

# Levittown, New York-Wolrd War II



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## Prior to World War II

Census	Population
1960	65,276
1970	65,440
1980	57,045
1990	53,286
2000	53,063
2010	51,881

Location: Nassau County, New York -United States.

Houses were sold in 1947 after World War II, and the price rate was between \$6,995 and \$8,000 with monthly payments as low as \$57.

Single family housing.

Levitt and Sons built the community with an eye towards speed, efficiency, and cost-effective construction; these methods led to a production rate of 30 houses a day by July 1948.

The planned 2,000 home rental community was quickly successful, with the New York Herald Tribune reporting that half of the properties had been rented within two days of the community being announced on May 7, 1947. As demand continued, exceeding availability, the Levitts expanded their project with 4,000 more homes, as well as community services, including schools and postal delivery.

# Bondy Social Housing - Europe



## Europe

Location: Bondy - France

Provides a beautiful series of apartments for 34 relocated families built in 2010, Architect Atelier Du Pont. the new social housing project is bordered by a gymnasium, school and suburban housing on avenue Henri Barbusse. The four-story building is shaped like a U, creating a protected interior courtyard and garden space for use by the residents. The roof of the building is reminiscent of traditional Parisian row houses with lofted ceilings. Daylighting and passive solar design plays a large role in each of the apartments and every room has access to natural light. which provides naturally daylit, energy-efficient apartments for low-income families through the social organization Immobilière3F. Private balconies, a protected courtyard, and a grove of old trees make this project a charming place to live.

# Poljane Community Housing - Asia

Architects: Bevk Perović arhitekti

Location: Poljane, Maribor, Slovenia

Client: Housing Fund Maribor and Housing Fund of Slovenia

Program: 130 social and non-profit units

Project Team: Matija Bevk, Vasa J. Perović, Jernej Bevk, Špela Jerin, Andrej Mercina, Mitja Zorc, Sanja Škrinjar

Project year: 2002 – 2007

Social housing settlement Poljane is located near a busy crossroads on the outskirts of Maribor. It consists of four buildings (2 slabs + 2 towers), a total of 130 social apartments. Project – limited with the existing rigid urban plan of the area, which had to be followed to a dot – replaces the missing exterior public spaces with collective areas inside the buildings.

Vast empty spaces – public ‘rooms’ – are carved out of the volumes of the blocks and designated for public programmes. This spaces are either covered – designed as covered open-air playgrounds or open – as roof gardens oriented towards the sun.

The apartments, arranged around the central communication core are of a standard typology, but their individuality is expressed with colourful balconies, inserted into the apartment plans. The balconies appear in different positions on the façade and work as accents which give the whole settlement a dynamic character.

