Suburban living offers a number of features which are viewed by many as a more desirable way of life for oneself and their family than residing in an urban neighborhood. Cheap and spacious homes are scattered in a seemingly endless development, carving the land into a grid pattern as far as the eye can see. But this has its downsides. Coupled with contemporary zoning ordinances which segregate the functions of the city, the majority of citizens are forced to rely on the automobile as the primary, and sometimes only, form of transportation which leads to a series of social and environmental problems including obesity and pollution.

In order to mitigate the effects of suburban sprawl in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the project focuses on the urban development of the West Bank area as the center of community living and residential architecture. The project sets in motion a series of small residential buildings and mixed-use buildings which come together to form a collective city space. These buildings are designed to accommodate social interaction, and the site itself is comprised of small plots which connect to the local city but also as well as the new street network line which connects the city of Minneapolis to the surrounding suburban area.

Unit Four: 1 Bedroom Dwelling
- 4 Bedroom Dwelling
- 2 Bedroom Dwelling
- 1 Bedroom Dwelling
- Efficiency Dwelling

Third Floor
- First Floor
- Ground Level

The residential units are designed to be an alternative housing model in suburban residential design. These residential structures are subordinated to a superstructure of steel columns that define horizontal living spaces. Each dwelling unit is comprised of units which serve additional depth to the living space, allowing for additional outdoor spaces that overlook the surrounding city and provide views out toward the community and surrounding city. On the top floor of each unit the inhabitants have additional outdoor spaces that are divided by the expanse walls and wooden decks which can open up to one another in order to maintain privacy with the option of open interaction with neighboring units. A series of small openings and windows throughout the building allow for additional opportunities for social gatherings and community interaction.