



Seaside Eco-Community

Qingdao, China

Scale:

69 Hectares / 2,500 Residences

Client:

Sunshine Eco-retreat Development

Design Team:

JWDA

Shanghai Research Institute of Building Science

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This pristine 246 hectare site in the Laoshan scenic area near Qingdao will become a premier residential community and a tourism and recreation destination that celebrates the harmonious living of the past, and showcases the ecologically sustainable community of the future. The 900,000 square meter development averages FAR .37, and retains 40% of the land for open space and agriculture.

Mountain, Land, and Water are symbolically connected by a naturally landscaped corridor that provides facilities for health, recreation, learning, and a Spiritual Center, all characterized by harmonious architecture and fine craftsmanship.

The Laoshan Corridor also connects the Past, Present, and Future zones. To its north, a loop road serves the Nature Zone – representing the Past and including eco-park activities, traditional farming, agricultural college, water reservoir, and waste water treatment system – and the Life Zone, a model contemporary community set around a lake and within generous belts of natural landscape. To its south, the Harmony Zone presents a Future that brings together all the life-sustaining aspects of daily living in a car-free environment that includes a Biosphere for food production; compact walk-ups, live-work lofts and serviced apartments; workspaces; civic and learning facilities; retail and local markets; recreation and a shared beachfront; a premier resort hotel and conferencing; and appropriate transportation systems to serve every need.

