

Competition Program

The competition is open to everyone everywhere. Professional licensure or certification is not a requirement for participation. Competition entrants will need to research “Missing Middle” Housing typologies and design a proposed “Missing Middle” Michigan Housing solution that would achieve medium-density yields and provide high-quality, cost-effective, marketable options between the scales of single-family homes and mid-rise apartments. They are to be designed to meet the needs of society’s shifting demographics and are therefore a key component to achieving a diverse neighborhood character once developed. For further information refer to the included “Missing Middle” Housing diagram.

Proposed design solutions should be appropriate for the context of the selected site and in accordance with the CNU *Charter of the New Urbanism*, and specifically Transect Zones T4 or T5 (also known as Context Zones C-4 and C-5). Designs are to reflect a regional vernacular character and be contextually sensitive. An emphasis should be placed on regional materials that have been utilized in Michigan’s communities and exhibit characteristics that define residential architecture in Michigan. The sponsoring organizations are most interested in demonstrating how affordable and creative design solutions can spur economic development, enhance communities, support local placemaking, encourage sustainability, promote human well being, and improve the quality of life in our existing neighborhoods.