

Metro Fund Reveals New-Town Design

A bold and imaginative alternative to the urban suburban housing crisis has been proposed in the design study for a "paired new-town" community which would be developed in Detroit and a suburban location simultaneously and under a single development authority.

The study, "Regional New-Town Design, A Paired Community for Southeast Michigan," was released by the Metropolitan Fund, Inc., the research organization which conducted the study on behalf of the State of Michigan.

A \$1 billion, largely private venture to be developed over a 20-year span, the "paired new-town" would provide housing for 100,000 people and create new jobs for 40,000 of the residents. Some 75,000 of the residents would live in a suburban component of the community, 25,000 in the Detroit component.

The study identifies nine potential sites within Detroit and 10 on the suburban fringe, recommending that two of these sites be "paired" in a prototype development.

The 10 suburban suggestions are much like those suggested by TALUS (Transportation and Land Use Study), previously reported by Observer Newspapers. They are:

- Wayne County -- the Belleville area and down-river Carlton Township (two).

- Oakland County -- Novi, White Lake Township, the Orion-Independence area, and Oakland Township (four).

- Washtenaw County -- Chelsea and the Northfield-Salem Township area (two).
- Macomb County -- New Baltimore and the City of St. Clair (two).

The study was directed by Dr. Hubert Locke, of Wayne

State University, who headed a team of local and national planners, social scientists, political scientists and economists who created the final design. The study was conducted at the request of Gov. Milliken, utilizing funding from HUD, the Kresge Foundation and Metropolitan Fund.

THE CONCEPT of a "paired new-town" was originated by the Metropolitan Fund as an attempt to "make certain that future urban growth--both physical and economic--takes into account the needs of both the cities and the suburbs, so that one is not expanded and enhanced at the expense of the other."

In a supportive statement preceding the report, a special policy committee of the Metropolitan Fund points out that "a competitive relationship between peripheral development and central city rebuilding would be pointless...there is not sufficient space in the city to house the region's future population growth."

"There must be peripheral development to accommodate the quantity of future growth, and there must be central city rebuilding to enhance the quality of that future growth. Selfish competition between the two necessities could cause both to fail. Rather, the two must be joined." The proposed paired community would do so.

In a social proposal described by the policy committee as having "much vision in its broad seeking of a better quality life style for the future," the report recommends sweeping changes in the delivery of social services within the paired community.

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The physical planning team forecasts the need for an in-town site of 600-2,000 acres and an out-town site with some 8,000 acres. The central city component would be a single community of 25,000 residents, while the suburban component would be a trio of "villages" of 25,000 each, clustered into a "town" setting. A rapid transit system would link the two sites, with "people mover" transportation technology operating within the two components.

The team of political scientists recommends that the paired new-town be developed by a special development district, created by state legislation. The resulting paired community would then be governed by a matching special service district. Each of the mechanisms would cover the two sites of the paired concept.

Copies of "Regional New-Town Design, A Paired Community for Southeast Michigan" are available at a cost of \$3.75 from the Metropolitan Fund, Inc., 211 West Fort St., Detroit, Mich. 48225.



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