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The New Urban House: Proposal for the Community of New Amherst in Cobourg, Ontario

Ontario, Canada; October 1998

De la Guardia Victoria Architects; Trelles Architects

THIS COMPETITION WAS SPONSORED by Max Le Marchamp and by the architecture and town planning firm of Andrés Duany and Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, which also designed the Community of New Amherst based on the leading-edge urban design principles known as "New Urbanism."

New Amherst is a community planned for 271 acres of land located on the west side of the Town of Cobourg, Ontario, which will include 1,600 to 2,000 homes, as well as commercial, institutional, and recreational components. Cobourg is located on the north shore of Lake Ontario, sixty miles east of the downtown center of the City of Toronto. New Amherst is designed to create an architecturally exquisite, high-quality pedestrian environment that complements the existing character and architectural charm of the old town. Human scale and a mix of residential, business, and civic uses, in carefully focused neighborhoods woven together by generous parks, bike paths, and a finely graded network of streets, are the characteristics that will define this community. The competition called for designs of townhouses, as well as midsize and large house types.

This project by De La Victoria and Trelles Architects was the winner of the competition. The submission consisted of two designs for each of the three house types: townhouse, medium size detached (cottage), and large size detached (house).

According to the competition requirements all units have full basements and all designs include outbuildings. Construction documents for selected proposals had to conform to the 1997 Ontario Building Code.

DESIGN TEAM

Jorge Trelles, Luis Trelles, Teofilo Victoria

PROGRAM

TOWNHOUSE

Lot size: 24' x 98' min

Finished Floor Area: 1150–2000 sq. ft.

Construction cost ceiling—main building: \$120,000

Construction cost ceiling—outbuilding: \$30,000

MEDIUM SIZE DETACHED/COTTAGE

Lot size: 36' or 40' x 98' min

Finished Floor Area: 1250–2400 sq. ft.

Construction cost ceiling—main building: \$156,000

Construction cost ceiling—outbuilding: \$30,000

LARGE SIZE DETACHED/COTTAGE

Lot size: 40' to 48' x 98' min

Finished Floor Area: 2400–3600 sq. ft.

Construction cost ceiling—main building: \$234,000

Construction cost ceiling—outbuilding: \$40,000

Next Page: New Amherst Townhouse and Shop-front. Drawn by Jeremy Lake, Matthew Lister, Rafael Fornes, Nicolai Nedev, Edgar Sarli, Mu'ayad Abbas, Elizabeth Cardona, Arnaldo Sanchez, Ricardo Lopez, Erin Pryor, Emily Baker, Mimi Le Fevre, Jorge Trelles, Luis Trelles, Teofilo Victoria; *India Ink on Mylar, 24" x 36"*.

This model, old in the history of towns and cities, often functions as a live-work unit. This particular model fits on the smallest sized lots in New Amherst, sixteen by ninety eight feet. The model is nonetheless ample, housing

TOWNHOUSE SHOPFRONT

a living room, dining room, two bedrooms, two and a half bathrooms, attic, basement and of course a full story shop at grade. The model is typically modest yet full of purpose and utility, ideal for a small business in an urban setting and for enterprising owners.

The new house, in this case an ample residence close to one thousand five hundred square feet plus an attic and basement, is an essential urban element responsible for magnificent street sections and squares in

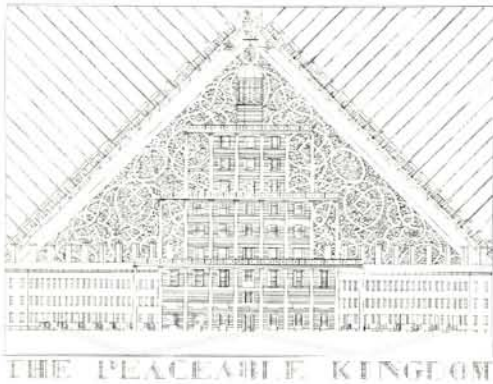
AMHERST TOWNHOUSE

England, but also of course along Kings Street in Colburn and in the center of Port Hope. It is the most prevalent type of residence in the culture of the house in England and is currently an excellent choice of homes.

The New Williamsburg Town Plan Design Competition and the New Williamsburg Courthouse Building Design Competition

Williamsburg, Virginia; 1996

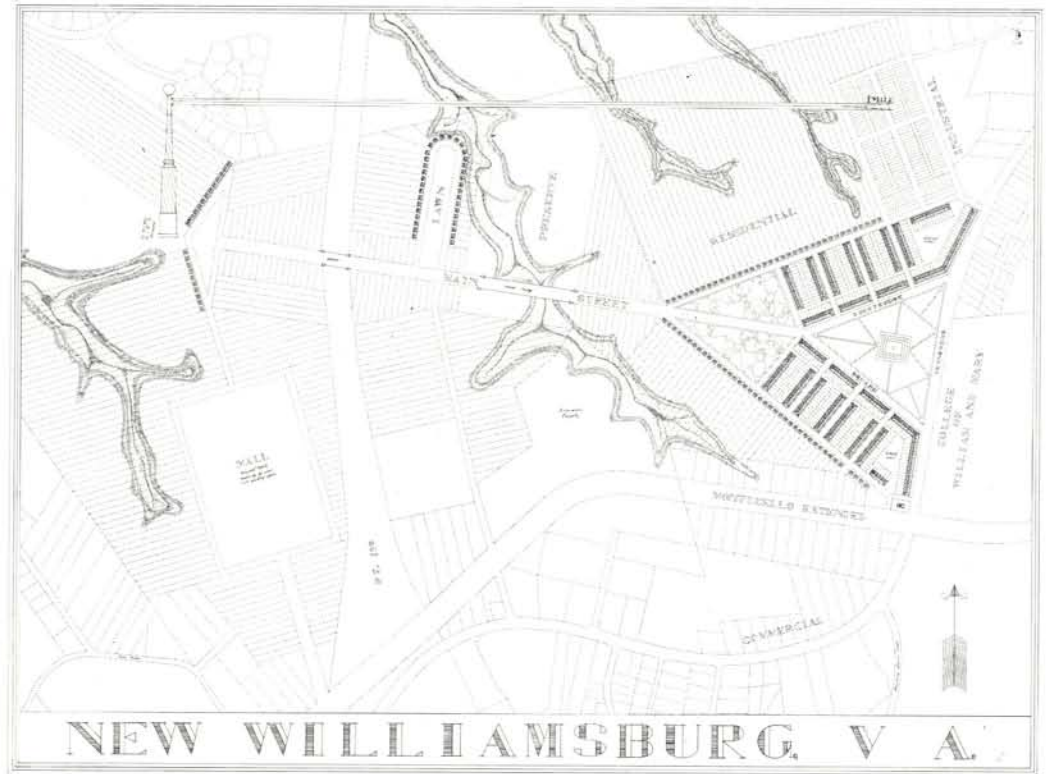
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TWO COMPETITIONS WERE CONDUCTED simultaneously. The town plan competition asked participants to prepare a new town to be built adjacent to the College of William and Mary that would include a new courthouse for the region. The building design competition presented the program for the courthouse.

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Above: The Peaceable Kingdom. Skyscraper, Row Houses, and Georgian Houses make up the town center of New Williamsburg; *India Ink on Mylar, 30" x 42"*.

Right: New Williamsburg, Virginia. One-mile-long Main Street extends from the town center site, where the new courthouse is sited, to the inn; *India Ink on Mylar, 30" x 42"*.