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## The value of vacant lots

[Some possible positive effects](#) of repurposing unused urban land.

## Fronts and backs and harmony

[Thoughts](#) on how the public and private faces of homes and other buildings might interact.

## “Designing to belong”

[One architect’s approach](#) to creating “connected” residential communities.

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