

GREENBELT

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THREE thousand unemployed men, many of them jobless since 1929, are building a new community 5 miles north of Washington, D. C. It will be a complete town, fully equipped with streets and utilities. It has been laid out on 200 acres of open land, and is surrounded on all sides by a belt of green fields and wooded country. This is the greenbelt from which the community takes its name.

Greenbelt will provide low-rental homes for families with modest incomes. In this way it will help relieve the acute housing shortage in Washington and its neighboring area, which has forced rents one-third above the national average. At the same time it will give the Nation a permanent asset in return for money spent on relief.

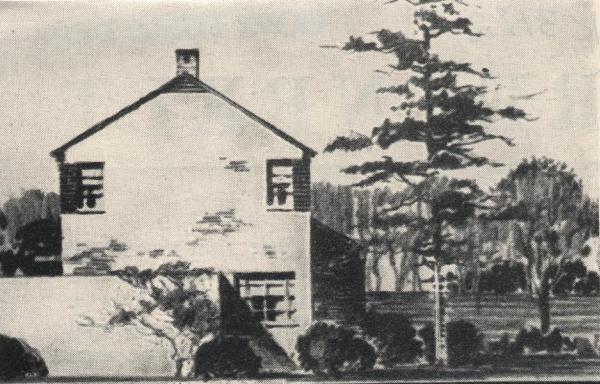
About 1,000 dwellings are being built at present. Streets and utilities have been laid out so that 2,000 more can be added later.

Just north of Greenbelt is the National Agricultural Research Center, one of the world's greatest farm laboratories. Here Government scientists develop new crops and new farming methods which are saving millions of dollars for the American farmer. In the greenbelt area they will carry out demonstrations in forestry and soil conservation. Some of the Center's 400 employees will find homes in the new town.

In the Research Center, the town, and the greenbelt there are about 16,000 acres which can be handled as a single unit. Use for every foot of this land has been planned by experts. For the first time since Maryland was settled, the soil is being used scientifically, so that its fertility will be saved instead of wasted. The whole area has been planned to link up with the future growth of population, highways, and utilities in the region between Washington and Baltimore.

Within the town itself, every home and every footpath has been designed for convenience and efficiency. The houses, for example, have not been arranged in ordinary city blocks, but in large

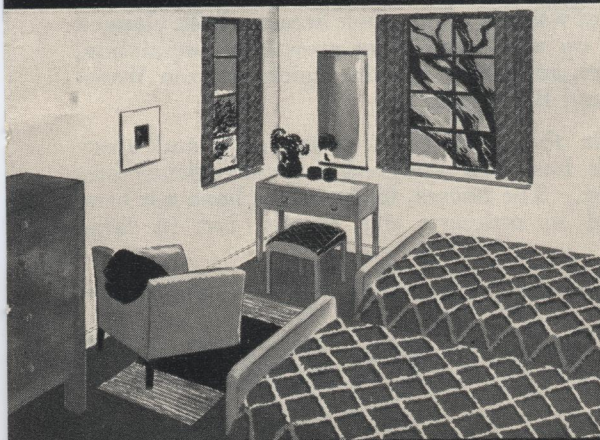
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END VIEW OF A GREENBELT HOME—SIMPLIFIED DESIGN—ATTACHED GARAGE—NEARBY PLAY AREA.



PARKS DEFINED BY HOUSE ARRANGEMENT—ELIMINATION OF ALLEYS AND OF INDIVIDUAL BACK YARD SLUMS.



BEDROOMS PLANNED TO FACE UPON PARKS—ORIENTED TO OBTAIN SUNLIGHT AND PROPER VENTILATION.

parks, with trees and playgrounds in the center, thus effecting large savings in paving, utility, and maintenance costs. Buildings have been carefully grouped, so that every home will have a maximum of air and sunshine and open space. It was achieved only after considerable effort at simplification. The first rough drafts of the town plan called for 66 miles of streets; the final plan serves the same number of houses with 6 miles.

Living in Greenbelt will be as healthful, safe, and pleasant as modern knowledge can make it. The convenience of town life has been combined with many benefits of life on the land. Stores, school, transportation, post office, and recreational fields will be within easy walking distance of every home. Children can find parks and open countryside within a few steps of their front doors. To protect pedestrians, underpasses are being built wherever a foot-

path crosses a busy street. The main highway from Baltimore to Washington carries heavy traffic around, not through, the town.

Living in the new community will be economical. Inexpensive land and expert planning mean lower rents. Farmers in the greenbelt and the surrounding country will bring fresh food direct to the town market. In addition, every family may have a garden plot, if it so chooses, where it can raise its own fruit and vegetables.

Greenbelt will be governed like other Maryland towns of similar size. It will pay its fair share of local taxes. To prevent speculation, the whole property will remain under the ownership of a nonprofit corporation. The Federal Government will step out of the picture as soon as construction is finished, except for assuring a competent management to protect its investment.

VIEW OF A PORTION OF A SUPERBLOCK AT GREENBELT—INNER PARKWAY AND PATHS—RELATIONSHIP OF PITCHED ROOFS TO FLAT ROOFS—SUCH BLOCKS DEFINED BY SURROUNDING STREETS





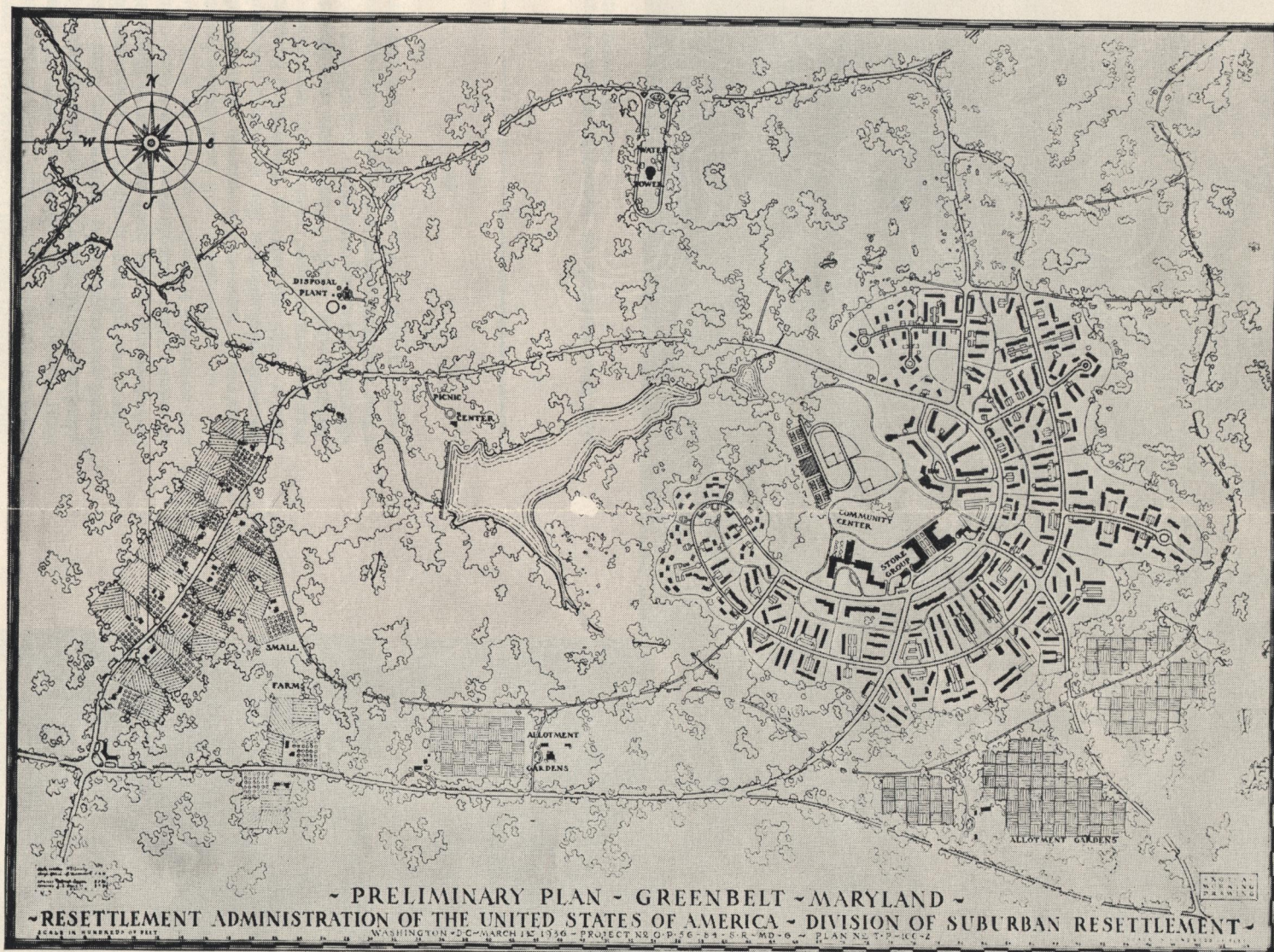
KITCHEN IN A GREENBELT HOME—EFFICIENT ARRANGEMENT OF EQUIPMENT—SUNLIGHT AND VENTILATION—PLAYGROUNDS OUTSIDE OF WINDOWS.



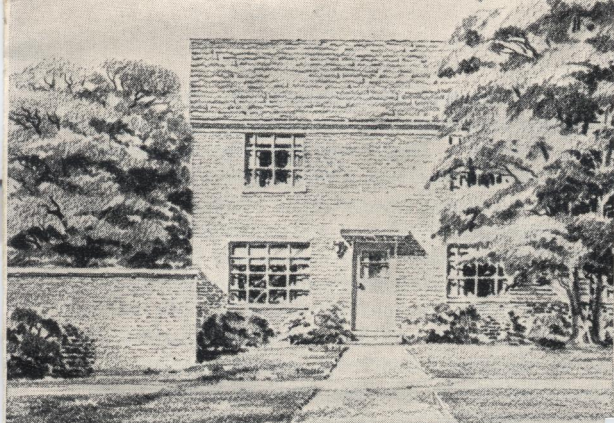
SOME GARAGES WILL BE ATTACHED TO HOMES—OTHERS WILL BE ARRANGED IN COMPOUNDS—MORE THAN HALF OF THE GREENBELT HOMES WILL BE PROVIDED WITH CONVENIENT GARAGES.



TRAFFIC HAZARDS WILL BE GREATLY REDUCED—MANY GREENBELT STREETS WILL BE UNDER-PASSED—CHILDREN CAN GO TO SCHOOL AND GROWN-UPS CAN VISIT SHOPS WITHOUT CROSSING STREETS.



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