Dr. Francis Ferguson

# Dr. Francis L. Ferguson, of Maytown, receives award for design of New Town Nelson

Dr. Francis L. Ferguson, a resident of Maytown and Professor of Urban and Regional Planning at Penn State, Capitol Campus, has received a Celebration of Architecture award for his design of the New Town of Nelson, Pennsylvania.

Ferguson won among 73 entries for the award from the 1000-member organization, Pennsylvania Society of Architects.

Ferguson designed the New Town of Nelson, when plans were made to build a huge dam in Tioga County that would flood the old town of Nelson.

The new town designed by Ferguson for high and dry ground, preserved the institutions of the old community and encouraged the growth of community spirit by centering the new community around a Village Green.

Ferguson described the opportunity for a planner to design an entire community is one that "comes only once in a lifetime," according to Ferguson.

He worked day and night developing his plans, trying to meet a very tight schedule.

A graduate of Notre Dame, Harvard, and Columbia Universities, Ferguson has degrees in both architecture and urban planning. He worked in both fields in New York and Paris before becoming a professor at Columbia University's School of Architecture.

Dr. Ferguson directed the planning of Villa Riva, a town in the Dominican Republic and collaborated in the planning of New Providence Island and the City of Nassau in the Bahamas.

He joined the Graduate Program in Urban and Regional planning at Capitol Campus in 1971. A former chairman of the department, he is now Professor of Environmental Design. Among his publications is the book, "Architecture, Cities and the Systems Approach," selected by the Library of Urban Affairs Book Club.

Dr. Ferguson lives with his wife Eileen and their children: Mike, Aimee, and Jack, in Maytown.



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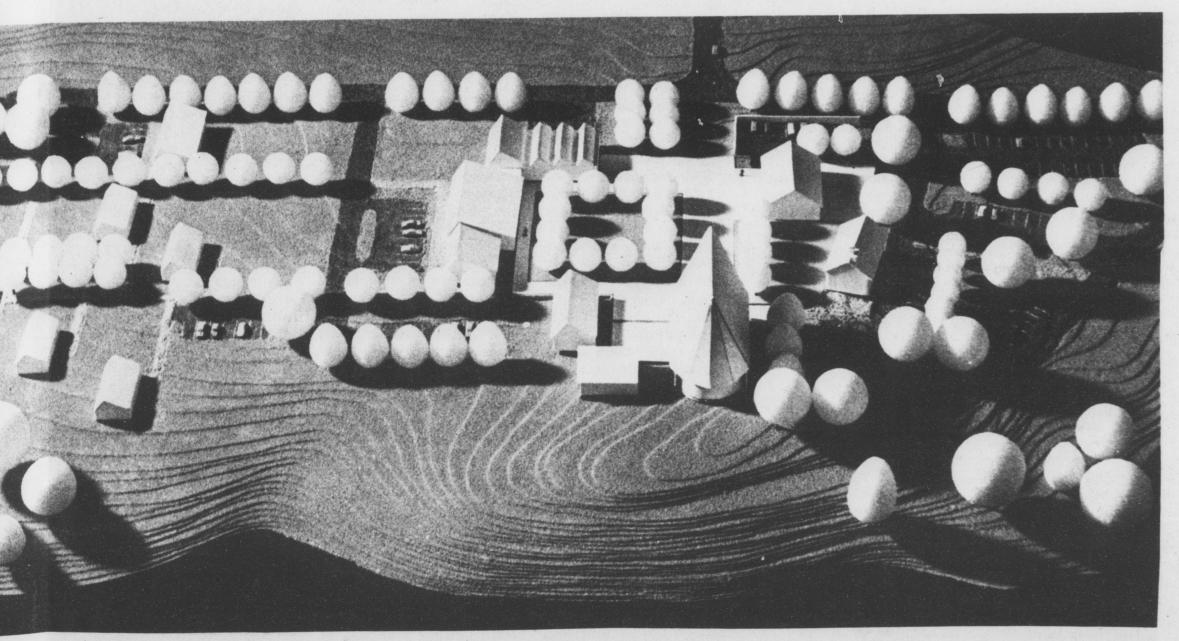


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