

MICRO HAMLET inner portland infill

The Micro Hamlet marks a shift in Portland courtyard housing typology. Rather than enclosing a paved court, the buildings are scattered over an artificial green landscape. The rolling hills enclose below-grade parking, bike storage, and a paved activity space, but also provide interesting terrain above, from which to watch movies, sled, roll, etc. The Micro Hamlet's massing preserves the existing neighborhood streetscape, but, inspired by the density of historic European urban spaces, it utilizes complex volumes on the interior to shape a large central court. The irregular geometry of the housing also accommodates smaller, semi-private courts between buildings, offering a gradient of privacy for the inhabitants.

The four buildings include 1 freestanding family house, 1 four-person co-op, 2 family houses with attached accessory dwelling units for additional income or the potential for family growth. The properties are designated "fee-simple" to promote affordable homeownership, and the surrounding paved and green spaces are to remain a shared amenity to promote community interaction.

