

## Missing Middle Housing.

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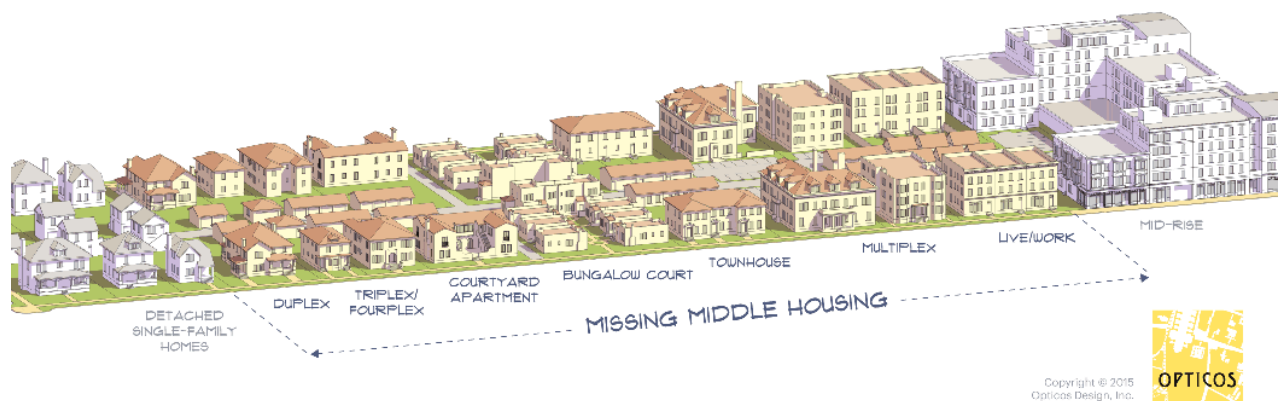
**OPTICOS DESIGN FOUNDER DANIEL PAROLEK** inspired a new movement for housing choice in 2010 when he coined the term “Missing Middle Housing,” a transformative concept that highlights a time-proven and beloved way to provide more housing and more housing choices in sustainable, walkable places.

### Missing Middle Housing: House-scale buildings with multiple units in walkable neighborhoods.

These building types, such as duplexes, fourplexes and bungalow courts, provide diverse housing options to support walkable communities, locally-serving retail, and public transportation options. We call them “Missing” because they have typically been illegal to build since the mid-1940s and “Middle” because they sit in the middle of a spectrum between detached single-family homes and mid-rise to high-rise apartment buildings, in terms of form and scale, as well as number of units and often, affordability. And while they are “missing” from our new building stock, these types of buildings from the 1920s and 30s are beloved by many who have lived in them.

*“Missing Middle Housing helps solve the mismatch between the available U.S. housing stock and shifting demographics combined with the growing demand for walkability.” **Opticos Design founder Daniel Parolek***

**MISSING MIDDLE HOUSING** is a range of multi-unit or clustered housing types—compatible in scale with detached single-family homes—that help meet the growing demand for walkable urban living.



### THE TYPES.

The Missing Middle Housing types provide diverse housing options, such as duplexes, fourplexes, and bungalow courts, that fit seamlessly into low-rise walkable neighborhoods and support walkability, locally-serving retail, and public transportation options. They provide solutions along a spectrum of affordability to address the mismatch between the available U.S. housing stock and shifting demographics combined with the growing demand for walkability.

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