Each child is an adventure into a better life - an opportunity to change the old pattern and make it new.
INTRODUCTION
Atlanta Children’s Foundation Project in Greene County, Georgia

Purpose:
To develop a year-round housing and recreational center for children in foster care.

The Village will also serve as a summer camp for children at risk.

Location:
Greene County near Oconee Lake; the 124 acre site is enveloped by the Oconee National Forest and consists of both wooded and open space.

Atlanta Children's Village
2630 Coldsprings Road
Greensboro, Ga. 30642
172 Acres
INTRODUCTION

Methodology:

The Atlanta Children's Foundation Project
"The Village Evolves"

A. Issue Analysis - PS&O Staff
- PS&O staff meet with Project Sponsors - March 19, 2003
- Research: Map assemblage and background investigation

B. Site Analysis - Professor Marguerite Koepke, PS&O staff, students
- Lecture in Koepke's Class - Cassity and Machado - April 17, 2003
- Site visit and visual analysis/vegetation survey - Koepke, Lewis, Machado, Roberts and students April 21, 2003
- Graphic Analysis Presentation - May 01, 2003

C. Intensive Design Charrette - PS&O staff, UGA faculty, students – May 19 - 21, 2003
- Confirm Program Elements
- Groundtruthing
- Idea Generation
- Development of Alternatives
- Evolve Solutions
- Refine and polish

D. Production and Final Presentation - PS&O Staff and students
May 22- June 17, 2003
- Illustrative Base Map
- Scale Model
- Graphic Identity Program
- Building Design: Floor Plans, Elevations and Perspectives
- Site Details and Preliminary Specifications
- Poster Production
- Power Point Presentation - June 17, 2003

E. Future Activities - New partnerships should be developed with UGA units and US Forest Service (and/or others) for developing:
- environmental and ecological education programming,
- a tree identification, protection and replacement program,
- guest lectures on other topics,
- development concept for the remaining parcel, and
- leadership development programming.
Site Characteristics

- Wooded steep slopes that are susceptible to erosion.
- Successional forest of young oak/hickory stands with some older species among them.
- Few exotic species noted.
- Medium to dense understory.
- Few open fields and fewer streams.
- Edge habitat consists of vines, sumac and sweetgum.
- Grassy broomsedge areas off of a larger broomsedge field.
### Program Elements

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The consistent design of the Village’s rustic log buildings will help reinforce the community feel and sense of being in the woods without being apart from civilization. Inspiration for the buildings comes from traditional southern and mountain retreat architecture.
• Clustered buildings to promote community feel and sense of place that are sited for security.

• Diverse age and gender population.

• Ropes course, chapel and camping platforms set apart from village to prevent interference with other programs.

• All buildings and facilities within easy walking distance of each other.

• Access to the village limited. Pedestrian and vehicular traffic separated.

• Recreational facilities abundant and diverse.

• Buildings nestled in a forest.
THE PROGRAM

Program Elements | Log Buildings | The Village Approach | Safety & Security

Year-round residency
Staff Cabins
Girls’ Cabins
Boys’ Cabins

THE village

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Our Approach

1. Minimize ground disturbance
2. Heal the land
3. Protect the hardwoods
4. Blend buildings with surroundings
5. Cluster buildings around 600 ft. contour
Minimize Ground Disturbance

- Recording Studio
- Reception
- Administration
- Dining
- Activities
- Infirmary
- Laundry
- Arts & Crafts

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Cluster Buildings
Grouping of activities: the Village Lodge
Heal the Land

Separation of vehicular and pedestrian activities

PEDESTRIAN
Separation of vehicular and pedestrian activities
Heal the Land

Separation of vehicular and pedestrian activities

Off-Site Connections

Inter-Camp Connections

Vehicular Entrance

Trail

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Heal the Land

Development activities on highest ground and low impact development in fragile areas.
Root disturbance minimized by restricting construction activities under tree canopies.
Blend buildings with surroundings

A soft natural effect of buildings placed sensitively within the forest edge.
Cluster buildings around 600 ft. contour
Year-Round Residency
Seasonal Cabins

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Seasonal Cabins
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The Village Lodge
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RECORDING STUDIO AND RECEPTION
Chapel Ideas

Timber framed construction

Being the outdoors in making it a sanctuary in the forest

Design guidance should be taken from the ecclesiastical works of the architect T. Ely Jacques.

Take advantage of natural light.
THE CHAPEL
Welcome to the Village! Find your Camp site on the map below and follow the directions!

We are glad you are here!
1. southern magnolia
2. saucer magnolia
3. star magnolia
4. bigleaf magnolia
5. umbrella magnolia

MAGNOLIA place

1. Ocone
2. Piedmont
3. Sweet
4. Cumberland
5. Flame

AZALEA place

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This is not the end, it’s Just the beginning!