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HOUSING TYPE CREATIVE HOUSING

Also called alternative methods to housing, unconventional types of housing

DESCRIPTION

Definition

Unconventional housing options that utilize materials e.g. a shipping container and or locations e.g. waterfront area, in creative ways.

Housing Units

The creative housing types listed have one (1) housing unit. They can be grouped to offer more housing units.

Types

Floating house - a house structure placed on a surface, like a deck, that floats. (Image A)

Houseboat - a boat retrofitted such that it can be used as a house.

Recreational vehicle (RV) - a motorized vehicle or trailer equipped with features that make it usable as a home. (Image B)

Shipping container house - a single-unit home that uses a new or used shipping container as the main structure of the house. (Image C)

NOTABLE FEATURES

Available Materials

Shipping and other industries make shipping containers a widely available material for use as smaller-scale housing.

Cluster Housing

Ability to be grouped in ways that could create a sense of community and include shared use of certain amenities e.g. community kitchen or garden and essential utilities.



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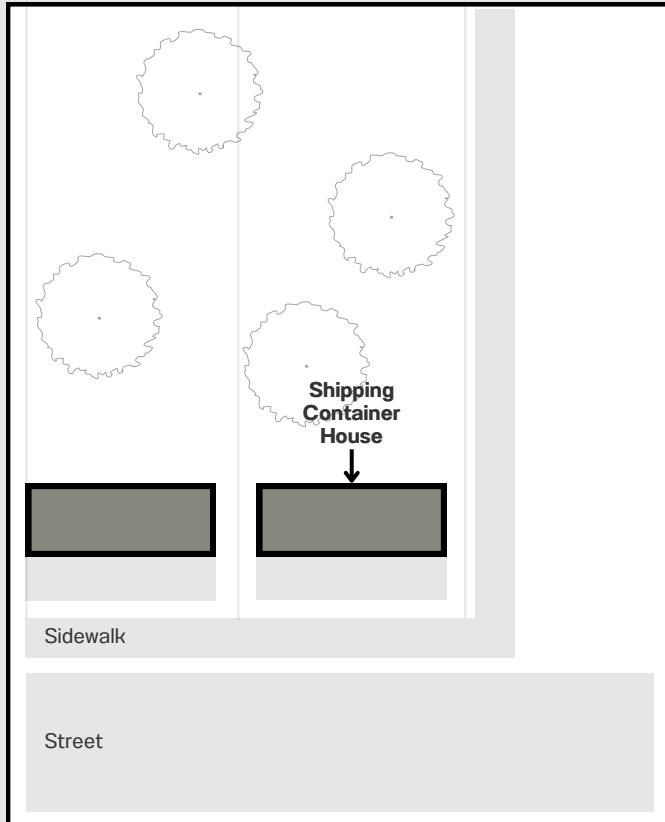
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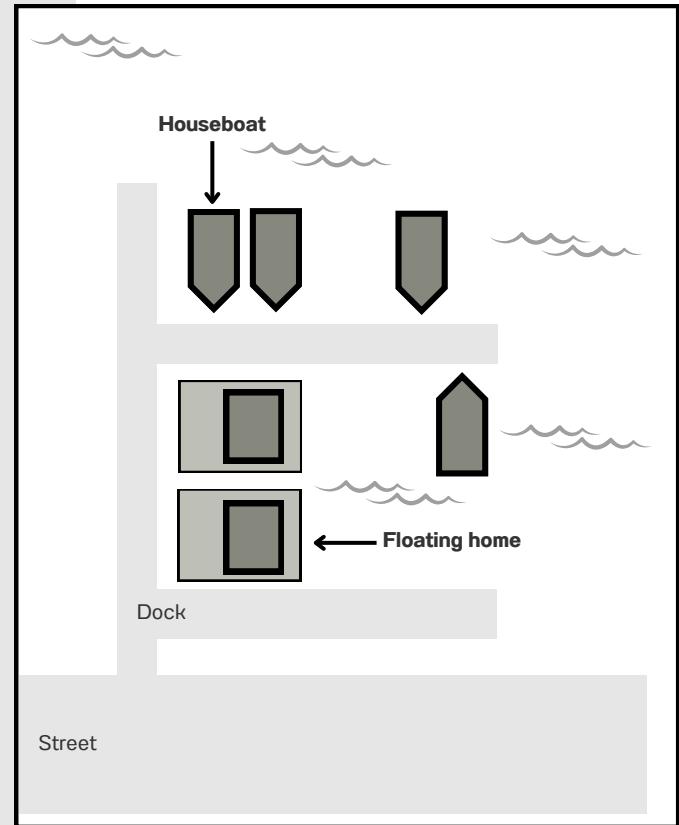
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SAMPLE: CREATIVE HOUSING ON A PHYSICAL SITE



A pair of shipping container houses on thin lots.



A set of houseboats and floating homes along the length of a dock on the waterfront.

Best Practices & General Resources

Not applicable for this housing type.

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