

Benefits of missing middle housing

When designed well, missing middle housing integrates into neighbourhoods without significantly changing the area's look and feel. Adding density in the form of missing middle housing maintains walkable, human-scale streetscapes and encourages social interaction, fostering a sense of community.

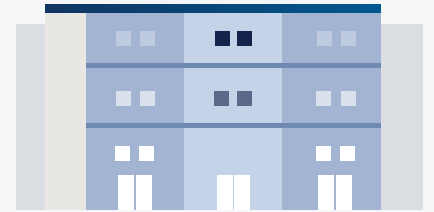
Missing middle infill development allows for a diverse range of new housing options in established neighborhoods, providing residents with access to existing services, parks, transit, retail and jobs.



Backyard and secondary suites provide opportunities for intergenerational living and aging in place, allowing residents to remain in their community as they grow older.



Townhouses and other ground-oriented units can provide valuable access to yard space for pet owners or families with young children.



Multi-unit dwellings located near universities and employment centres can offer flexible options for residents looking for units with 3-4 bedrooms.

Missing middle housing also:



carries less financial risk, allowing smaller developers and property owners to invest in housing solutions



can be completed quickly because permit approval and construction timelines are relatively short compared to larger scale projects



is more affordable to build compared to high-rise construction, which may lead to lower rents



enables property owners to stay in their homes longer by generating rental income, or by offering the flexibility to downsize and rent or sell the primary residence; and



allows for the preservation of existing dwellings when in the form of rear additions, internal conversions or backyard suites.