



“EUROPEAN VILLAGE CONCEPT HITS JUST THE RIGHT NOTE WITH HOMEBUYERS”

Iverson Architects was recently featured in the May 1, 2009 issue of Professional Builder Magazine. Senior Design editor Susan Bady wrote about the success of the community of Villebois in Wilsonville, Oregon. Located just outside Portland’s Urban Growth Boundary, Villebois mixes various housing types around a town center with retail and office space. Interconnected, public open spaces such as parks and nature preserves, along with trails and bike paths, knit the community together. Less than a mile away is a new commuter rail station that connects residents to a light rail system that runs to the suburbs of Tigard, Tualatin and Beaverton as well as downtown Portland and the airport.

The article discusses how to maintain architectural consistency, Iverson Architects developed a pattern book for Villebois that includes the four single-family elevation styles appropriate for Villebois: French Revival, English Revival, American Classic and American Modern. Iverson Architects also designed a land plan that saved 90 percent of the specimen trees on the site. Ten acres of upland forest is being preserved in its natural state, and several other stands of trees were incorporated into parks. Iverson also redesigned the roadways to better integrate with the site’s hilly topography and take advantage of views (one road is aligned with a view of Mount Hood).

When completed, Villebois will consist of 2,600 homes and approximately 7,000 residents.

To view the full article online go to: <http://www.housingzone.com/article/CA6654174.html>, or for more information visit: www.Villebois.net