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While the movement toward creating more sustainable communities has been growing for decades, few examples exist of successful and time-tested sustainable communities. Village Homes outside of Davis, California, is one such example. Built between 1975 and 1981 on 60 acres of land, it offers unique features including extensive common areas, community gardens, narrow streets, pedestrian and bike paths, solar homes, and an innovative ecological drainage system.

In *Designing Sustainable Communities*, Judy and Michael Corbett offer an inside look at the development of the project from start to finish, describing how it came about, design approaches they took, and changes that have occurred over the years. The book represents an invaluable guide for professionals and students involved in planning, architecture, development, and landscape architecture.

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