

Narrow Lot

Architectural Design Competition



1 Garfield Avenue,
Florence Village, Northampton, MA

competition host:

City of Northampton, Massachusetts
Office of Planning and Sustainability

primary co-sponsors:

Western Mass. Chapter of the
American Institute of Architects &
Daily Hampshire Gazette



Competition Summary

Overview

- Objective:** Design a single family home on a narrow lot.
- Eligibility:** Any team making an entry must have a licensed architect on the team.
- Registration Fee:** \$100 for the first entry.
\$50 for any additional entry from the same firm.
- Promotion:** All entries will be displayed at A.P.E. Gallery from Friday, November 1st , to Friday, November 8th.
Winning designs will be posted on the Northampton Planning and Sustainability web page for one year.
- Each entry will be featured in a special insert in the Daily Hampshire Gazette
Additional exposure in GazetteNet.com and other media.
Additional ad space may be purchased in the insert from the Gazette (Patty Masure: p.masure@gazettenet.com or 413-585-5280)
- Prizes:** Juried competition with prizes awarded.
- Commission:** Opportunity for commission.
- Schedule:**
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| Proposals due: | September 15, 2013 |
| Daily Hampshire Gazette insert on entries | Before final judging |
| Exhibition at A.P.E. Gallery: | November 1 to 8, 2013 |
| Judging and awards as A.P.E. Gallery: | November 8, 2013 |
- Rights:** Creative rights remain the property of the submitting architect. The City and the Daily Hampshire Gazette have the rights to use the written materials and electronic copies for public viewings and on the web.

For more information or questions:

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Competition and Awards

Architecture and Urban Design Jury

**Michael LeBlanc, AIA, Principal
Utile Inc. Architecture + Planning, Boston**

**Christine Malecki West, AIA, Leed-AP, Principal
Kite Architects, Providence**

**Robert Orr, FAIA, Leed-AP, Principal
Robert Orr & Associates LLC, Architecture, Landscape Architecture and
Urbanism, New Haven**

A successful design will:

1. Respect the context of the site while adding vibrancy to the neighborhood.
2. Offer opportunity for repairing existing urban design deficiencies.
3. Demonstrate a house that can work on other narrow lots in the city.
4. Engage the community on design issues and raise the profile of architects.

Awards/Prizes

Awards	Who Awards?	Cash Prize
First Place	Architect & Design Jury	\$1,500
Second Place	Architect & Design Jury	\$ 500
Honorable Mention	Architect & Design Jury	\$ 200
People's Choice	Open public voting	None

Commission Opportunity

The lot will be sold with the condition that the buyer hires one of the architects entering the competition for the final design.

Submission Guidelines

Required materials due September 15, 2013

Send one 24”x 36”(portrait) design board mounted on foam core to:

Wayne Feiden, FAICP, Hon WMAIA
Planning and Sustainability
210 Main Street, Room 11
Northampton, MA 01060

OR contract with Paradise Copies for printing and mounting (413-585-0414 or paradise@paradisecopies.com, quote #23036 for \$44 rate).

When boards ready for pickup, notify wfeiden@northamptonma.gov.

NOTE: Please put design firm name and any identifying information in one box on the top or the bottom of the design board so that we can cover it up for the judging.

Send PDF files off the entry to WFeiden@NorthamptonMA.gov:

1. Above design boards
2. Small scale electronic copy exactly as you want it to be inserted into the Daily Hampshire Gazette sized for 9.1458” wide by 5.41” deep.

Registration fee, made out to the City of Northampton: \$100 for the first entry & \$50 for any additional entry from the same firm. Fee can be paid with submission, no need to preregister.

Physical models are welcome but not required.

(All materials submitted will be available for pickup for two weeks from the end of the exhibit. After that time they become property of the City.)

Background and Context

Site Overview/ Opportunities and Challenges

The lot is at the end of a dead end road at 1 Garfield Avenue, Lot 1A. The lot 50' wide and a minimum of 100' deep, with 30' of street frontage. Total lot area is 5,200± square feet. On the north and west the property is abutted by the Florence Conservation Area.

The lot is part of a mixed-income residential area, located between several Habitat for Humanity homes recently constructed and currently under construction and Florence Conservation Area, with market-rate homes and subsidized and market rate apartments nearby. The larger neighborhood includes a large number of century+ old single family homes.

Frequently Asked Questions

Zoning frontage: This lot conforms because of a comprehensive permit already issued

Zoning front yard setback 15 feet

Zoning side yard setback 10 feet

Zoning rear yard setback 15'

Maximum height 35' (measured to the midpoint on a gabled roof)

No program provided (beyond single family home or single family home with a maximum of a 900 square foot attached accessory apartment): leave to architect



