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La France Walk



La France Walk was designed as a walkable infill development in Atlanta's Edgewood neighborhood. Half a block from the Edgewood-Chandler Park MARTA station and three blocks from Edgewood's Retail District, this creative and innovative 'pocket community' embraces a mixture of housing types. Occupying two acres of land, LaFrance Walk is challenging what we know about traditional single-family housing. With three phases of ten detached, single family homes with attached live/work studios, La France Walk demonstrates how the design of a traditional single-family housing can include flexible live/work spaces and be contextually sensitive to the adjacent historic neighborhood. Key to the innovative design is 'flex-space' created by reusing the garage. This inspired the creation of duplexes whose overall look suggests single-family residences, providing access to this unique community by a variety of income levels. Reuse of the garage provides optional income for the homeowner as a rental space.



La France Walk's central location and proximity to MARTA offer an opportunity to live car-free lifestyle and embraces a healthy community with access to transit, shopping, entertainment, and recreation amenities.

The community's design highlights elements that expand human interaction with porches, sidewalks, and communal spaces. A central, common green space is designed to be a flexible community gathering place with benches, mailboxes and bike stations. The greenspace serves as the community's central hub - a place to pick up mail, interact with neighbors, or have community events. La France Walk is a unique pocket neighborhood and demonstrates the opportunities of having a diversified housing stock.

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