

#### THE INSTITUTE OF CLASSICAL ARCHITECTURE & CLASSICAL AMERICA AND HABITAT FOR HUMANITY INTERNATIONAL:

Contextual Design for Affordable Housing in Historic Urban Neighborhoods

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### The Idea of the Classical Rebirth, Renewal & Redemption

Acanthus in Bloom Monte Palatino, Rome



Brunelleschi, Ospedale degli Innocenti, Florentia

Views of la citta ideale

### Flower City Habitat (Rochester, NY) Richard Cameron (Ariel Design/Build, NYC)

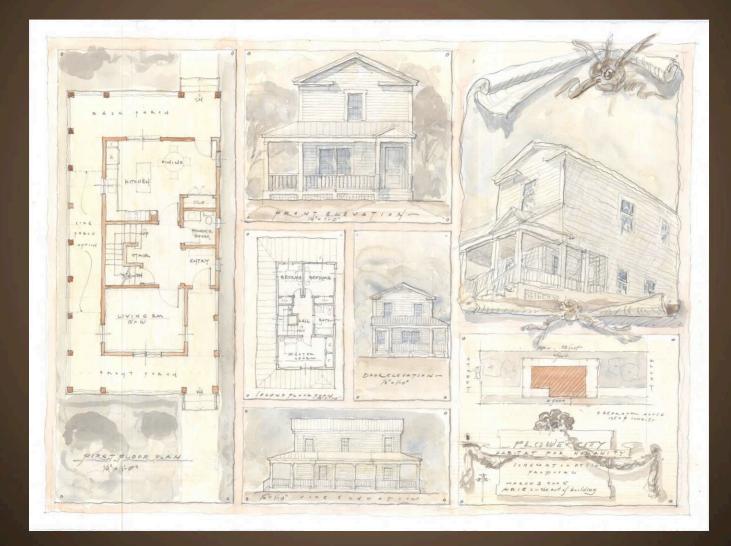




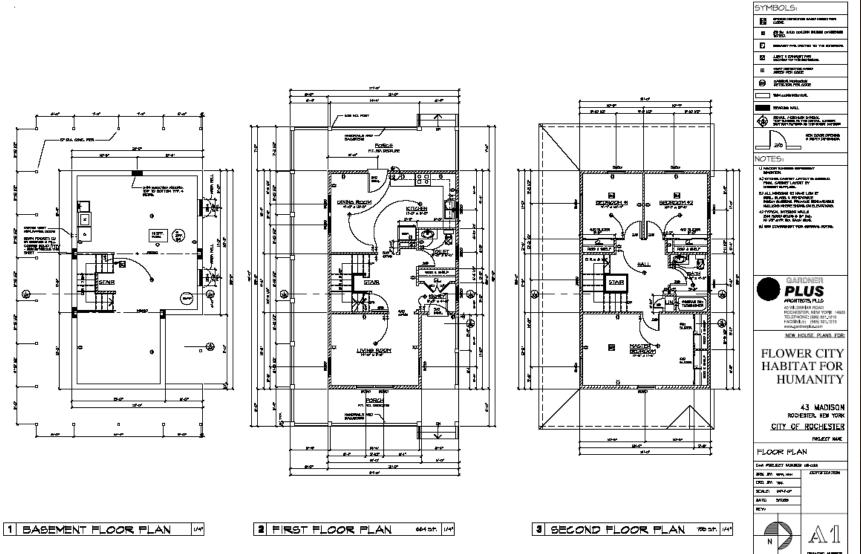
Susan B. Anthony Neighborhood

Aerial view of Rochester

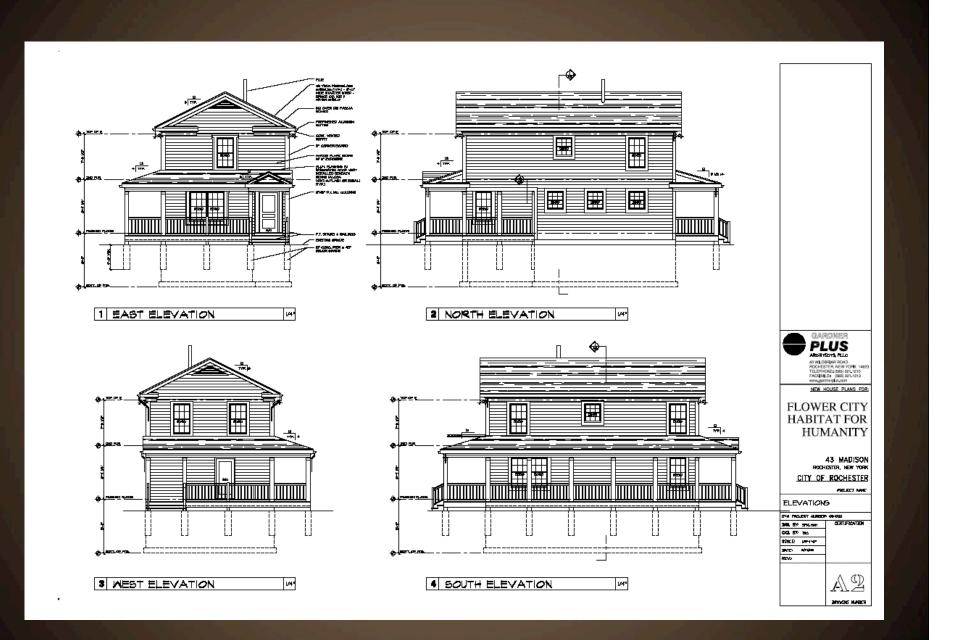
### Preliminary Scheme: Richard Cameron

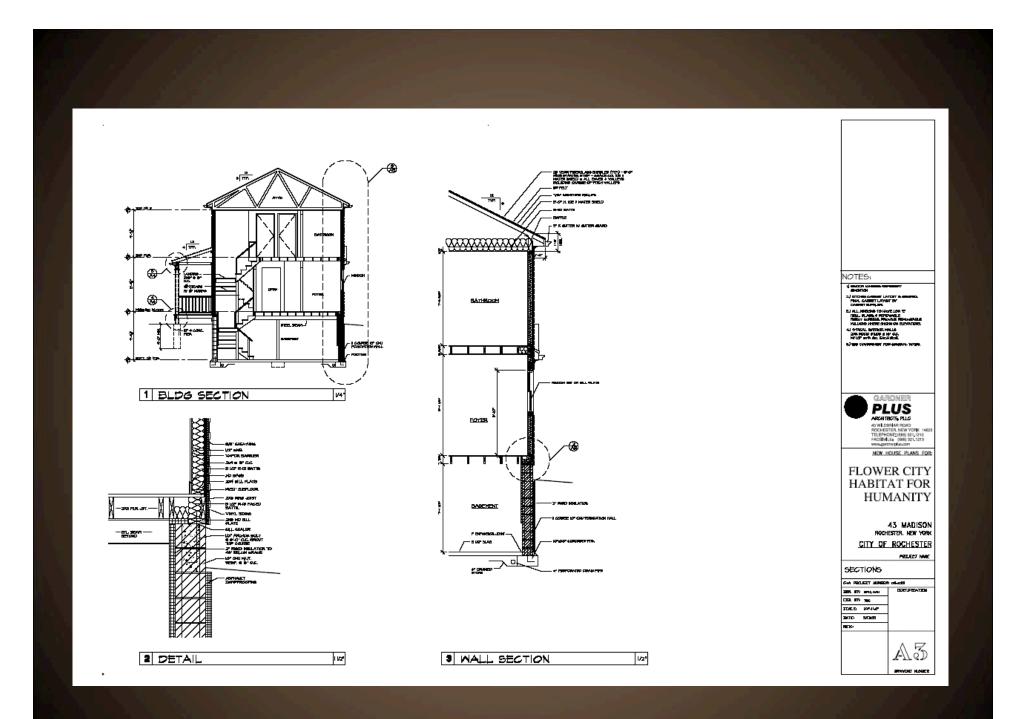


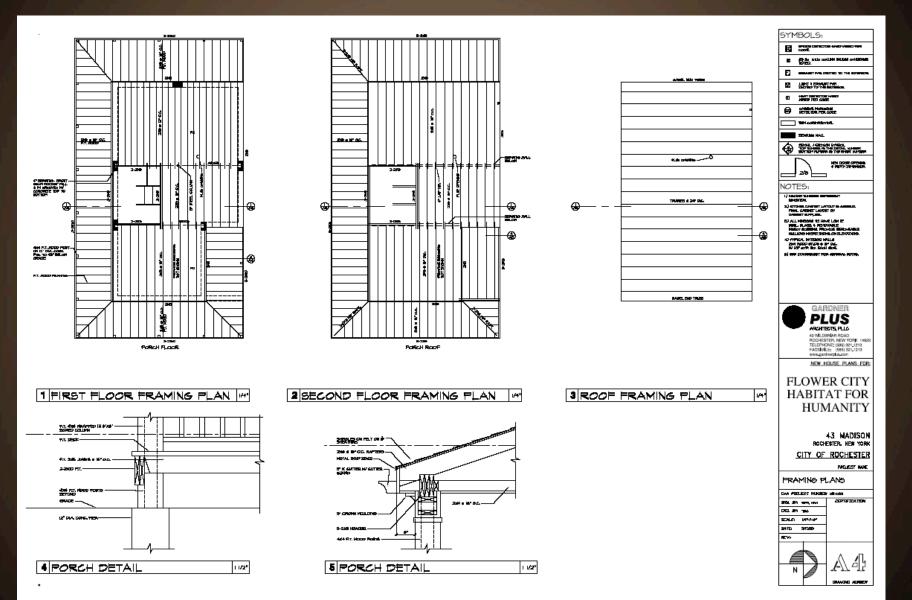
## Finished Drawings



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#### Recent Publicity

#### HOUSE

#### Shattered Glass

Andersan Corp. Isid early December, due largely to the engoing heusing slumo and steep decline in housing starts. The layoffs are based on seniority which means the layoff applies only to production workers hired after February 2000. The lavoffs took effect Jan. 2 and are at the company's Bayport, Minn., and Menomonie, Wis... operations.-S. Zurier

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Historic Fabric

the abitat for Humanity is teaming with the Institute of Classical Architecture & Classical America on a national project to build traditionally styled affordable homes in histo districts throughout the U.S. A pilot project, now undorway, involves the design and construction

Habitat for Humanity

of three model homes in Savannah, Ga., Rochester, N.Y. and Portsmouth, Va. A pattern book, to be published this winter and distributed to Habitat's L800 chapters, will showcase the three model homes, as well as other examples of outstanding affordable housing designs, -J.S.



A PIECE OF HISTORY **The Wright Stuff** Long-lost sketches inspire a modern masterpiece.

BY JENNY SULLIVAN

JOB MASSARO manmade forms. Pre-existing bought Petra Island, an rock formations on the site serve 11-acre patch of heaven across the water from as interior and exterior walls. Other hallmarks include exposed his main residence in Lake Ma-"rubblestone" footers, embedded hopac, N.Y., he imagined it as the perfect spot for a summer cottage. What the retired contractor ended up building-a 5,000-squarefoot dwelling based on sketches by Frank Lloyd Wright-is a structure that some scholars have already likened to "Fallingwater." Massaro discovered the sketches in a drawer when he bought the ceilings, and walls onto the island property in 1991 and became determined to bring them to life. In keeping with Wright's legendary aesthetic, the house from the mainland. is a marriage of natural and

Wright creation. Massaro asserts with native granite, and a 27-foot, cantilevered concrete deck that that the execution is true to juts out over the water. This deform, save a few minor adjustments. "The entire house, all the sign coup required city council easements on the normal 100way down to the furniture layout, foot lakefront setback requirehas been built to his specificaments in the building code. tions," he says, "The only thing Transporting the 150 tons of we changed was the thickness o concrete needed for floors, the walls for energy efficiency. In 20 years, people will look at this was no easy task. In winter, Mashouse and say that it's unmistak saro waited for the lake to freeze ably a Frank Lloyd Wright house. over and used gator vehicles to But to be honest, I don't care drag raw materials across the ice what they call it. I'm calling it my home '

#### GREEN FINANCING

Carbon Counting

Seattle lenders and a nonprofit establish the nation's first "carbon-neutral" mortgages. BY NIGEL F. MAYNARD

in the nation with the ability to obtain a "carbon-neutral mortgage" from local real m estate lenders. Under such programs, the lender agrees to make a donation to offset the of greenhouse gas. greenhouse gas the new home will generate in the first year.

We anticipate seeing this [type of program] in other states because it will be an appealing thing to home buyers," says Linda VerNooy, acting assis-tant director of the Seattle-based NetGreen, a nonprofit outreach group whose Portland, Ore.hased partner, Climate Trust, develops projects to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

According to NetGreen, the average home produces 18 to 20 tons of greenhouse gas per year, which is generated when electricity is produced. Under a carbon-neutral mortgage, the lending partner will make a tax-deductible contribution to NetGreen. The money will be used to fund carbon-offset projects around the country.

POUR IT ON: Joe Massaro's island house in Putnem County, N.Y., built from original sketches by Frank

Lloyd Wright, includes the requisite

cantilever over the lake. The cen-

crete porch was poured with sup-

portive 6/8-inch-thick steel cables

were torqued to 35,000 psi before

Some critics have asserted

that, because the house was built

based on sketches and not actual

blueprints, it cannot be consid-

ered a legitimate Frank Lloyd

(see page 42)

the concrete hardened completely

every 6 inches and allowed to set for 72 hours, at which point the cables

The contribution will only occur the first year of the mortgage, but the owner must pledge to THE BUYERS IN SEATTLE WILL BE THE PIEST make the contribution in the second year, in order to receive the carbon-neutral mortgage. VerNooy says the contribution works out to be about \$180 to \$200 per year, which is calculated at \$10 per ton

> Former Vice President Al Gore has suggested the creation of a carbon-neutral mortgage association to stimulate the use of new financial ins ments in the private sector by utilities, banks, and home builders as a way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

For more information on the NetGreen carbon-neutral program, visit www.achievenet green.org.





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TO BEGINNING PREVIOUS

Last week the Institute of Classical Architecture and Classical America, a nonprofit group based in New York City, and Habitat for Humanity completed the first of several low-cost houses they are collaborating on to "bring better architecture to the realm of affordable housing," said Paul Gunther, the institute's president. Although the threebedroom, 1,400- square-foot house in Rochester cost just \$90,000 (it was constructed by a volunteer crew), it has Greek Revival details that allow it to blend into the historic neighborhood, said Richard Cameron, the designer, Nilsa Rivera, 24, the local resident who was selected to live there, will move in this weekend with her 2-year-old daughter, her fiancé and her brother; in June the institute will publish "A Pattern Book for Neighborly Houses," a guide to building well-designed affordable housing. ARIC CHEN

Builder Magazine, February 2007

## Construction Progress







## Finished Product









## Inauguration



The Dedication on Saturday, 3/24/07

House from the back



New homeowner Nilsa Rivera and her family

### Washington DC Habitat for Humanity B&D Studio (NYC)

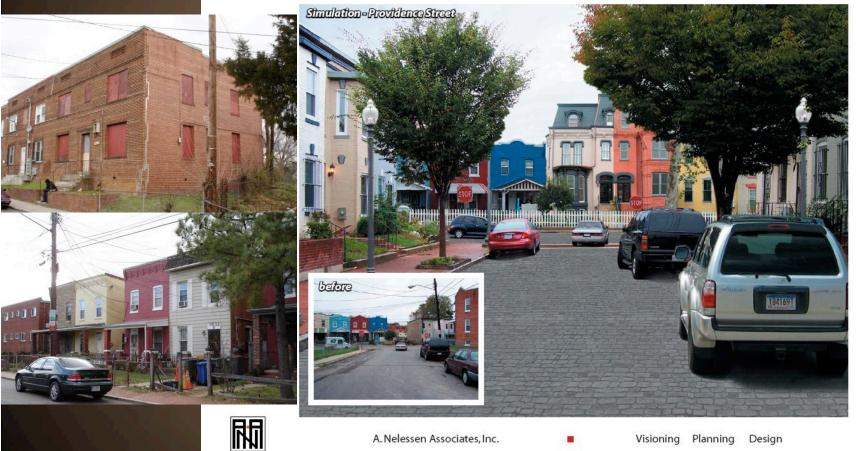
Aerial view of Washington DC



#### The Home Again Initiative

#### A Vision Plan for Ivy City, Washington, D.C.

**Design Recommendations & Guidelines** 



#### General Recommendations Housing & Commercial/Mixed-Use Design Guidelines



# Street & Parking Recommendations



### Parks & Community Facilities



#### Illustrative Plan & Habitat for Humanity Lots









Lot C

Lot B

## Lot A.1 (Free-Standing)



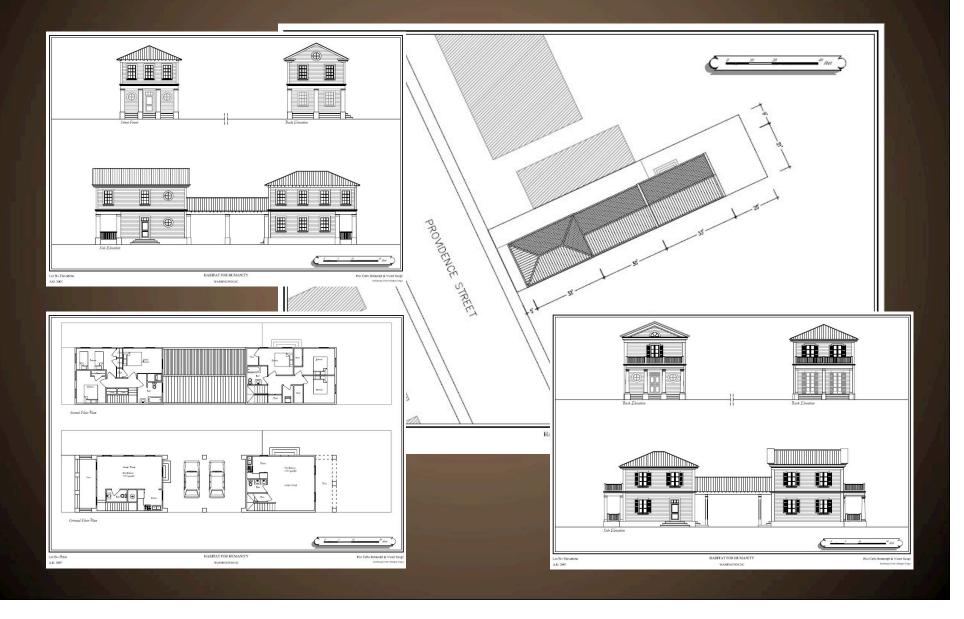
# Lot A.2 (Attached)



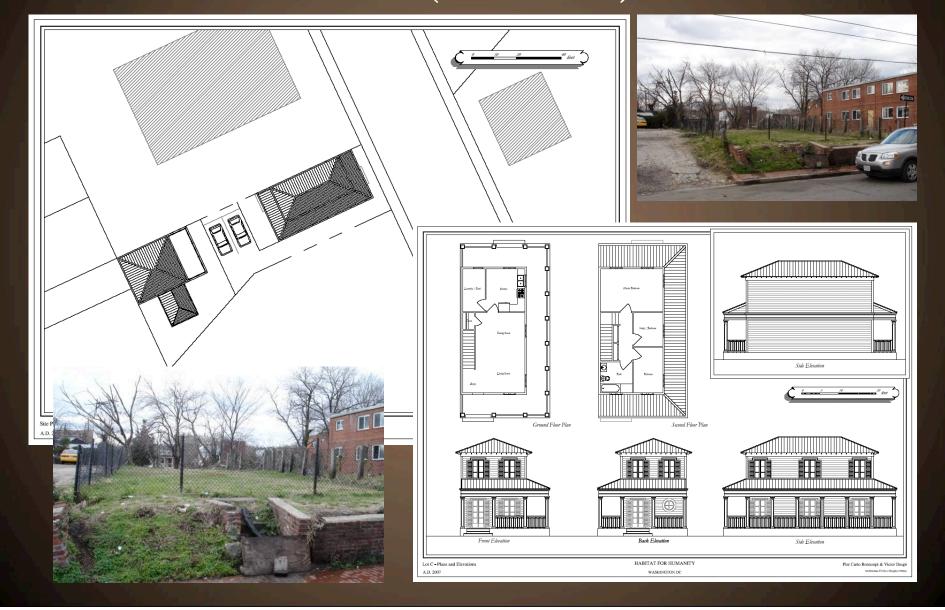
## Lot B.1 (Courtyard)



## Lot B.2 (Linear)



# Lot C (Side-Yard)



## Lot C (Carriage House)



## The Promise of Beauty

