

Greenbelt Housing

Current Name: Greenbelt Housing

Original Name: Same

Address: Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

Architect(s): 1937, Douglas Ellington & Reginald D. Wadsworth

Year of Construction: 1937

Current Use: Residential

Original Use: Residential

Greenbelt was one of three utopian green towns built by the New Deal's Resettlement Administration (Greendale, Wisconsin, and Greenhills, Ohio, were the other two). The town was planned for suburban resettlement of rural migrants but also to prove the viability of garden-city planning principles. The original community was beautifully integrated into its site, a wooded crescent-shaped ridge, with careful planning to separate pedestrian and road traffic and provide open space for recreation. It was a self-contained town with a shopping center and its own school which was intended to be the focal point of the community.

The design of the houses and apartments of Greenbelt was quite modern in character, befitting the ambitious plans for the community to be a model for future housing in garden communities. A special feature of the plan of the town was the provision of pedestrian walkways completely separated from automobile traffic through underpasses. This allowed the many children who lived there to play safely and roam at will throughout the community. The community maintains one of the original houses as a museum, and guided tours of the museum and town are available. Contact museum@greenbeltmd.gov or (301) 507-6582.



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