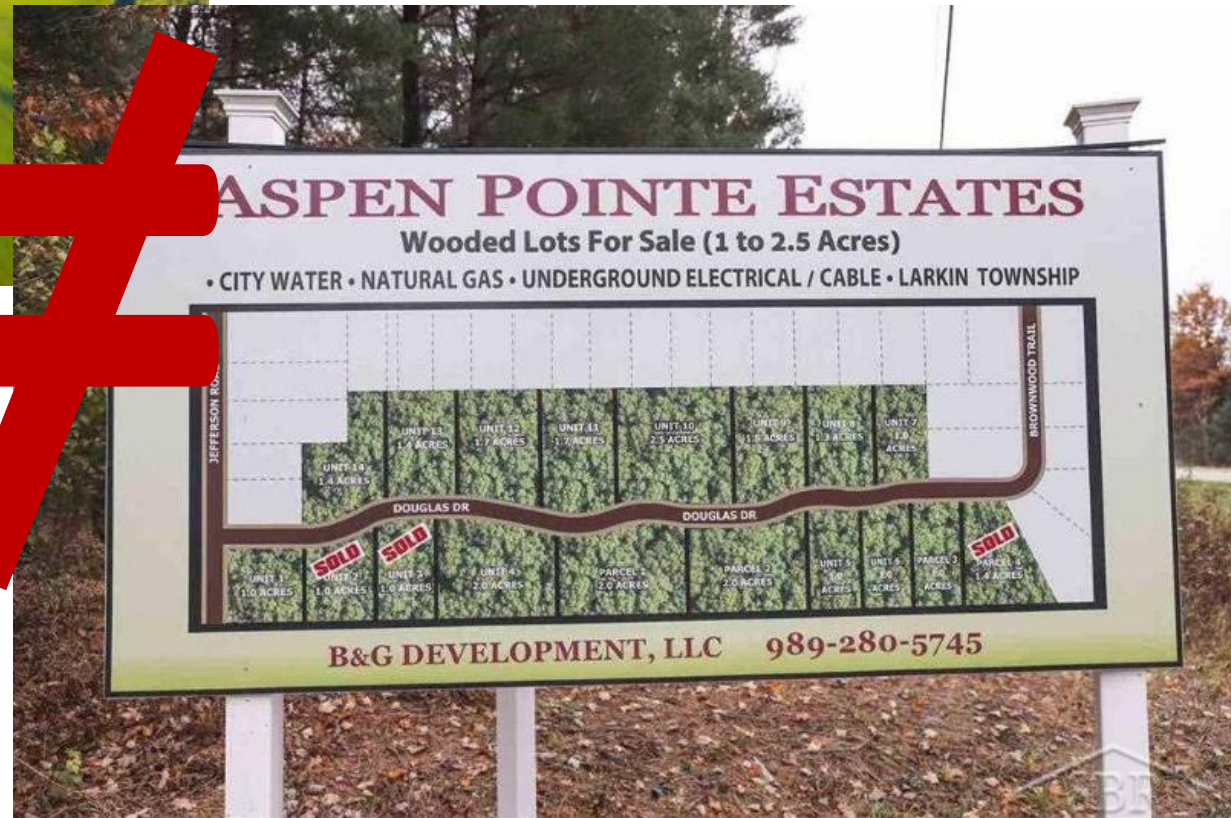






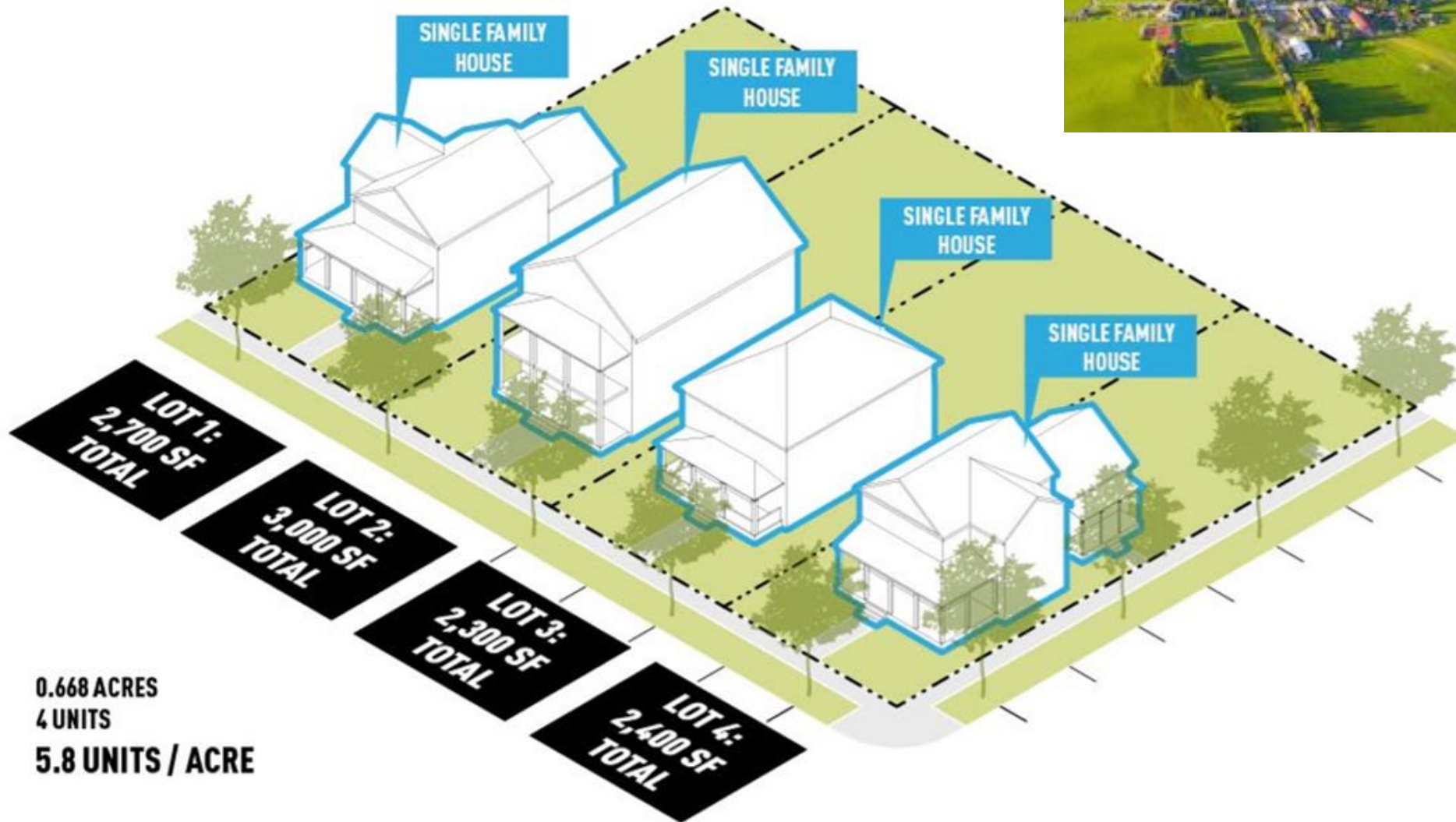
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**0.668 ACRES
4 UNITS
5.8 UNITS / ACRE**



The People





WE'RE ROOMATES LOOKING FOR AN AFFORDABLE PLACE WE CAN SHARE NEAR SCHOOL.



I'M A SINGLE YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SEEKING A RENTAL NEAR PLACES TO WALK, SHOP AND HANG OUT



I LOVE MY HOUSE, IT GIVES ME THE SPACE AND PRIVACY I NEED. I'M NEVER MOVING.



I'M READY TO DOWNSIZE. I NEED A LOW MAINTENANCE PLACE WHERE I CAN WALK.



I'VE GOT A GROWING FAMILY; WE NEED A PLACE WE CAN GROW INTO.



SINGLE FAMILY
HOUSE

SINGLE FAMILY
HOUSE

GARAGE +
GUEST HOUSE

DUPLEX ADU:
UNIT 1

DUPLEX ADU:
UNIT 2

DETACHED ADU

DUPLEX:
UNIT 2

DUPLEX:
UNIT 1

ATTACHED ADU

SINGLE FAMILY
HOUSE

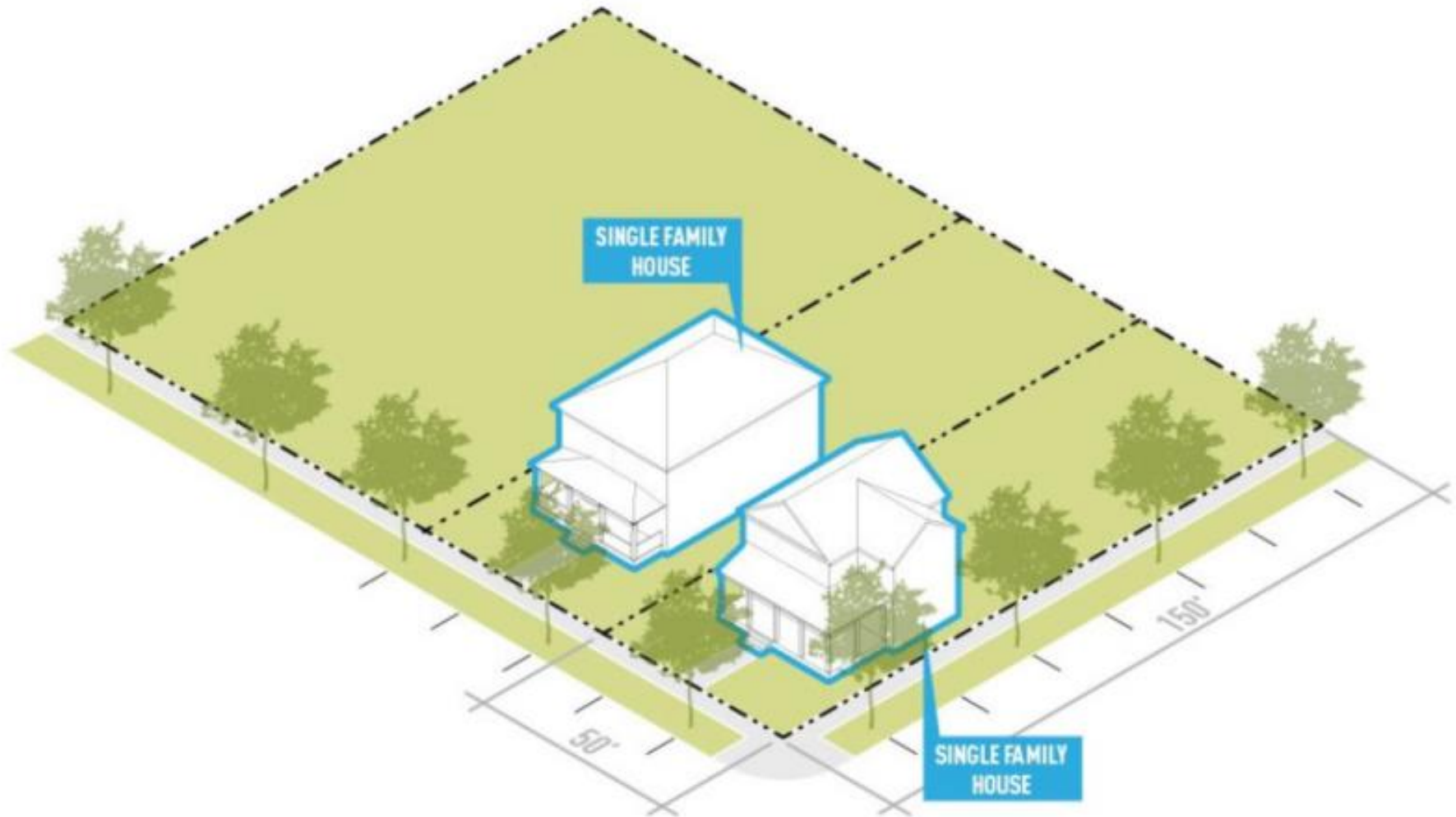
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The Code Issues



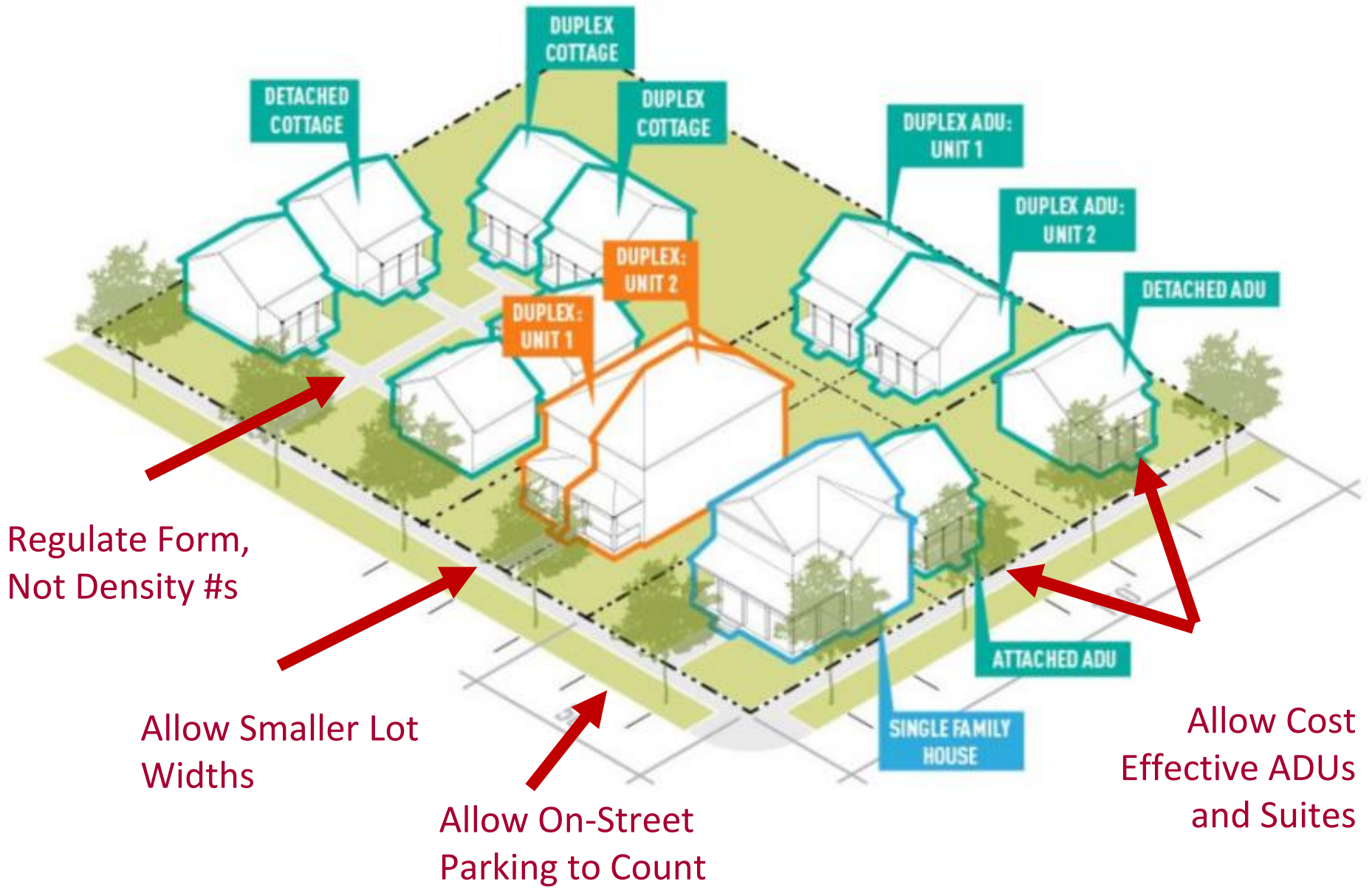
Reasonable Size Houses on Compact Lots



All IRC Buildings – No Sprinklers



Zoning Fixes Needed to Re-Legalize Pattern



Here's the Catch



Not Enough Small Developers to Fill The Needs

Gotta Know How to Work at the
Lot by Lot Scale
(-and within the thresholds)



Who We Need

Small Developers

Known as Operating Partners, the people doing the work full time or on the side

Investment Partners

Known as Money Partners Through Land Ownership or Financial Equity/Debt

Small Development Champions

Folks who care about their city/neighborhood and are going to support change happening so the two groups above can do their jobs right



Small Developers

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- Real Estate Development Professional (perhaps working at a larger scale entity) or Non-Profit Organization Developer
- Real Estate Agent, Broker, or Property Manager
- Architect, Urban Designer, Engineers, Landscape Architect, Urban Planner, Attorney
- Construction Contractor, Home Builder or Tradesperson
- Small Business Owner (In a related or unrelated industry to those above)



Small Investors

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- Local Community Banker or Loan Originators (For Profit or Non Profit)
- Property owners of any size or type
- Retired individuals from high net worth industry or position
- Private equity, angel or local investment/wealth management professionals
- Professionals from land banks/trusts, redevelopment agencies
- Program Officer or Executives from local Foundations



Small Development Champions

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- City Management, City Planning, Housing, Community or Economic Development Professionals
- Elected Officials, Aides to City Official, Manager or Legislator, Planning Commissioners
- County, Regional or State Government/Agency in Housing or Economic Development
- Non-Profit Organization Professional, Neighborhood Leader/Volunteer/Professional, College or University Leader
- Business Association, Chamber or Trade Group Leader



Things Folks in this Room Can Do



(Re)Legalize These Things

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- Remove Non-Conforming Status for Desired Forms
- Stop Guessing/Requiring on the Parking
- Get your zoning code to actually allow what's stated in your comp/master plan without any variances
- Look at removing sprinkler requirements for 3-4 unit buildings (Minnesota requires no sprinklers for buildings under 4,500 sf)



Streamline What You Want

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- Make your residential zoning classifications line up with 1-4 unit financial mechanism thresholds
- Create preapproved plans for small buildings like backyard cottages and duplexes to lower soft costs, shorten approval times, and generally lower risk
- Provide education to allied professions, property owners, public decision makers



Get Patient and Thoughtful Capital

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- Work with lenders to create construction loans for 2-4 units as easy as 1 unit buildings.
- Utilize rental income to help younger households qualify to live in owner occupied multi unit houses
- Create a loan guarantee fund to backstop small developers who have skills, but not balance sheet to develop real estate, who often overpay for capital



Q: How Do We Find Small Developers?



A: You Don't.
You Grow Them



What Will I Learn at a 1 Day Workshop?

Open to ALL

**Public Sector
Private Sector
Non-Profit Sector**



The Project Formation Process

**Conventional Financing
Thresholds**

**Building Types and
Site Planning**

Financial Pro forma

Asking for Money

Acquisition and Closing

Practice Project

Learn How a Building Makes Money

Via a Financial Proforma

WHAT REVENUE CAN YOUR BUILDING PRODUCE?						
#1. MONEY IN	Quantity	Rent per Unit	SF per Unit	Rent/SF	Total SF	Total Monthly Rent
Studio Apartments		\$	480 SF	\$	SF	\$
One Bedrooms	4	\$ 800	480 SF	\$ 1.67	1,920 SF	\$ 3,200
Two Bedrooms	2	\$ 1,200	720 SF	\$ 1.67	1,440 SF	\$ 2,400
Commercial Space		\$			SF	\$
Common Area/Storage/Garages		\$	208 SF	\$	208 SF	\$
Total					3,568 SF	\$ 5,600
Gross Potential Annual Income - GPI (Monthly Rent x 12)						\$ 67,200

WHAT WILL IT COST TO OPERATE THE BUILDING?			
#2. VACANCY AND OPERATING	% of Gross Income	#3. CALCULATE NET OPERATING INCOME	
GPI - From #1		Take your Potential Gross Income (PGI) from #1	67,200
Vacancy Factor (% of GPI)	5%	Subtract the Vacancy Factor	3,360
Annual Operating Expenses (OpEx); Insurance, tax, property management, repairs, expenses, etc. (% of GPI-Vacancy)	25%	Sub-Total is the Gross Operating Income (GOI):	63,800
		Subtract the Operating Expenses GOI X 25% OpEx from #2	15,960
		Remainder is the annual Net Operating Income (NOI):	47,880

WHAT WILL IT COST TO BUILD? - WHAT IS YOUR RETURN ON PROJECT COST?			
#4. COST OF BUILDING THE PROJECT	Quantity	Cost per SF	Total
Land Cost	1	N/A	\$ 45,000
Hard Costs (Total SF from #1 x Cost per SF)	3,568 X	\$110	\$392,480
Soft Costs (Total SF from #1 x Cost per SF)	3,568 X	\$25	\$ 78,996
Other (Off-site Improvement Costs)	1	N/A	\$ -0-
Total Project Cost:			\$ 515,976

#5. CALCULATE ESTIMATED RETURN ON PROJECT COST	
Take your Annual NOI from #3	\$ 47,880
Divide that by your Total Project Cost from #4	\$ 515,976
The product is your Estimated Return on Project Cost	9.27%

HOW DO YOU FINANCE THE BUILDING? - HOW MUCH MONEY IS LEFT AFTER YOU PAY EXPENSES AND DEBT SERVICE?			
#6. DEBT SERVICE	\$	#7. CALCULATE CASH-ON-CASH RETURN	
Total Project Cost from #4	\$ 515,976	Take your Annual Net Operating Income from #3	\$ 47,880
Assume 25% Equity (down payment) is required in cash and other equity (land, deferred fees, etc.)	128,996	Subtract your Annual Debt Service from #6	32,256
Assumed Loan Amount is 75% of the Total Project Cost. This is the Total Project Cost less the Equity provided:	\$ 386,980	This produces your Net Annual Income (or Cash Flow after OpEx and Debt Service):	\$ 15,624
How much do you have to pay each month to service that debt? (Assume 4.5% interest and 25 year amortization with no PMI) www.mortgagecalculator.org	\$ 2,688	Divide your Net Annual Income by the 25% Equity number from #6 to calculate your return on the Equity; your Cash on Cash Return:	12%
Multiply Monthly Payment by 12 to produce your Annual Debt Service.	\$ 32,256	#8. ESTIMATE ANNUAL DEPRECIATION EXPENSE	
Divide the Annual NOI by the Annual Debt Service to produce your Debt Service Coverage Ratio:	1.48	Multiply the Total Project Cost by .75 as a rough estimate of the value of improvements to the land. Divide the result by 27.5 years to determine the Annual Depreciation Expense:	\$ 14,072

$$515,976 \times .75 = 386,980 / 27.5 \text{ yrs} = \$14,072$$

Make a Basic Project Work on Paper



Asking for Money

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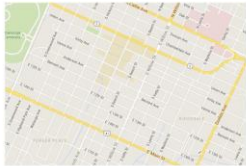
Small Building Investment Package

OVERVIEW

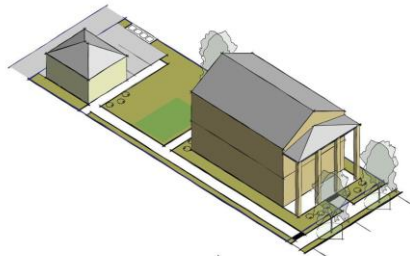
PRODUCT:

The quadplex has two units on each floor, four units total, and a small rear garage for two vehicles. Each 728 sf unit has two bedrooms, one bathroom, and direct access to the outdoors via a two story porch. The first floor units have their own front and rear doors and the second floor units are accessible from a central staircase at the front of the building. Four parking spaces are provided off the alley, one per unit.

LOCATION MAP:



PRECEDENT IMAGE:

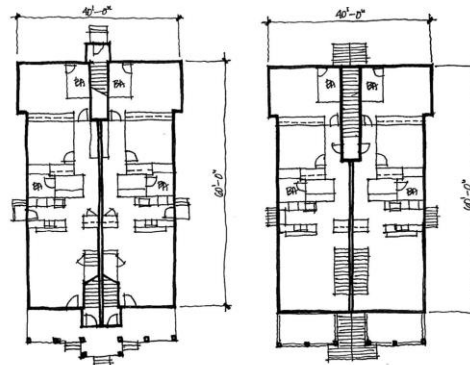


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PLANS + ELEVATIONS



FRONT ELEVATION



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SECOND FLOOR PLAN

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PRO FORMA

Assumptions:

New construction building
Construction loan at 7% LTC
Current rents at \$1.10 to \$1.35 per SF for existing 1 and 2 BR apartments
Fire sprinklers required
Wood Frame TYPE V construction, gravel parking off alley and on-street
Reference once a certificate of occupancy is granted using a 30-year mortgage

Project Costs

Land Cost	\$30,000	6,750 SF parcel	\$4.44 per parcel SF	7.0% of project costs
Hard Construction Costs				
Residential Conditioned SF	\$320,320		\$110 per conditioned SF	
Unconditioned SF	\$8,750		\$45 per SF	
Hard Cost Subtotal	\$327,070			76.0% of project costs
Soft Construction Costs	\$73,488		\$24 per building SF	17.1% of project costs
Hard and Soft Cost Subtotal	\$400,558			
Total Project Costs	\$430,558			100.0% Project Costs

Net Operating Income

	Rate (per BSF)	Cond. SF	Uncond. SF	Monthly Rent	Annual Rent	
2 story breezeway building with 6 units						
2 Bedroom 1 Bath FL 1	\$1.24	728		\$900	\$10,800	Building Count: 1
2 Bedroom 1 Bath FL 1	\$1.24	728		\$900	\$10,800	Total Conditioned SF: 2,912
2 Bedroom 1 Bath FL 2	\$1.24	728		\$900	\$10,800	Total Unconditioned SF: 150
2 Bedroom 1 Bath FL 2	\$1.24	728		\$900	\$10,800	Total Building SF: 3,062
						Floor Area Ratio (FAR): 0.45
Stairway	\$0.00	2,912	150	\$5,800	\$43,200	Annual Rent: \$43,200
Total		3,062			\$43,200	
Building SF					\$43,200	Gross Potential Income (GPI)
					(\$5,100)	7% Vacancy Rate
					\$41,040	Gross Operating Income (GOI)
					(\$12,312)	Operating Expenses (30% of GOI)
					\$28,728	Net Operating Income (NOI)
					\$430,558	Project Cost
					8.9%	Cash Return on Project Costs (no leverage)

Cash Flow & Debt Service

Project Cost: 100%	\$430,558	Loan Term: 30 Years
Down Payment / Equity: 25%	\$107,640	Interest Rate: 5.0%
Debt: 75%	\$322,918	
Monthly payment P&I:	(\$1,733)	
Annual NOI:	\$28,728	
Annual Debt Service:	(\$20,802)	
Annual Cash Flow above debt service and operating expenses:	\$7,926	
Annual depreciation @ 27.5 years	\$11,742	
Note: Residential Depreciation Expense Rate Used		
		Note: 1.25 min. tip.
		Debt Service Coverage Ratio (DSCR): 1.38
		Pre-tax Return on Equity: 7.36%

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IncDev Alumni Projects





Alli Quinlan

Fayetteville, Arkansas

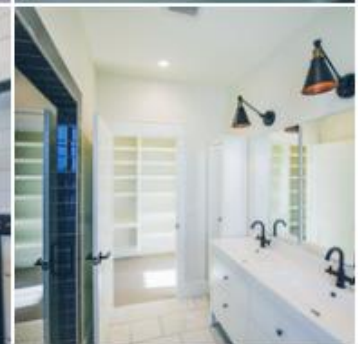
New Construction Cottages
and Cluster Housing



1,000-1,600 sf cottages on
narrow lots, for sale

Clustered townhomes for
rent and mixed use
apartment building







Capt. **Ryan Terry** USMC

Bryan, Texas

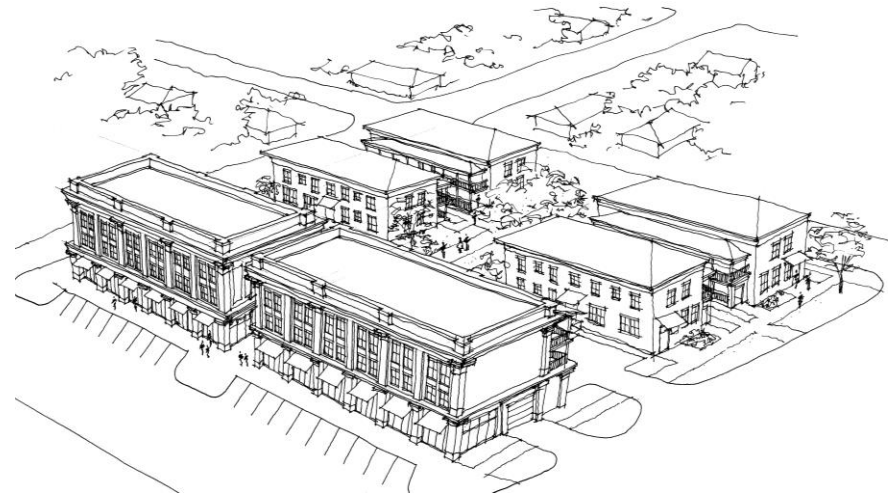
**New Construction Quadplexes
With Non-Residential Space**

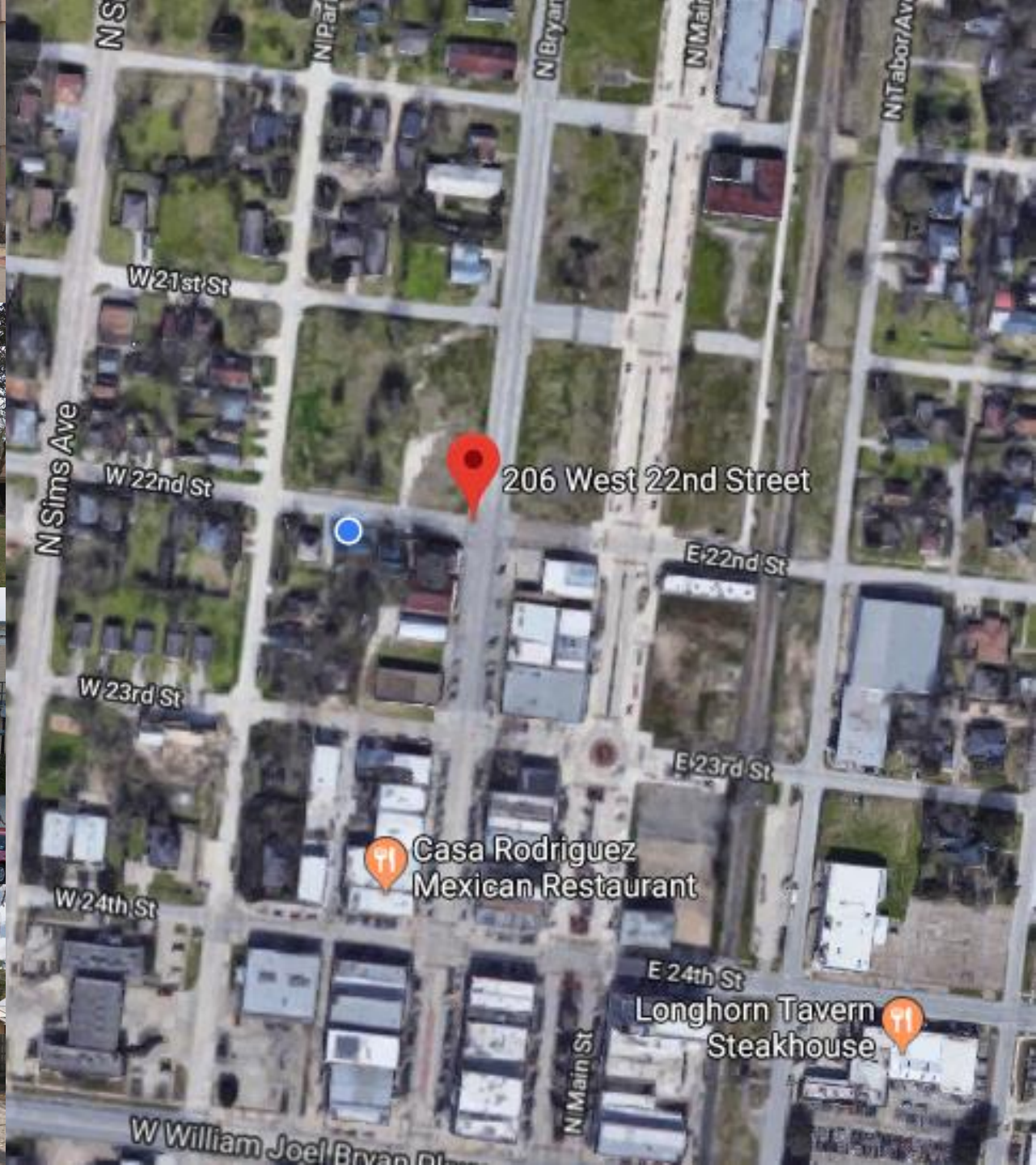


**“Won” City RFP to
Develop Downtown Block
into Mixed
Use/Residential**

**First New Construction
Residential Buildings in
Downtown in 40+ years**

Negotiated Incremental







Buildings Leased in Q1 2018
Each Lot Eligible for VA Permanent Mortgage





Integrity CDC

Atlanta, Georgia

L. Lamont Wise

New Construction Cottages



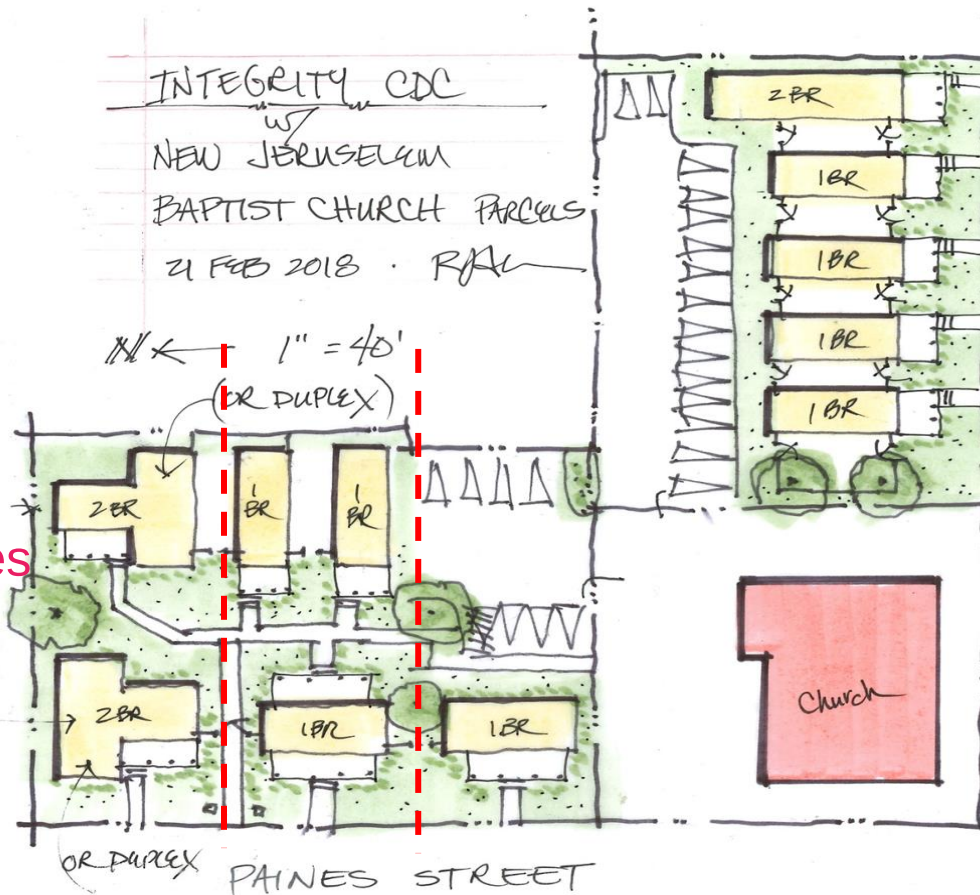
**New Construction
Cottages on Vacant Lots**

**Leverage Their
Workforce Development
Program for Returning
Citizens and Youth in
Trades to build**

**Housing for rent for
Program Participants,
low income populations**

**Sell selected cottages/
lots to mid income
buyers to help build
overall project equity**

New Jerusalem Baptist Church / Integrity CDC



Rezone to
Maximize
Rear of Sites

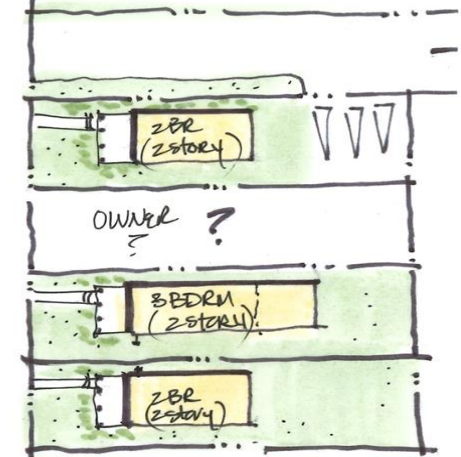
Build Front of Lots By-Right

14 Units with

4 Layout
Possibilities

1 and 2 Bedroom

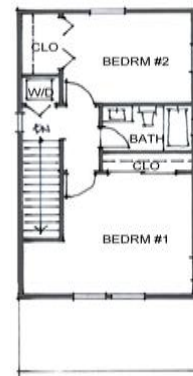
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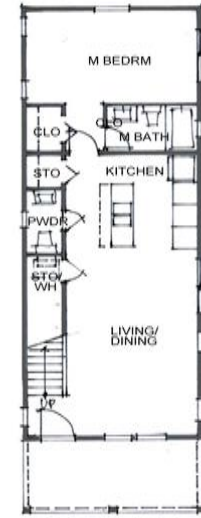
Example Cottages



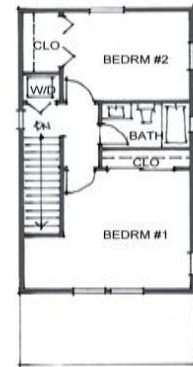
Example Floor Plans and Elevations



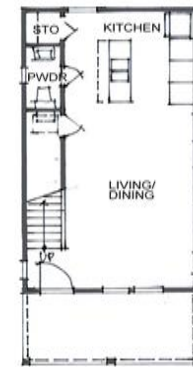
SECOND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR
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The Call to Action

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Cultivate Small Developers

Through Training, Mentoring and Small Business Support

Gather Investment Partners/Facilitators

Leverage Land Ownership and Pre-Arrange Access to Financial Capital

Collaborate with Small Development Champions

Work out the projects you want on paper, re-legalize the built environment through regulatory reform and pioneer first projects so small operators can follow



Lessons Learned

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- **Rules Matter.** What you make easy and legal is what you get the most of in your town.
- **Financing Matters.** What can be financed gets built. What you want, but doesn't have a common, off the shelf financing mechanism, doesn't get built.
- **Codes Matter.** Building codes make staircase tiers of cost.
- **Math Matters.** If you can't get the rent, you don't get the building.



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