

JACK R WELLS CHARRETTE ATHENS, GA

DATES: OCTOBER 13-15, 2011

The wholesale transformation of the existing public housing site into a mixed-income, affordable, energy-efficient and sustainable housing development focused on site design, stormwater management, transportation-oriented design, green building practices, family needs and play spaces, and socio-economic considerations.

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Students and faculty from the College of Environment and Design partnered with the Athens Housing Authority and Atlanta-based residential developer Columbia Residential and JHP Architecture & Urban Design for a design charrette focused on the transformation of the Jack R. Wells public housing neighborhood, located at Hawthorne Avenue and Pauldoe Street.

The site's steep topography and protected stream buffer added a challenge to the redesign, yet also provided natural assets ripe for enhancement. Two options for redevelopment were presented, both of which included multi-family and senior housing communities in a combination of two-story townhouses and single-story flats, a "village green", community centers and multiple outdoor active and passive recreation spaces.



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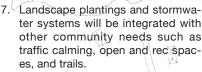
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- Senior housing is in a 3 story building at the front entrance in an architecturally-dramatic bridge leads people into the community.
- Realigning the entrance improves traffic flow at the intersection and throughout the site.
- Additional road connections achieve reconnection by stitching the adjacent residential neighborhoods together.
- 4. Parking is internalized within blocks.
- 5. Landscape enhancements include reconnecting the community to nature and natural systems. Hiking trails are incorporated throughout the site, especially along the creek.
- 6. An existing baseball field is enhanced with a concession building, bleachers, and marked for soccer and well as baseball games.



- Village Green This centrallylocated open green serves as a community gathering space.
- Multiple Community Centers will be developed, that accommodates a gathering place, job training center, fitness room, and a childcare center.
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 - 10. Other community gathering spaces included are a splash park and a picnic pavilion.
 - 11. Multiple playground spaces scattered throughout the site means that there is a convenient outdoor playspace for all residents to walk to.



FINAL PRODUCTS FROM THE CHARRETTE AVAILABLE HERE: http://tinyurl.com/jackrwells2011

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