



Hubbell & Hubbell Studio

the timeless houses of James and Drew Hubbell, father and son, respect and reflect their natural surroundings. These poetically rounded dwellings appear to rise out of the earth, firmly rooted in ancient and futuristic notions of home.

Mindful that San Diego is becoming more crowded, the Hubbell team created an environmentally responsible housing plan that would fit on tracts now reserved for individual "trophy" homes. The plan would offer members of eight small households a sense of community *and* their own crescents of Eden.

Tree-lined paths and gardens that attract butterflies and birds would interlace the tightly woven compound. A swimming pool, tennis court and party area also could be tucked among the houses.

Yet, each 1,000-square-foot home would provide sanctuary within its round walls and enveloping private gardens, fish ponds and patios. Every room would open to an inviting outdoor "room" or landscaped view.

Wiring for high-speed Internet access would make each house a telecommuter's paradise, the team says.

A windmill would generate energy for all the buildings, while solar collectors would warm the houses and running water. Captured rainwater and reclaimed household water would help the vegetable and flower gardens and fruit trees flourish. Vehicles, which would run on fuel cells, would be kept in garages on the compound's perimeter, leaving the tranquil network of internal gardens undisturbed.

The green spaces between the houses give this compound its name, Temenos Gardens. "Temenos" is Greek for "sacred space around," which the Hubbells also interpret as a place of "magic, choice, connection ... and well-springs that we can barely comprehend."



■ Concept:

Intimate clusters of houses would be surrounded by gardens and patios. This Earth-friendly commune would be built of straw bale, rammed earth and recycled lumber and steel.

■ **Why:** To avoid depleting the Earth's resources, the Hubbell team urges residents to recycle water as well as building materials, use energy-saving devices and share produce from community gardens.

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