

COMMUNITY LIFE

Often the only way for a house to enjoy expanses of green space is to be isolated in a large yard. In the cottage community, people have the benefits of private back yards and small front yards that view out onto the additional green common space. Front porches on each unit provide a semi-private outdoor room to chat with adjacent neighbors and to view the public activity. The concentration of eyes on the common area also enhances the safety of the space.

The central open space provides a variety of opportunities for neighbors to cross paths and interact with each other. The space contains a park-like setting with picnic areas, play areas, a plaza, and a community garden. In the center of the development is a community building that provides bicycle storage and the occasionally needed large gathering space for individual families or community events. Not all of the open space is large-group oriented. Stairs lead up the slope at the rear of the site to a small pavilion and a trail through a more secluded wooded area.

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