Planned Suburban Communities
Historical Benchmarks
Isabelle Gournay, University of Maryland

1842: Cottage Residences
(Andrew Jackson Downing)

1967: New Mark Commons
Rockville, MD

Pre-Conference Panel on the Future of Suburbs
Makeover Montgomery County – Innovative Strategies for Rethinking America’s Suburbs
1853 Llewellyn Park, West Orange, N.J. (Llewellyn Haskell, Alexander Jackson Davis and al.)

“This private gated community caters to those looking for a home where neighbors know and socialize with each other, children play together, and families stroll on park-like streets among rambling lawns and parks. In Llewellyn Park a desire for privacy is respected while still offering shared amenities.”

http://www.llewellynpark.com/
1869: Riverside near Chicago (Frederic Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux)

“With its expansive green parkways, curvilinear streets, remarkable architecture, and gas-lit street lanterns there is plenty to explore and discover in the Village of Riverside.” [http://riverside.il.us](http://riverside.il.us)

Frank Lloyd Wright’s Coonley Playhouse
Shared amenities: civic, commercial, cultural and recreational.

Township Hall, Riverside, 1895

Business Block, Roland Park, Baltimore, 1897

Library, Chevy Chase, 1901

Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase
1927 Radburn, N.J.
(Clarence Stein and Henry Wright)
1937 Greenbelt, MD
(Resettlement / Farm Security Administrations)
Greenbelt’s housing types
Sustaining Greenbelt’s Legacy

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Hundreds Imagine Greenbelt’s Future at Weekend Charrette

A large group of CGB members participate in a walkthrough discussion of energy efficiencies and design possibilities for streets, buildings, and greens.
1947 Levittown, Long Island
(Levitt and Sons)

B. Kelly, *Expanding the American Dream. Building and Rebuilding Levittown, 1993*
1948-56: Twinbrook Subdivision, Rockville, MD

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1960’s: Levitt
1936: Falkland Chase Apartments, Silver Spring, MD
(Federal Housing Administration)
1962: Wheaton House Apartments, Silver Spring
Calvary Lutheran Church.
Silver Spring

Cedar Lane Unitarian Church, Bethesda
Wheaton Youth Center
1967: New Mark Commons, Rockville, MD
(Edmund Bennett developer, Keyes Lethbridge & Condon architects)

Connector street dead-ended

Unbuilt “Village Commons”