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Increasing sustainability through “pocket neighborhoods”

[Clustering compact homes around common areas](#) is far from a new idea - but some of that approach’s benefits are just now becoming apparent.

Seven bold projects

Urban parks, large-scale bike sharing, an “emerald necklace” around Atlanta, and four more [big ideas](#) which will help reshape their communities.

Shorter commutes, more walkable neighborhoods, and greater innovation

Those are three of the Urban Land Institute’s [predictions for change](#) in our cities and culture.

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