SMALL CHANGE

A participatory pattern of inhabitation in Midden-Delfland



Johannes Henrik Weissenbruch, Landscape with windmills near Schiedam, 1873 Boymans Van Beuningen museum, Rotterdam



Unknown, part of exhibition The beauty of: Midden-Delfland, 2022 Haags Gemeentemuseum, Den Haag





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New comers interviewed by the author









"Standard components, attached by standard connections are assembled by workers and crane operators, who know nothing about the houses, have no feeling about what is going to happen in them, and cannot possibly adapt the details of construction to fit the needs of the inhabitants."

Christopher Alexander, A Pattern Language, 1977

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Participatory development



Housing as a service



Housing to bridge generations



Permanent affordability in De Zweth



New Ecology



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Unknown, inhabitants working on the Builder's Yard in Mexicali, 1973.



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Tema 6, Constantinos Doxiadis, 1960, Tema, Accra Ghana • • •





Chapter I: Typology Mix

Floorplan concept Unit types



Typology Mix







Unit





Cluster



Masterplan































































Basic unit


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Belapur, Charles Correa, 1983, Navi Mumbai, India



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Solanda, Nabeel Hamdi, 1989, Quito, Equador

38 Tool diagram

Chapter II: Aggregation

Cluster design Distribution of common areas



Aggregation



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Aggregation































Mexicali, Christopher Alexander, 1975, Mexico

Chapter III: Community Core

Masterplan Growth strategy











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De Zweth before Small Change

buildable area

number of inhabitants

number of households

average income

current density

average unit size

average age of an inhabitant

current floor space index FSI

current ground space index GSI

households with more than 2 members

As of January 2024, the current state of the occupation is based on Google Earth Pro satellite imagery. However, accurately mapping the state of housing is possible due municipality information found online.

Basic information about De Zweth according to my knowledge in 2023. Sources: own fieldwork, Google Earth aerial view, allchart.info, 2023.

2500 m²

52 units/km

40 years old

2100 - 4300

21 units/km

100m²

0.75

0.24

150

70%

De Zweth after Small Change

total area	750 m ²
buildable area	60%
possible number of inhabitants min. max.	62 350
possible number of households min. max.	40 244
average density	35 units/km
average density average unit size	35 units/km 50m²
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Chapter IV: Self-Development

Single unit erection Microfinancing strategy



Tsurumaki Estate -3, Hideki Kobayashi, 1985, Tokyo, Japan



1. FORMING COMMUNITY LAND TRUST COOPERATIVE

Future inhabitants become legal entity registered as a cooperative based on rules:

- The formation of Cooperative must happen on the basis of Community Land Trust organization to prevent from property cost increase associated with incremental growth based on the resale formula
- Most economically disadvantaged people get housing first
- Individual increments can be added only with properties of individual dwellings.

2. ORGANIZING FUNDS

The cooperative applies for loan in the bank, joined credit score allows for sufficient amount. The loan shall be spend on building materials as well as legal and technical advice.

3. LAND LEASE

The land is leased to the cooperative by the government. This way the rent per singular unit is decreased.





4. PILOT UNIT DESIGN

Members of the community meet with architect and engineer to discuss design of 4 basic unit types. The users can decide upon number of units, clustering methods, and which units types should be first build based on the demand within the cooperative community.





5. ERECTING SUPPORT

The support is erected by experienced contractors. Due to repetitive nature of support it can be erected rapidly and efficiently. The cooperative community supervises the growth.

STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS





6. ERECTING INFILL PHASE I

At this point users are welcome to engage in their own developments. They can design facade within predefined framework of support and panel options with assistance of an architect.

STAKEHOLDER ANALYSIS





7. ERECTING INFILL PHASE II

Once inhabitants settle the infill, they can rent the newly divided spaces. This way they can earn back any additional expenses such as materials purchase etc as the payment for infill falls onto individual inhabitants in order to prevent speculations.





8. EARNING BACK THE EXPENSES

Each inhabitant is obliged to share a part of the income with the cooperative to cover the expenses such as bank lease, materials for structure and skin or legal and technical advice. The amount should be low as, let's say, each inhabitant owes 2% of the total expense however, in case they decide to leave the cooperative before paying back then, the cooperative is going to rent the entire property of the ex-inhabitant to cover the expenses. If the inhabitant pays back the entire sum then the cooperative shall buy the property from the user. The price includes both shares of the basic unit as well as any cost of any improvements that were done by the inhabitants, which allows them to earn greater profit.





9. ERECTING INCREMENTS

Once the resident earns money through renting the infill, they can extend the unit by 1 or 2 floors to rent or sell the increment further. The increments remain private property of the residents.





10. PREVENTION OF PRICE INCREASE. COMMUNITY LUND TRUST SCHEME.

In case the cooperative wants to welcome new inhabitants, it must be provided that the price of property doesn't increase. Such increase could be motivated by 2 factors: 1. Market prices. 2. Extended property footprint as a result of incremental development. The basic part of the house is built and shared by the cooperative members, so for the new inhabitant to own it, they have to buy shares. However, individual increments shall remain individual property to avoid speculations. In case an inhabitant moves out the part that was extended by them is sold to the cooperative based on market prices, the cooperative can keep on renting the extended part to gain income proportionally. However, if the new inhabitant wants to own the increments then they have 2 options to buy it from the cooperative: 1. Buy shares of the increment to maintain lower cost and shared ownership, 2. Buy based on the resale formula to obtain private ownership of the increment and sell it to the cooperative in the future to gain profit.







Quinta Monroy, Elemental, 2002, Iquique, Chile



Adelaide Road, Nabeel Hamdi, 1971, London, England



Chapter V: Support-infill

Building technology Climate Water strategy


















Support-Infill

































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+741 CO_2 kg/m²









































"A decade ago we were stuck in an ideology, in which self-expression and the originality of the architect were declared sacred. For a long time that was the very cornerstone of the profession. (...) Now, happily, there is a revival of interest in the question that we posed about the communal system, in which everyone is personally free."

John Habraken OASE , 2011