



AUTUMN HALLSM

Cape Fear Heritage Architecture

In keeping with the style, architecture and overall essence of the Cape Fear region, Autumn Hall's architectural guidelines and specifications have sought to capture authentic elements of coastal Carolina vernacular architecture. Not content to rely on the typical "Carolina Low Country" or "Charleston-style" design, Autumn Hall's development team worked with architectural historians familiar with the historic styles and details in Wilmington, Wrightsville Beach, Southport, and areas near and around the coastal waterways and sounds. They traveled the region, identifying, studying and cataloging patterns in architecture.

Authentic detailing

As a result, the homes of Autumn Hall will be based on the designs and styles old Wilmington's antebellum manors, coastal plantation homes, casual summer cottages, and grand soundside retreats. Such authentic influences will be evident in details such as low brick walls, standing seam roofs, detailed metalwork, deep overhangs, grand porches, and outdoor rooms.

Neighborhoods with an outdoor focus

These last items, porches and outdoor rooms, reflect the region's "love of outdoors" and recreational nature. Drawing inspiration from this influence, Autumn Hall's amenities will invite residents outside to engage in an active, healthy and recreational lifestyle. Streets and sidewalks will link Autumn Hall's neighborhoods to each other and to eleven distinct parks, a 3.77K multi-use trail, the Creek Club at the headwaters of Bradley Creek, and the Autumn Hall Club with its tennis and swimming facilities, the eight-acre lake and the community's retail and business center. In fact, not one residence will be more than 400 feet walking distance from a park.

To further nurture its walkability, Autumn Hall's homes will be pulled toward the street with careful attention paid to scale, proportion, design, and placement of architectural features. The result is neighborhood streetscapes planned as either boulevards with active greenways, or as homes surrounding a community park. Ultimately, the affect will be that of hospitable and historic neighborhoods.

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A trip down Main Street

The study of the region and its architectural and recreational history further influenced the planning and design of Autumn Hall's Village Center. The hotels and clubs that made coastal North Carolina a leisure destination more than a century ago, combined with the charm of Southern coastal downtowns such as Beaufort, Wilmington, Savannah, and Charleston are excellent precedents for the retail village at Autumn Hall. Here, developers hope to recreate the allure of a coastal resort in the 1920's, with a vibrant, colorful mix of shops, restaurants, entertainment venues and outdoor pavilions all situated to embrace and enjoy the water.

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