

small > (is greater than) BIG has a vision to provide twenty-first century solutions for housing that will attract and retain diverse populations in the best neighborhoods. Our focus is on second small houses on single family lots that meet middle income needs and that do more with less.

small > BIG when environmental benefits from small building footprint and greater open space reap increased pervious ground, retention of urban canopy, and reduction of heat island.

small > BIG when contextual benefits from dispersed density provide view corridors and a complex neighborhood mix of open to massing.

small > BIG when the social benefits from populations attracted to small houses include those with middle incomes, the young who want less and the old who need less.

small > BIG when the economic benefits of increased land value contribute to creating the neighborhoods and cities we dream of for ourselves, our children and our community.

small > BIG when the environments we create and inhabit contribute to our wellbeing and that of our environment and community.

Why wouldn't we want to do more with less?

small > BIG proposes to work with single family property owners to build second small houses in the core neighborhoods where speculative development has created and sustained soaring land value that is quickly putting these neighborhoods out of reach for middle income populations. **small > BIG** offers a design build option that empowers the property owners to become developers and build second small houses utilizing our refined process of collaboration between design, building, manufacturing and suppliers that results in state-of-the-art beautiful houses.

How we do it:

1. We are a core team of collaborators who live and work in Boulder County with skills from planning, architecture, construction, engineering, teaching, researching, and documenting. (holistic)
2. We are professionally committed to finding and using the best building systems and materials and use our research background to inform our means and industry collaboration to support our methods. (forward-thinking)
3. Our process is holistic and relies on the basic structure of master professionals in a teaching-learning exchange with graduates from design-build programs to activate the highest performance of all involved. (leverage wisdom and youth)
4. Imagine that this is all happening out of a small studio in the Newlands neighborhood in Boulder and that neighbors from across the city (world, actually) will have access to the brightest most interesting exciting ideas to get their small house project jumpstarted. (accessible)

This is how small becomes greater than big. Our goal is to help people entertain their highest dream for sustainable living, wellbeing, and community.

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