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Both small and large groupings of demonstration homes were constructed on Parkland Drive, Van Aken Boulevard, Courtland Boulevard, and South Woodland. Each home was architecturally distinct, but also built in harmony with both surrounding structures and the natural environment. Designs for the demonstration homes employed the three recommended architectural styles for Shaker residences: English, French, and Colonial. The sturdy yet picturesque homes offered a vision of permanence within a highly landscaped rural setting. These demonstration homes were a symbol of the dignified, enduring

community that the Van Sweringen brothers desired to create and market. As evidenced by the Van Sweringen Co. advertisement on the front of this card, the brothers imagined Shaker Heights as "a city upon a hill."



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