

NewTown

Columbia, Missouri

Traditional neighborhoods are the communities many of our grandparents remember. They had a mixture of housing types, convenient stores and businesses, some public buildings, and a park for nearby recreation. The buildings were not all alike, but they had some common features such as roof slopes, porches or exterior materials. Streets were no wider than necessary. Walking was as easy as driving. This is how towns were built for all of history before 1945.

For the last fifty years sprawl and suburbs have replaced our traditional towns. The possibility of walking to the corner store or to the local post office or to school or work no longer exists for most people. The process of New Urbanism is correcting this breakdown of community design - particularly in the public realm, the spaces between and around all the buildings.

NewTown is the first example New Urbanism -- a traditional neighborhood design -- in mid-Missouri. It is located at the southern edge of Columbia, Missouri on Route K. NewTown



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The main intersection has a circular 'traffic calming' landscaped planter. Commercial or public buildings are at the East and West side of NewTown, and a 3.2-acre park is located at the South side.

Commercial uses might include a neighborhood grocery, a preschool, a restaurant, and other businesses or offices. Some apartments or offices will be on the second floor of the commercial buildings. Public or government buildings may include a US Post Office, fire station and a meeting hall.

NewTown: where community meets value.



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NewTown Site Plan

