The Original Green

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The New Urban Guild
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Compact
Mixed-Use
Walkable
Re-Use
How Things Operate

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Lots of Controls

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Precision Alignments

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Massive Use of Energy

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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 Achilles Heel of Architecture
3. the Supply-Side Focus
4. the Carbon Focus
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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9. **the Danger of Wishes**

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7. the Fate of “Ought-To”

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6. the Problem of Growth

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5. the **TROUBLE** with **CONSUMPTION**

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Planned Obsolescence

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THROWAWAY BUILDINGS

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Throwaway Places

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4. the **Achilles Heel** of Architecture

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the Necessity of Uniqueness

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the enormous effort to figure it out
3. the **Carbon Focus**

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2. the Supply-Side Focus
1. 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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9. the Diversified Extent

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8. *the Diversified Environment*

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.

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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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Vernacular • Median • Classical

More Organic • More Refined

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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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Large-Scale Operations

Localized Operations

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Web of Daily Life

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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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Higher Education’s Way

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the Specialists’ Way

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NATURE’S WAY

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1. the Involvement of Everyone

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What Is A Living Tradition?

★ Inspiration
★ Resonance
★ Repetition
★ Adoption

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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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Workings of a Living Tradition

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

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GIZMO GREEN

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“This is how we build here”

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Architecture’s Biomimicry

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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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Keeping Things Going Means Healing, Not Trashing

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PLACES
NOURISHABLE
ACCESSIBLE
SERVICEABLE
SECURABLE

BUILDINGS
LOVABLE
DURABLE
FLEXIBLE
FRUGAL
NOURISHABLE PLACES

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Tightly-Embedded

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Multi-Layered

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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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EMPLOYING FARM

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Edge Yard (Front Yard)
Garden

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Courtyard Garden

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Roof or Terrace Garden

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Arbor Garden

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Wall Garden

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Balcony Garden

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Window Garden

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Accessible Places

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Walkability: Alleys

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Walkability: Porches

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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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Securable Places

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Lovable Buildings

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Beauty or Lovability?

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Beauty or Lovability?

★ Admiration
★ Action
★ Breadth

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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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Flexible Buildings

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Proximity to Street

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Simplicity of Massing

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Simplicity of Circulation

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SUSTAINABILITY and the MELTDOWN

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Be Frugal First
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

- Lovable
  - Living Codes
- Durable
  - Living Traditions
- Flexible
  - Living Traditions
- Serviceable
  - Living Traditions
- Frugal
  - Gizmo Green
LENSES

★ Value
★ Meaning
★ Delight
★ Wellness
★ Connectedness

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WELLNESS

★ Body
★ Mind
★ Spirit

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**Wellness of Body**

★ Distinction Between Wellness & Fitness
★ What We Do With Our Bodies
★ What We Put Into Our Bodies
★ Where We Put Our Bodies (in Harm’s Way?)

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Wellness of Mind

★ Distinction Between Wellness & Fitness
★ Community
★ Balance
★ Nature
★ Love

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Community

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Love

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Wellness of Spirit

★ Together and Alone
★ Doing for Others Less Fortunate
★ Denying Oneself of the Natural to Reach the Spiritual

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Contemplation Alone

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Love Your Neighbors

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Less Fortunate

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Deny Ourselves Natural Excess in Hope of the Spiritual

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