Examples from Elsewhere

This section provides examples of residential projects outside of Portland, with a focus on those that combine modern design with a continuation of vernacular architectural forms and patterns. While these projects reflect the unique building traditions of their respective locations, which may differ from those of Portland, they highlight how it is possible for new development to reflect established patterns while incorporating contemporary architectural approaches.

Scandinavian housing (Tegnestuenn Vandkunsten architects). These provide contemporary reinterpretations of pitched roofs and other traditional Scandinavian village forms.

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Borneo-Sporeburg canal houses, Amsterdam (left). A contemporary take on the traditional Amsterdam canal house pattern (above).

Cala Domus, UK (PCKO Architects). This project reflects the scale of traditional local villages, while providing a contemporary twist to house-like forms and accommodating vehicles and pedestrians within the same street space.
Vauban District, Germany. A former military base was redeveloped into an environmentally-sustainable community of family housing. These buildings integrate vernacular forms with green features. Pitched roofs with overhanging eaves serve as platforms for solar panels; an arrangement which could be at home with Portland’s building traditions.

Projects in the Puget Sound area, Washington. These projects provide a contemporary interpretation of elements associated with architecture in the Pacific Northwest, such as the prominence of wood and structural features, as well as features—such as landscaping, trellises, and balconies—that blur distinctions between indoors and outdoors.

Prospect, Colorado. Rowhouses with contemporary design utilize traditional design elements, such as stoops, porches, house-like proportions, street-oriented windows, rear-parking, etc.

Daybreak Grove, California (Davids Killory Architecture). Inspired by Californian and Latin American courtyard precedents.

Dutra Brown Building, San Diego (Public). Reflects surrounding neighborhood’s tradition of small-scale, partial-block development.

Stonewater Townhouses (Johnston Architects)

Decatur Island House (Miller-Hull Partnership)
Since Portland has few examples of shared streets or courts, the following are contemporary examples from other communities of projects that have features similar to shared courts. These examples highlight various approaches to designing mixed pedestrian/vehicular space in ways that highlight their function as multipurpose space.

Japanese shared street

Contemporary London mews

West End Commons, Oakland, CA
(David Baker + Partners Architects)

Vauban District, Freiburg, Germany

The 505, Houston, TX
(Collaborative Designworks)

Fremont Lofts, Seattle, WA
(Johnston Architects). Note prominence of entries and opportunities for personalization

Metro Square, Sacramento, CA
(Mogavero Notestine Associates). 12’-wide accessway reads either as a wide walkway or a narrow drive

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