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**Building Successful Mixed Income Communities**

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# Mixed Income Design Principles

1. Involve the residents
2. Respect the context
3. Let the street be the focus
4. Provide connections
5. Combine infill with restoration
6. Provide housing variety
7. Develop design guidelines
8. Construct or enhance amenities

# A *Three* Phase Process

1. *Understanding*: Figuring out what is going on.
2. *Exploring*: Trying out some ideas.
3. *Deciding*: Choosing what to do – all with broad based participation.

# Design Features of Great American Neighborhoods

- They are walkable from end to end
- They have a civic core and a mix of neighborhood uses
- They have a street network that is interconnected
- They have recognizable boundaries
- They provide for chance meetings and personal privacy
- They provide a variety of housing types