AGRIHOOD

PLEASANT HILL, IA
INTRODUCTIONS

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WHAT IS AN AGRIHOOD?

• A planned residential development centered on agriculture, building connection to neighbors and promoting environmental stewardship with connection to nature and sustainable food supply.
60 MINUTES SEGMENT
AGRHOOD AVERAGES

Number of Acres .............................................................. 265
Number of Homes ............................................................. 615
Number of Homes/Acre ..................................................... 1.3
Acres of Organic Cropland ............................................... 25
Agrihoods with Restaurants ............................................. 60%
Average Association Fee/Due ........................................... $290
Agrihoods with Senior Living Accommodations .................. 40%
PRAIRIE CROSSING (IL)

Project Summary

Prairie Crossing Farm is a 100 acre organic farm outside of Grayslake, Illinois. The main goal is to help beginning farmers start their farm business within the development center and incubator farm program. In addition, there are education and youth development programs, educational tours, and community garden plots. The property offers organic, diversified crops and livestock. The site pulls together native landscape, agriculture and a range of residential units including 359 single-family homes and 36 condominiums. Prairie Crossing has 10 established guiding principles: environmental protection and enhancement, healthy lifestyle, sense of place, sense of community, economic and racial diversity, convenient and efficient transportation, energy conservation, lifelong learning and education, aesthetic design and high-quality construction, and economic viability.
THE CANARY (CA)
Agritopia (AZ)

Agritopia is a 160 acre agrihood near Phoenix, Arizona. The project initiated to break traditional barriers and help bring together a variety of people to build a strong community. The agrihood created opportunities to strategically enhance the community and led to the development of open fences between homes to encourage socializing between neighbors, hidden garages to focus on architectural design, and offering pathways for walking and bike riding to connect homes to farm, garden, and other key areas of agrihood.

Website and Resources:
- https://www.terrain.org/unespaw24
- http://agsprawl24.org/design_principles
- agritopia.com
South Village

South Village, Vermont

Project Summary

South Village is an agrihood that has approximately 220 acres, with 150 acres dedicated to woodlands and 12 acres reserved for an organic farm. The goal for this agrihood is to help people of all ages connect with their food while preserving the land and creating a sustainable ecosystem. In collaboration with the South Village Stewardship Fund, the neighborhood is able to provide agriculture and conservation programs to educate the community. The community offers multiple ways to connect with both the community and the land through open space and village living.

Address:
South Village, Vermont
Kelly@KellyFeale.com

Website and Resources:
http://www.southvillage.com
http://www.southvillageandstewardship.com
http://www.southvillage.com/
MICHIGAN URBAN FARM INITIATIVE

Michigan Urban Farming Initiative

Michigan, Detroit

Project Summary

Michigan, Detroit offers the first urban agrihood. It consists of a 3 acre neighborhood, 2 acres of urban farms, and 200 fruit tree orchard. The primary goal is to promote education, sustainability, and community to empower urban neighborhoods, while also solving social problems. Through their agrihood, the community made dozens of opportunities for the community to have the accessibility to fresh produce. Although this urban neighborhood is just beginning its efforts for increased housing and development for the urban agrihood, there are many exciting activities already occurring. The development will include a new Community Resource Center, two commercial kitchens with cafe, and additional student housing.

Address:
7432 Brush St, Detroit, MI 48202
email support@miufi.org
313-444-MUFI (6864)

Website and Resources:
http://www.miufi.org/
http://www.miufi.org/
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Bucking Horse is a 240-acre agrihood in Collins, Colorado. The agrihood focuses on providing food for the community and helping end hunger. The project evolved from a 129-acre farm with rehabilitated buildings. Their five core values include teamwork, integrity, quality, and community. The community was developed based on five principles: community, environment, education, health, and economics. This neighborhood offers many options for all demographics, and works to maintain an affordable cost of living, and currently offers over 1000 units. The site will soon include a 6-acre neighborhood park, and artisan village.
INTER-GENERATIONAL MODELS

Providence Mount St. Vincent
Mount St. Vincent, Seattle, OR

Project Summary
Providence Mount is primarily a living care community center for older adults. It is uniquely designed to utilize a part of the community center for intergenerational activities with children from birth to 5 years old. This mix of generations allows adults who are experiencing depression, or loneliness, to increase their mental health while also creating a vibrant community. The daycare is well attended and has 125 children attending 5 days a week, and a waiting list of 350 students. Benefits of this community include children enhancing social and personal development and adults experiencing health improvements such as low blood pressure and improved mental health.

Address:
Mount St. Vincent
Seattle, Washington

Website and Resources:
http://washington.providence.org/services/mount-st-vincent/services/day-care/
Benedictine Living Community of Ada

Ada, Minnesota

Project Summary
Benedictine Living community offers both a nursing home and assisted living with an attached “Little Learning Early Childhood Education Center. This environment offers curriculum-based programs for infants and toddlers, preschool, and after care for kids up to age 12. The partnership has helped bridge gap between residents and children and has improved the community well-being and happiness of residents. Many families live nearby, and grandchildren and grandparents get to interact regularly. Currently over 39 children are enrolled in the program.

Address:
201 8th St. West, Suite 2
Ada, MN 56510
218-794-6600

Website and Resources:
https://www.catholichealthcare.org/community/health/providers/age examples/883
http://www.silveroaks.org/
OUR PROPOSAL

AGRIHOOD PRECEDENT REPORT

Pleasant Hill Agrihood

Heartland Acres Summary

Heartland Acres seeks to be the first agrihood in Iowa. The mission is to be an innovative, sustainable neighborhood development that encompasses 150 acres of developed property with agricultural fields, pasture land, residential properties, retirement center, and educational opportunities. Heartland Acres agrihood will support beginning farmer programs and education, offer space for agriculture of many different varieties, promote community wellness and gathering space, and provide connections to natural resources and the food systems.

Our five core values for development include: wellness, agriculture, education, community, and stewardship. These reflect the icons above. Throughout the precedent report, icons are used to showcase which agrihoods utilize similar values.
Compact parcels reduce the scale of home and yard and necessary upkeep, as well as cost, while offering independence and home ownership.

Multi-family parcels offer opportunity for multiple units per parcel increasing the overall number of units available.
CORE VALUES

• **Agriculture** - provide space for different types of production ranging from small and diversified farming, pasture, and intermittent backyard gardening throughout residential property

• **Education** - promote unique programming and outreach that is inter-generational for all ages to come together in learning experiences

• **Wellness** - create multiple options for individuals through universal design solutions; offer solutions for individuals and families to age in place and have a complete healthy life

• **Community** - connect to each other and intentional design for unique sense of place

• **Stewardship** - offer numerous opportunities to residents and the public to learn and actively care for the environment and each other
CURRENT PARTNERS

- City of Pleasant Hill
- Landowner
- Home builder
- Veterans for Agriculture
- Iowa State University
- Trent Grundmeyer
- Southeast Polk Schools
- The Homestead

Future collaborators:
- Iowa State Beginning Farmer Center
- Senior Living Organization
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Community Food Systems
https://www.extension.iastate.edu/localfoods/community-food-systems-program/

City of Pleasant Hill
www.pleasanthilliowa.org

Veterans for Ag
http://veteransinagriculture.org/
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