

SMITH'S CROSSING

A COMMUNITY COMES TOGETHER

Nestled snugly at the southwest gateway to Sun Prairie, just a few minutes northeast of Madison, Smith's Crossing will be the picture of small-town life in a pastoral setting. Meandering country lanes and charming homes will be carefully placed among these 450 acres. Places for friends to gather will be a short stroll from anywhere in town. The bustle of people shopping and lunching will fill the air. Smith's Crossing will be a true crossing — an intersection where family and friends will meet and share community.



SOAKING IN THE SUN

In 1837, settlers journeyed west from Milwaukee to build the new capital of Madison. Legend has it the Bird Expedition braved more than a week of torrential rains, when the sun finally broke from the clouds and bathed the prairie in golden light. Captivated by the beauty of their surroundings, the pioneers carved the name "Sun Prairie" into a big burr oak. Their mission: to create a township comprised of little prairie towns. Their motivation: family, friends and kinship.



WHERE THE PAST MEETS THE FUTURE

Meet the historic Smith House, soon to be relocated from another site in Smith's Crossing and restored to its original architectural presence at the center of the neighborhood. It's not just a National and State Historic Place. It's also the perfect meeting place for this new community. With its quatrefoil windows, bracketed gables and dented cornice, this red brick Italianate farmhouse is one of the most handsome relics of its period in Dane County. It was built on the Madison-to-Sun Prairie road in 1879 by Adam Smith, a native of New York, who came to Madison in 1838 to work on construction of Madison's first Capitol building. Once home to Smith (who was in turn

a postmaster, justice of the peace, town chairman and state assemblyman), this beautiful home will provide a hub to the activity of Smith's Crossing — a gathering place for friends, family and neighbors.

A STONE'S THROW FROM NATURE

Trailing off into windswept grasslands, threads of wetlands and shady woods, Smith's Crossing will give people a glimpse of the Wisconsin prairie the way the pioneers saw it. As a community that sets new standards for its environmental stewardship, nearly half of the land has been set aside as open space. Existing wildlife habitats will be preserved. And sensitive building guidelines will protect the natural landscape. From anywhere in the community, one will never be more than a few steps from Mother Nature's charms — from hiking and biking trails to unspoiled open spaces.



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