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COURTYARDS

Over the past 35 plus years, the courtyard has been a recurring theme in EDG Architects' design work.

A courtyard can be used in plan as an organizing element to build around. It can also be used to create a sense of place – for a community to gather in and identify with. A courtyard can be a space for activity or a place for quiet meditation. A courtyard is inherently sheltered by the walls around it and as a result is a secure space.

The following are among the many courtyards that EDG has designed:

Courtyards

Takoma Village

Audubon

Little River Glen

Savannah Heights

Thoreau Place

Clinton Manor

Eastern Village

Georgia Commons



Takoma Village - Typical of cohousing, living units face pedestrian spaces. At Takoma Village, the units face both "the piazza" and "the green".



Audubon - A small courtyard enclosure surrounded by apartments, this space provides a landscaped setting with outdoor 'rooms' for visiting and relaxation.



Little River Glen - The courtyard connects the four residential buildings and senior center. It provides a quiet place to meet neighbors.



Savannah Heights - This courtyard creates a secure quiet place within a high density inner city multi-family housing development. Sculpture helps to create a sense of place and unique identity.



Thoreau Place - This multi-level courtyard over a parking garage creates a place for activity and gardens. A water element connects the two levels.



Clinton Manor - The shape of the site informs the shape of the courtyard, which provides ample gathering spaces and activities for the senior residents.



Eastern Village - What was once a parking lot is now a lush urban garden and vibrant pedestrian entrance to the cohousing development.

Under Construction: Georgia Commons Residential Courtyard