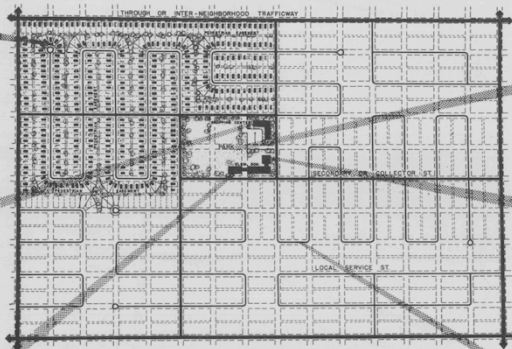
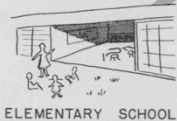


Planning Principles

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4,000-5,000 People

Instructions +

Services

Stability

Street Hierarchy

Several neighborhoods are integrated as another and larger unit that supports activities which a single cannot - junior high-schools, larger business districts, large parks and recreational centers, movie theatres, and other amusement places.

The street pattern is coordinated so that wasteful travel is eliminated. A coordinated pattern protects the quiet residential areas and gives each neighborhood quick access to 'city' advantages through the ring-road system.

Neighborhood units are protected, too, from the deteriorating influences of railroads, commercial and industrial developments by green strips and other 'buffers'.

