

John Nolen's Influence Today

*New Urbanism in the National Spotlight

SEASIDE, FLORIDA

The new town of Seaside in Florida launched the New Urbanism movement in the 1980s. The design firm Duany Plater-Zyberk created a town center and surrounding residential streets - with a plan that recalled John Nolen's work in Venice, Florida and Kingsport, Tennessee.



"The New Urbanists have resurrected Nolen's vision."

- Prof. Bruce Stephenson, Rollins College



CELEBRATION

The most famous New Urbanism project in Florida is Celebration, developed in Florida by the Disney Company.

Today's hottest trend in city-building is "New Urbanism" - also called "Traditional Neighborhood Development." Carefully planned streets and parks, tree-lined sidewalks, and walkable town centers hark back to John Nolen's era.

*New Urbanism around Charlotte

Over a dozen New Urbanism projects are under construction in fast-growing Charlotte today - more than in any other U.S. metropolitan region, experts say.

Baxter, Vermillion, Birkdale, Harrisburg Town Center, Phillips Place, Aysrley, First Ward, Cornelius Town Center, the New Neighborhood in Old Davidson...



BIRKDALE VILLAGE

At Birkdale Village, off I-77 exit 25 north of Charlotte, a shop-lined park draws thousands of strolling visitors. Residents live above the stores or in apartments a short walk away.

Birkdale Village takes inspiration from "walkable town centers" created by John Nolen and others back in the 1910s - a radical break from the strip shopping centers that dominate today's suburbia.



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www.villageofbaxter.com

"Nolen's work still resonates because he integrated European and American design traditions to create a balanced and ethical planning system."
- Prof. Bruce Stephenson, Rollins College

*Learning from Nolen



VERMILION, NC

Vermillion, on the east edge of Huntersville, consciously borrows ideas from John Nolen.

Can you find:

- Greenway park?
- Walkable town center?
- Residential streets curved in harmony with the land?



At the heart of the Vermillion town center is a "pinwheel square," a favorite Nolen idea. Note how the streets meet unpredictably - increasing the visual interest.



Drawings for the next phase of Vermillion call for planting rows of trees along a boulevard - inspired by Queens Road West in Myers Park.

"Walkable, beautiful, smart"
The Storm Club honoring Vermillion, 2000



JOHN NOLEN: Neighborhood-Maker

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