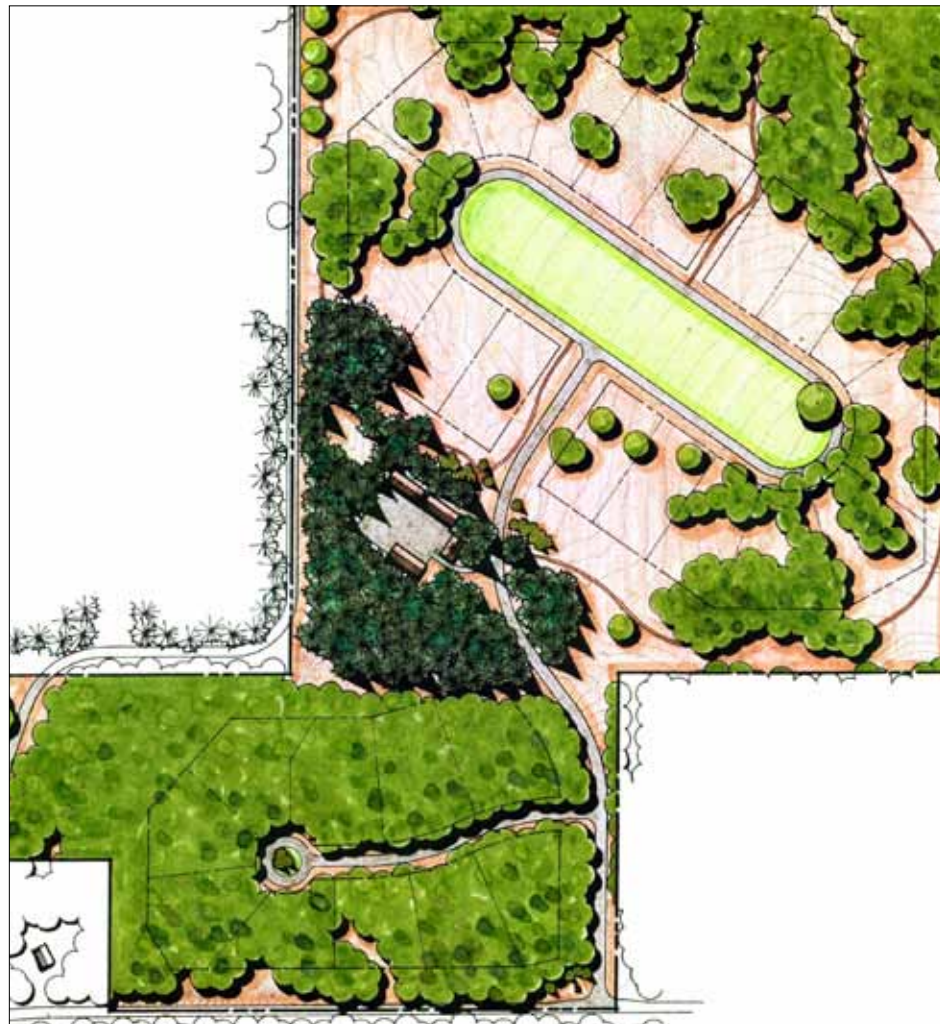


Old Airport LLC is a Northern Michigan developer sensitive to the beauty and natural resources that Benzie County offers. Their challenge to the Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio was to design a residential community responsive to the characteristics of the site, while minimizing disturbance to its natural features.

The Johnson Hill Land Ethics Studio used preservation planning techniques such as smaller lot sizes and clustered home sites to design a neighborhood where 50% of the space is either open common area or undisturbed natural areas to be enjoyed by the residents. The High Meadow community will be surrounded by a one-mile nature trail that winds its way through the mature trees and native vegetation of the site. Natural building materials such as wood and stone will be used in construction and the clustered placement of the homes within the buffer of the trees will reduce their visibility from off-site.

This thoughtful design will protect the character of the land, conserve the natural resources of the site, and reduce the amount of energy required to heat and cool the homes.



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