Implementing the Missing Middle

Course Outline 2022

January 14  The missing middle: What is it, why is densification important, and what are the challenges in implementation? Plus, meeting the clients (Cities of Toronto, Mississauga, Brampton and more)

January 21  How do we zone for the missing middle? Issues of regulatory and physical feasibility

January 28  How can the missing middle be affordable? Issues of financial feasibility and affordability by design

February 4  Is the missing middle sustainable? Issues of sustainable infrastructure and materials

February 11  How can the missing middle support diverse types of households? Socio-economic and cultural issues

February 18  How do we build community support for the missing middle? Structuring the housing narrative to get to yes

March 4  Midterm presentations

March 11  How do we build complete and healthy communities? Part I - adding public and open space

March 18  How do we build complete and healthy communities? Part II – commercial revitalization and entrepreneurship

March 25  How do we build a regional movement for densification in the GTA? Understanding regional planning and governance

April 1  Presentation prep

April 8  Final presentations

Course Deliverables

Individual: Three reading responses (10% of final grade) and participation (10% of final grade)

Group: Explainer video (30% of final grade) and implementation manual (50% of final grade)