THE ORIGINAL GREEN

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How Things Operate

[Image of a large industrial wheel with pipes and machinery]

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PRECISION ALIGNMENTS

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Massive Use of Energy

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How Things Grow

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Things that have Life

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Where They can Thrive

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How We Get There

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How We Participate

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What's the Problem?

1. the Absence of Plain Spoken Sustainability
2. the Supply-Side Focus
3. the Carbon Focus
4. the Achilles Heel of Architecture
5. the Trouble with Consumption
6. the Problem of Growth
7. the Fate of “Ought-To”
8. the Dilemma of Global Warming
9. the Danger of Wishes
10. the 2.5 Billion People

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WHAT CAN WE DO?

10. the Things that Work
9. the Diversified Extent
8. the Diversified Environment
7. the Diversified Means
6. the Expanded Uses
5. the Narrowed Resource Range
4. the Expanded Comfort Range
3. the Localized Operations
2. the Sharing of Wisdom
1. the Involvement of Everyone

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10. the Things that Work

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9. the Diversified Extent

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The Transect is the operating system of the New Urbanism. The idea of the Transect originated in the 1900's as an ecological tool used to describe a series of natural habitats, but transects have existed in nature since the dawn of time.
the Transect

★ T1: Natural (the wilderness)

★ T2: Rural (fields & meadows)

★ T3: Suburban (the outskirts)

★ T4: General Urban (neighborhoods)

★ T5: Urban Center (main street)

★ T6: Urban Core (downtown)
7. the Diversified Means

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6. the Expanded Uses

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5. The Narrowed Resource Range

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4. the EXPANDED
Comfort Range

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Conditioning the Buildings First

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Conditioning the Humans First
LIVING in Season

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3. the Localized Operations

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2. the Sharing of Wisdom

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What’s The Delivery System?

★ Public Education’s Way

★ Higher Education’s Way

★ the Specialists’ Way

★ Nature’s Way

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Public Education's Way

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the Specialists’ Way

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1. the Involvement of Everyone

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What Is A Living Tradition?

★ Insight
★ Resonance
★ Repetition
★ Adoption

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Workings of a Living Tradition

★ Easily Perceived
★ Easily Loved
★ Easily Performed
★ ... by the People, not just the Specialists

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Living Traditions
Spawn Creativity

★ Highly Motivated - Survival
★ Begins with Essentials
THE DEATH of TRADITION

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The Great Decline

1925–1945

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The Dark Ages of Architecture

1945-1980

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The New Renaissance

★ First Phase: 1980–2005
★ Second Phase: 2006–?
★ Third Phase: ?–

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“This is how we build here.”

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That which can reproduce and live sustainably is green; that which is incapable of doing so is not green. This is the standard of life. Life is that process which creates all things green.
What Is the Original Green?

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PLACES

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BUILDINGS
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NOURISHABLE

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BUILDINGS

LOVABLE

DURABLE
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PLACES

nourishable  lovable

BUILDINGS

accessible  durable

serviceable  flexible

securable  durable
The Original Green

PLACES
- Nourishable
- Accessible
- Serviceable
- Securable

BUILDINGS
- Lovable
- Durable
- Flexible
- Serviceable
- Frugal
Nourishable Places

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Tightly-Embedded

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Opportunistic

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Slope-Adaptable
Multi-Layered
Scales of Agriculture

★ Employing Farm
★ Family Farm
★ Allotment Garden
★ Edge Yard Garden
★ Courtyard Garden
★ Roof Garden
★ Arbor Garden
★ Wall Garden
★ Balcony Garden
★ Window Garden

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Accessible Places

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SERVICEABLE PLACES

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Reducing Property Values of the Adjacent Homes

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Affordability: Cottages

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Affordability:
Rear Lane Addresses

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Affordability:
Mews

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Lovable Buildings

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THREE SOURCES OF LOVABILITY

★ Things that Reflect Us
★ Things that Delight Us
★ Things that Put Us in Harmony

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THINGS *that* Reflect Us

★ Reflecting *the* Human Form
★ Reflecting *the* Culture of our Groups
★ Reflecting *the* Culture of our Region
★ Reflecting *the* Culture of our Nation

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Things that Delight Us

★ Sensual
★ Group
★ Memory
★ Intellectual
★ Sheltering
★ Challenging

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Things that Put Us in Harmony

★ Mathematical
★ Simplicity
★ Authenticity
★ Natural Processes
★ Natural Laws
★ Natural Forms
★ Harmony with the Region

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Durable Buildings

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“No Maintenance”

Repairable & Patchable

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Ceiling Height

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Simplicity of Massing
Simplicity of Circulation

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Frugal Buildings

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SUSTAINABILITY and the MELTDOWN

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Be Frugal First

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Then Bridge The Gap

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Putting Buildings Back to Work

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PLACES
- Nourishable
  - Organic Farming
- Accessible
  - Compact & Walkable
- Serviceable
  - Diverse
- Securable
  - Identity

BUILDINGS
- Loveable
  - NU: Codes
- Durable
  - Living Traditions
- Flexible
  - Living Traditions
- Frugal
  - Gizmo Green
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