## RESILIENT HOUSING + INCREMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

**SMALL-SCALE, BIG-DEAL** 

#### WHO IS KRONBERG WALL?











We believe walkable areas with existing infrastructure are the easiest targets for quick and cost-effective antidotes to **SPRAWL**.

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## UNDERSTANDING INFILL HOUSING BARRIERS

#### THE COMMON ROADBLOCKS

1. OUTDATED CODES AND ORDINANCES

Current zoning and land-use regulations create significant barriers for these small developments.

2. REQUIRING EACH DEVELOPMENT TO COVER PUBLIC GOODS

Requiring smaller developments to individually fulfill regulations such as open space, parking, street improvements, and stormwater is prohibitively expensive and disincentivizes density.

3. LONG-STANDING PERCEIVED SCARCITY

Communities are often fearful of proposing increased density due to perceived scarcity of resources such as road capacity and good schools.

# "WHY" RECOGNIZE THE HISTORY OF ZONING + THE IMPLICATIONS



## **EQUITY MATTERS.**

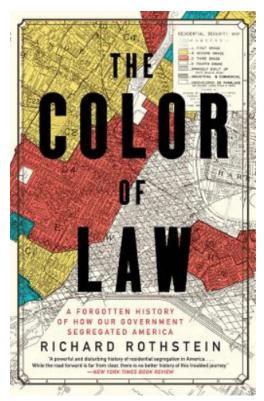
We need to talk honestly about the impact of suburban and singlefamily-only zoning on affordability, accessibility, and long-term viability of our communities.

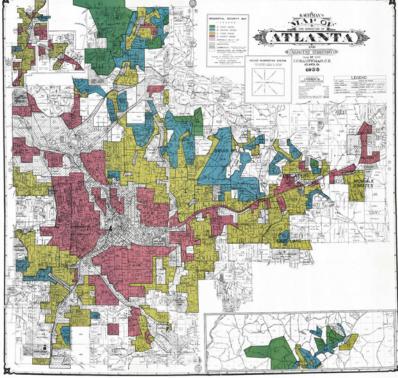
#### SINGLE FAMILY-ONLY ZONING IS EXCLUSIONARY



SINGLE FAMILY-ONLY ZONING IS GENERALLY PERCEIVED AS VIRTUOUS AND HEALTHY, **BUT** IT ALSO...

- PREVENTS DIVERSE HOUSING CHOICES
- CREATES UNNECESSARY SCARCITIES
- REDUCES WALKABILITY AND PROMOTES CAR TRIPS





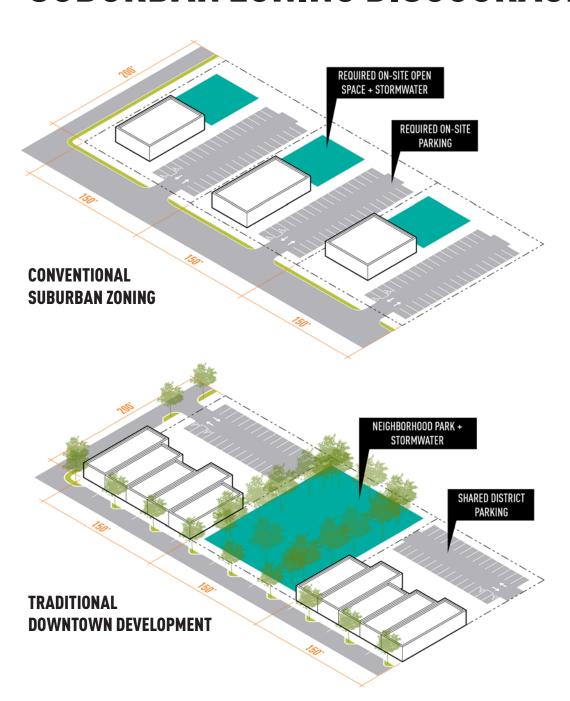
At it's very core, single family zoning is racist, classist, and exclusionary. It was used from the 1950s until now in concert with redlining to separate classes and races of people. Limiting mixes of uses and requiring large minimum lot sizes are just a few ways this is still used.

THE COLOR OF LAW RICHARD ROTHSTEIN

1938 CITY OF ATLANTA RACIAL ZONING MAP HOME OWNER LOAN CORPORATION

#### SUBURBAN ZONING DISCOURAGES ACCESSIBILITY





## INCREASED INFRASTRUCTURE + DEVELOPMENT COSTS





#### DECREASED AFFORDABILITY, ACCESS, + DIVERSITY

By requiring each development to meet it's own parking, stormwater, and open space requirements, development necessarily results in large lots with seas of parking and retention. This sprawling development erodes walkability, increases infrastructure costs to the city, and reduces valuable property tax dollars per acre—overall this results in communities that are **not economically viable**.

#### WALKABLE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE ECOSYSTEMS



#### **NEIGHBORHOOD AMENITIES**

TREME, NEW ORLEANS



**ECOSYSTEMS** ARE CONSTANTLY EVOLVING AND ADAPTING.

OUR RULES NEED TO ALLOW FOR THIS **NATURAL EVOLUTION** FOR NEIGHBORHOODS.

Neighborhoods are subject to a range of dynamic forces, particularly unsettled/transitioning ones. Understanding and engaging in a range of areas is important, including housing, wellness, education and crime prevention.

#### PEOPLE HABITATS ARE COMPLEX SYSTEMS



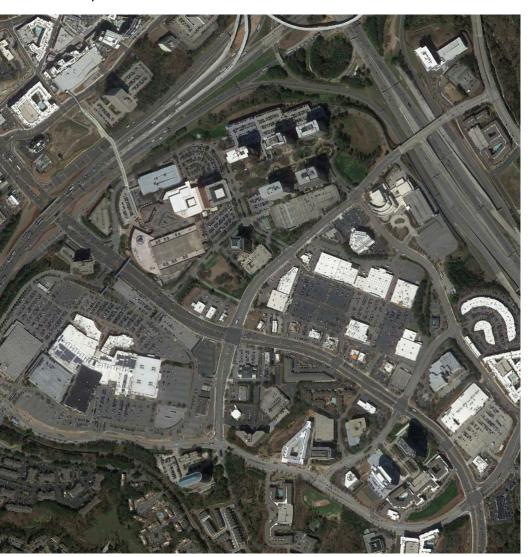


#### **INCREMENTAL DEVELOPMENT MATTERS**



#### **SUBURBAN EUCLIDEAN ZONING**

LINEAR, RIGID RULES



#### HISTORIC, INCREMENTAL DEVELOPMENT

DYNAMIC SYSTEM RESPONSES WITH LIMITED GUIDELINES

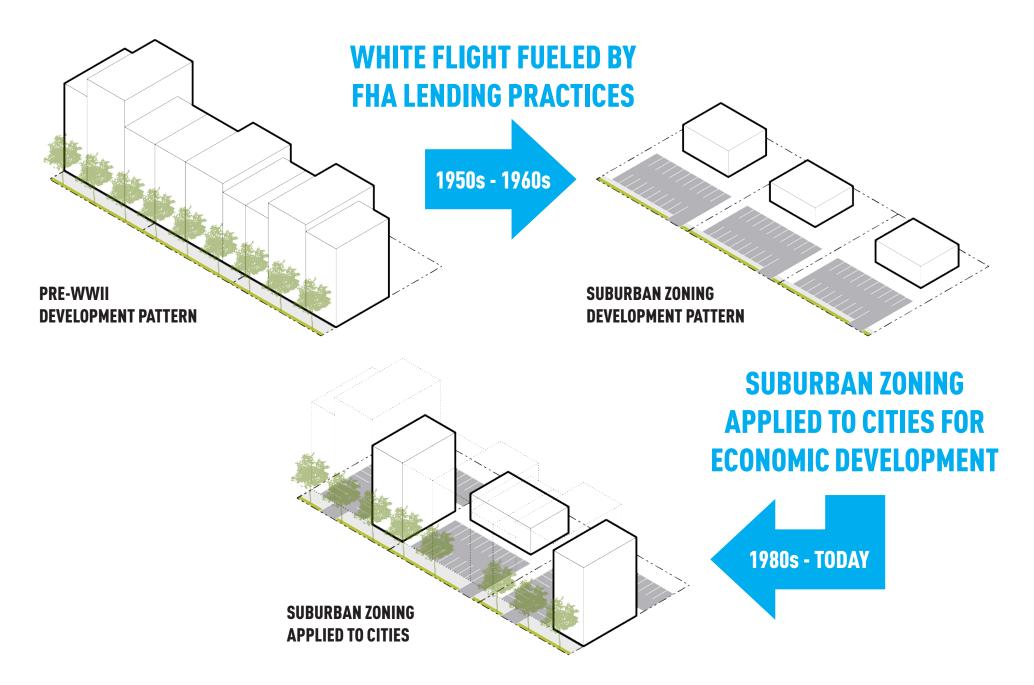


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#### WHY CITIES ADOPTED SUBURBAN ZONING







# "WHERE" STRATEGIC LOCATIONS FOR POLICY CHANGE



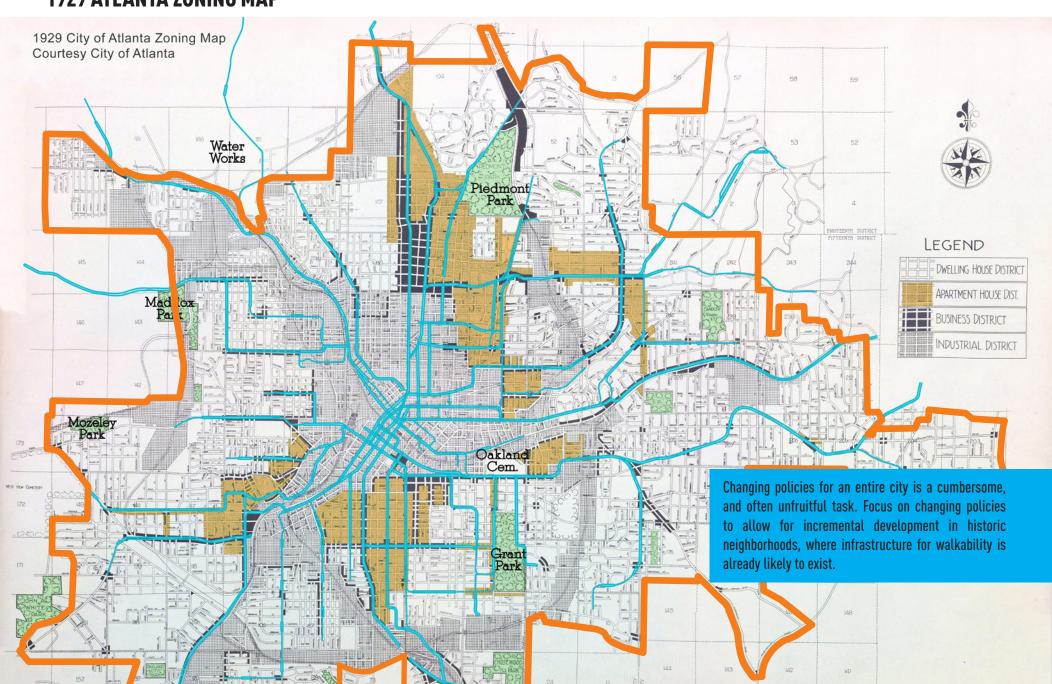
## **ACCESS MATTERS.**

We need to focus on increasing our housing choice and housing diversity in areas where access to daily needs is car optional.

### 1929 MATTERS: THE ORIGINAL TOD



#### **1929 ATLANTA ZONING MAP**

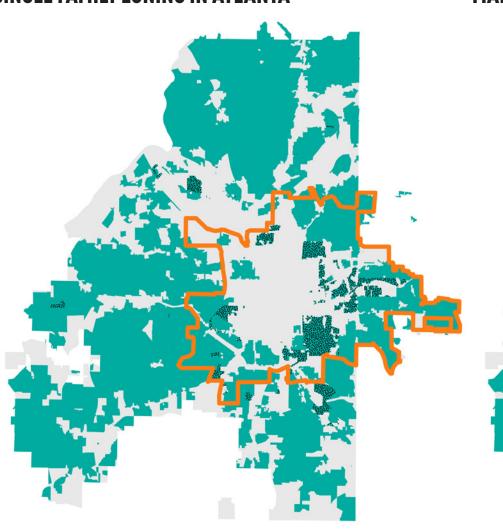


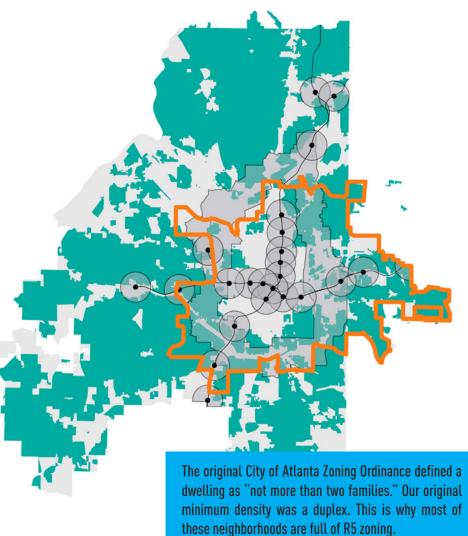
#### **CONTEXT MATTERS: MOBILITY IN ATLANTA**





#### MARTA STATIONS + BELTLINE OVERLAY ZONE





R1-R4 (single family only)

R5 (duplex and ADUs allowed)

Transit Walk Shed (1/2 mile)



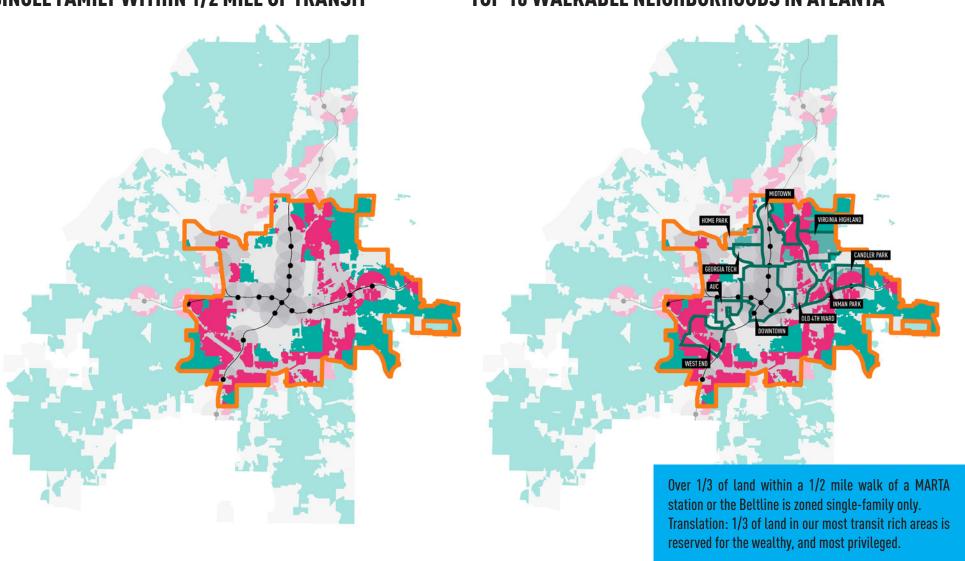
1929 City of Atlanta boundary

#### **CONTEXT MATTERS: MOBILITY IN ATLANTA**



#### **SINGLE FAMILY WITHIN 1/2 MILE OF TRANSIT**

#### **TOP 10 WALKABLE NEIGHBORHOODS IN ATLANTA**









10 most walkable neighborhoods (rated via walkscore)

Single Family Zoning within Transit Walk Shed

#### 1929 MATTERS: ALLOWABLE HOUSING TYPES



USE HISTORIC ZONING AS A TOOL TO EXPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS OF HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOODS THAT PEOPLE LOVE

### REMEMBER ATLANTA'S TOP 10 WALKABLE NEIGHBORHOODS?

All of those, with the exception of Downtown, have lots of single family housing. But, they are not exclusively single family housing—that is what makes them so great, walkable and inclusive.

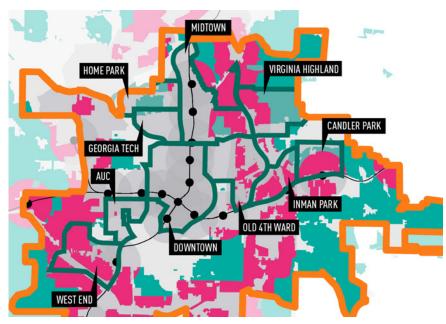
#### **GUESS WHAT?**

All of these neighborhoods were built before zoning went into effect, meaning they all have tons of existing nonconforming MMH.

#### **GUESS WHAT ELSE?**

The original City of Atlanta Zoning Ordinance defined a dwelling as "not more than two families." Our original minimum density was a duplex in all residential areas! This is why most of those neighborhoods are full of R5 zoning.

#### **TOP 10 WAKLABLE NEIGHBORHOODS**



#### 1929 ATLANTA ZONING ORDINANCE

- (k) A "family" is any number of individuals living and cooking together on the premises as a single housekeeping unit.
- (1) A "dwelling" is a building arranged, intended or designed to be occupied by not more than two families living independently of each other and doing their own cooking upon the premises.
- (m) An "apartment house" is a building arranged, intended or designed to be occupied by three or more families living independently of each other and doing their own cooking upon the premises or by three or more individuals or groups of individuals living independently but having a common heating system and a general dining room.



## "WHAT" IDENTIFY POLICIES THAT SHOULD BE RECONSIDERED



## SCALE MATTERS.

If the mass and scale of the development is equal to singlefamily, then proposals will be more acceptable to communities good design and small lots ensure neighborhood compatibility.



## HOUSING CHOICE MATTERS.

It is important to understand that walkable/diverse/affordable/resilient neighborhoods cannot be **single-family-only** neighborhoods.



## **DESIGN MATTERS.**

## Good design allows neighborhoods to maintain single-family character while offering housing choice options.



SINGLE FAMILY

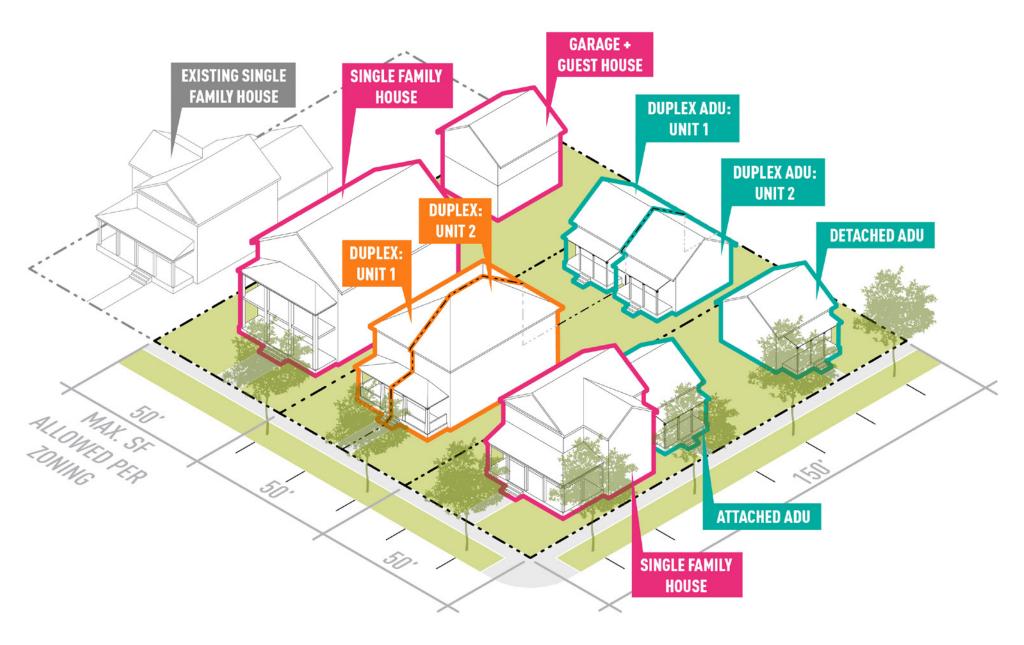
4-6 PLEX

DUPLEX + DADU

AKA "TRI-PI FX"

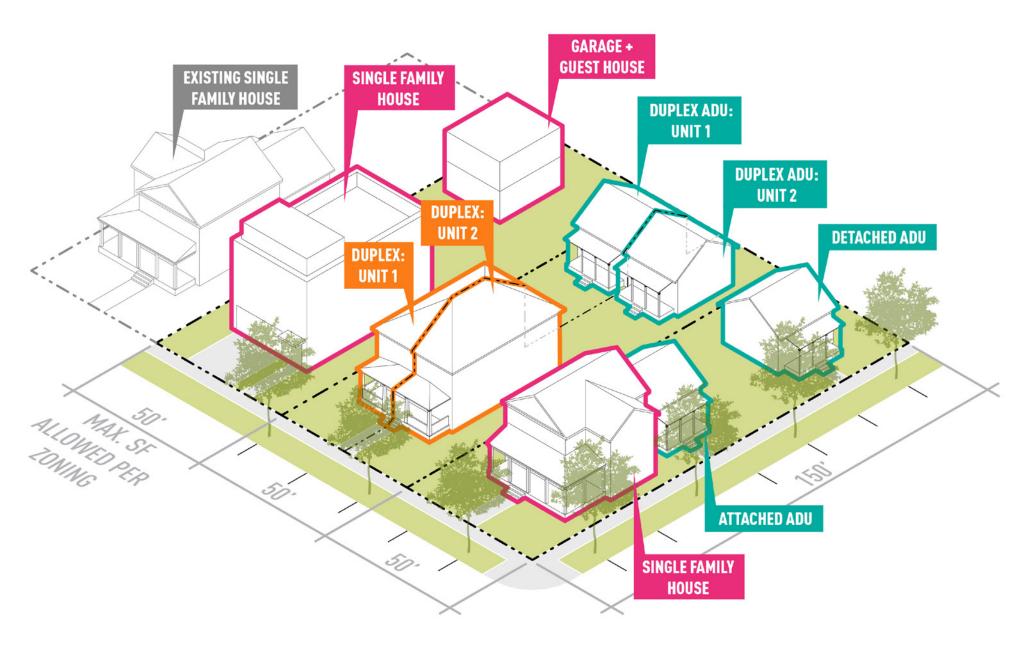
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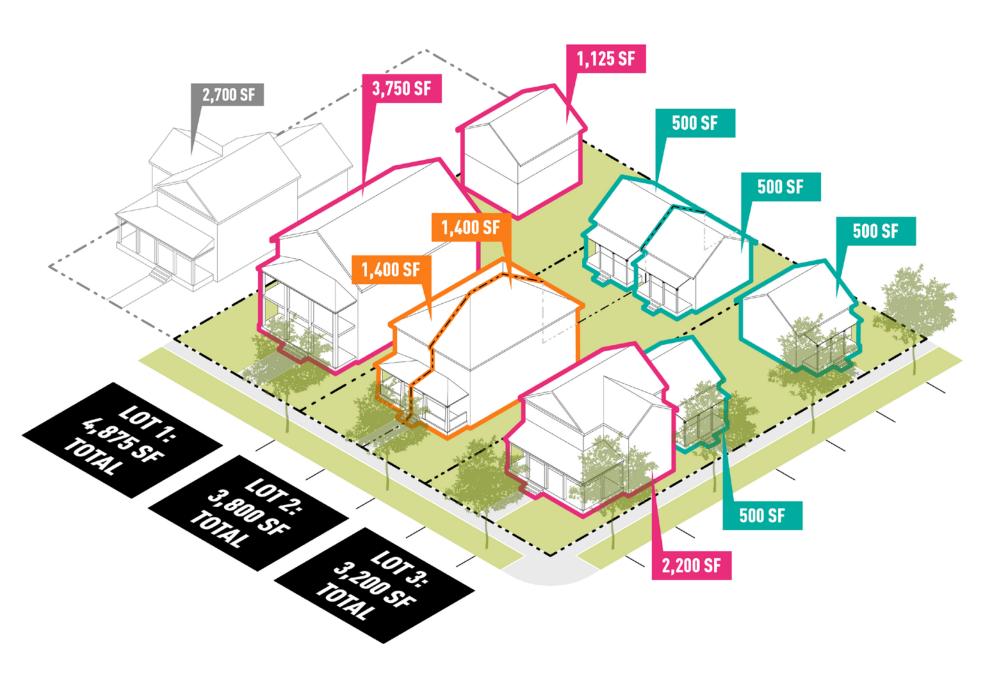
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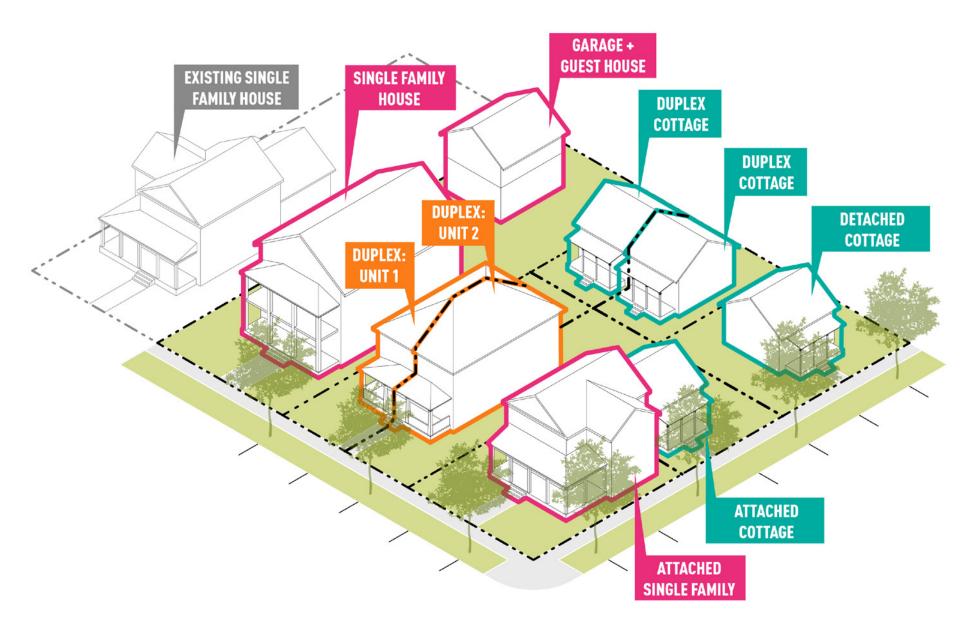
#### **DESIGN MATTERS: DEVELOPMENT SIZE**





### **DESIGN MATTERS: LOT SUBDIVISION**





## ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS A DESIGN STRATEGY FOR INFILL HOUSING



## **ACCESSORY DWELLING UNITS**

#### **WHAT**

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) are called many things: guest houses, granny flats, tiny houses. ADUs can be <u>detached</u> or <u>attached</u>, but must be 'accessory' to a primary unit on a lot.

#### WHY

ADUs are a great, low-barrier way to provide affordable housing variety in Single Family neighborhoods. They can be used by the owner as a guest house, nanny suite, or place for their older kids, rented out as separate units, or they can be AirBnB'd—all great options for supplemental income.

#### **DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES**



- FINDING AN ARCHITECT THAT UNDERSTANDS ZONING
- 2. FINDING A CONTRACTOR
- FINDING TIME IN YOUR LIFE TO LEARN ZONING AND PERMITTING
- FINDING TIME IN YOUR LIFE TO BECOME A PROJECT MANAGER
- 5. SECURING FUNDING IF HELOC IS NOT AN OPTION

#### ATLANTA ADU CO.







#### **DETACHED ADU // ATLANTA ADU CO.**





#### 1 BEDROOM / 1 BATH

440 SF WITH 75 SF PORCH \$107,000 / \$127,000 DESIGN/PERMIT/BUILD

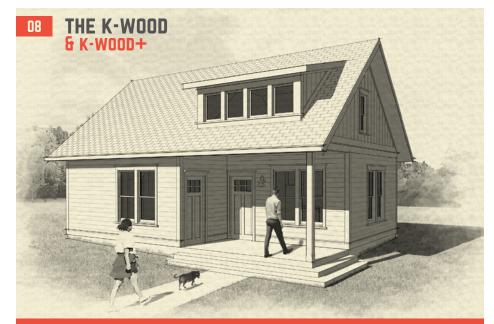
Named after the home of ATL ADU Co, the Reynoldstown is an efficient accessory dwelling unit with a bedroom (with closet), full bathroom, galley kitchen, and living room all in a compact 440 SF footprint. Large windows are placed to deliver as much natural light as possible to the interior and facilitate natural ventilation when weather permits. The R-Town has a lot to offer in a small footprint, which also helps to accommodate challenging lot conditions.



#### NOT INCLUDED CONTINGENCIES:

- Tree removal- Est.\$1,600-\$2,000 per occurrence
- Sanitary Plumbing Lift Station-\$1,410
- Excessive Grading Situations- Est. \$900- \$1,400
- Zoning Variance Assistance-\$1,500
- Demolition of any required Existing Structures- Est. \$3,000- \$8,000

All contingencies will be identified at the end of the Feasibility and Investigation Phase



#### 2 BEDROOM / 2 BATH

644 SF WITH 105 SF PORCH \$143,000 / \$163,000 DESIGN/PERMIT/BUILD

Inspired by Atlanta's abundance of American Craftsman bungalows, the K-Wood features two bedrooms, each with separate bathroom and storage space. A kitchen and living room open onto a deep covered porch. Generous windows provide natural light and ventilation through the interior, and the galley kitchen offers plenty of room for prep and appliances. With a footprint only slightly larger than the R-Town and two exterior entry doors, the K-Wood offers an ideal setup for Airbnb rental, aging parents, and/or a long-term rental.



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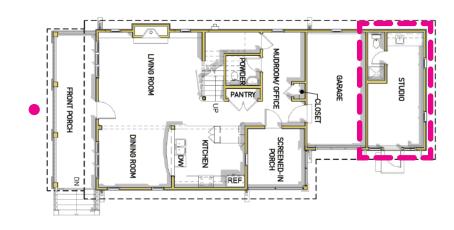
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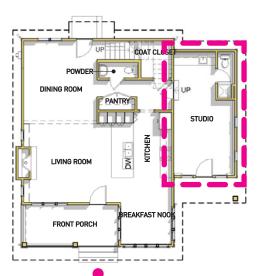
### **ATTACHED ADU // LAFRANCE WALK**











#### **KEY TAKEAWAYS**



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#### **REQUIRES ZONING UPDATES**

Accessory Dwelling Units should be allowed in all residental zoning districts—particularly in older, more walkable neighborhoods.

2.

### **ADDS DENSITY, MAINTAINS CHARACTER**

PRIMARY STRUCTURE + AADU + DADU = UP TO 3 UNITS/LOT Accessory Dwelling Units allow density to be doubled or tripled while maintaining the street-front character of existing single-family homes.

# WHAT CAN WE DO TO ENSURE WALKABLE, INCLUSIVE NEIGHBORHOODS TODAY?

#### **LOBBY LIST**



- 1. ALLOW ADUS IN R-4 ZONING DISTRICTS
- ALLOW R-4 AND R-5 LOTS TO HAVE AN AADU AND DADU ON ONE PROPERTY
- REFORM LOT SUBDIVISION STANDARDS
  TO ALLOW FOR COTTAGE LOTS
- CREATE REVOLVING LOAN PROGRAM TO FUND ADU AND COTTAGE CONSTRUCTION



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