

# New Urbanism

New Urbanism combines traditional planning and modern technology to create places that break the conventional suburban mold to strive for environmental balance, social integration and a sense of community amongst a mixture of ethnic groups.

## Principles of New Urbanism

**Walkability:**

Pedestrian friendly street design, sidewalk lights, most things within a 10 minute walk.

**Connectivity:**

Dispersed traffic, a hierarchy of narrow streets and alleys.

**Mixed-Use & Diversity:**

A mix of shops, offices, apartments and homes on site. Diversity of people, ages, income levels, cultures and races.

**Mixed Housing:**

A range of types, sizes and prices in close proximity.

**Quality Architecture & Urban Design:**

Historically accurate design with outdoor living areas and an emphasis on beauty, aesthetics and human comfort.

**Traditional Neighborhood Structure:**

A discernable center with public space and an outer edge. Contains a range of uses and densities within a 10 minute walk.

**Increased Density:**

More buildings, residences, shops and services closer together to enable a more efficient use of services and resources.

**Green Transportation:**

Pedestrian friendly design that encourages a greater use of bicycles, roller blades, scooters and walking daily.

**Sustainability:**

Energy efficiency, less use of finite fuels, more use of locally produced materials.

**Quality of Life:**

These all add up to a high quality of life and create places that enrich and inspire the human spirit.

