MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING TYPOLOGIES:

Unrealized Life Cycle Housing Varieties in Austin

Missing Middle projects offer a range of architectural solutions to some of Central Texas' most pressing challenges—sustainability, walkability, traffic congestion and quality of life—while simultaneously accommodating the housing needs of various age groups, family sizes, and incomes. They are middle because they are at a scale and density that falls between detached single family homes on a single lot and mid-rise, multi-family buildings, but are (largely) missing from the City's urban fabric. Through these projects, the AIA aims to start a conversation with the Austin community about the importance of creating more inclusive urban density.





ADU

Accessory Dwelling
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Addu

400 - 800 SF

Accessory Dwelling Unit Small, detached units sharing a lot with a single family home

Typically built above garages or in rear yards

Non-intrusive on lot, often hidden from street view

Rarely includes off-street parking

400 - 800 sf



SINGLE FAMILY

Single Family

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1200 - 2400 SF

The classic mid-century
American home

Most abundant segment of the market

Built within the context of a single family neighborhood

Usually includes private attached or detached garages

1200 - 2400 sf



DUPLEX

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Two separate households in one building

Not necessarily equal in size

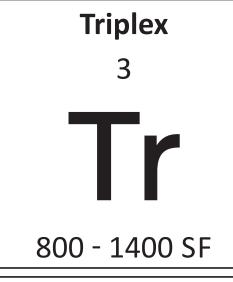
Fits seamlessly in to a single family neighborhood

Usually includes shared attached or detached garages

1000 - 1800 sf/unit



TRIPLEX



Can be designed to look like a large single family house, not four doors facing street

Two ground floor units, two second floor units directly above

Can include a detached shared garage

800 - 1400 sf/unit



COURTYARD APARTMENT

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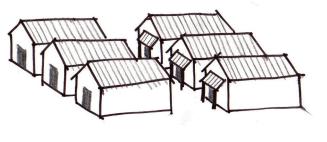
600 - 1200 SF

Attached or stacked units that are accessed through a shared courtyard

Private balconies or garden spaces in exchange for private rear yards

Parking provided in a shared garage/area

600 - 1200 sf/unit



GARDEN CLUSTER

3+

Garden Cluster

800 - 1400 SF

Small detached or attached houses clustered around a communal central space

Shared outdoor space takes the place of private rear yards

Cluster complex may also provide residential amenities for the community to share, i.e. outdoor grill or pool

Parking provided in a shared garage/area

800 - 1400 sf/unit



ROWHOUSE

Rowhouse
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800 - 1800 SF

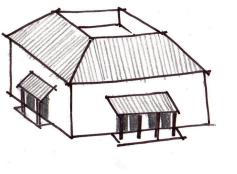
Attached multi-story singlefamily units that are placed side-by-side

Access is typically directly off of the street

Fits well in both urban and single-family neighborhood contexts

Parking usually provided from an alley in the rear

800 - 1800 sf/unit



MULTIPLEX

Multiplex 4+ Multiplex 500 - 1400 SF

Medium-sized structure, side-by-side or stacked units

Offers shared outdoor spaces and other residential amenities such as laundry and outdoor kitchens

Parking usually provided in a shared garage complex

500 - 1400 sf/unit



LIVE-WORK

Live Work
4+

LV 1200 - 2000 SF

Stacked dwelling units above or behind flexible ground

floor space used for shops

and businesses

Homes offer flexibility in

transit options and proximity to goods and services

Designed for mixeduse neighborhoods with commercial synergy

Parking usually provided from an alley in the rear

1200 - 2000 sf/unit

