

## *A Commitment to Community*

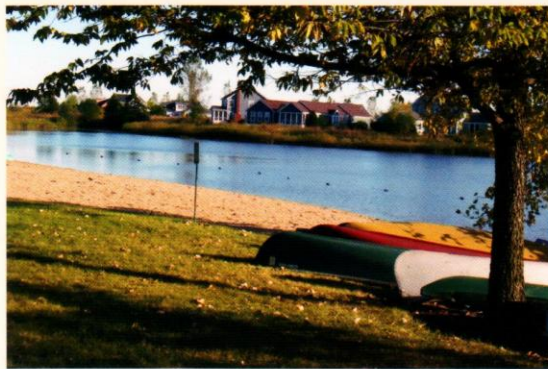
Notable architects Margaret McCurry, Frederick Phillips, Doug Farr, Betsy Pettit, James Nagel, and Mark and Linda Keane designed the Prairie Crossing houses with a nod toward traditional Midwestern architectural styles and with energy efficiency in mind. The 359 houses and 36 condominiums feature porches, bright interiors, windows placed to catch cross-breezes, and exceptional insulation and construction.

The commitment of the Prairie Crossing community to responsible development guarantees that 60 percent of its 677 acres will remain open land, protected under conservation easements. A homeowner's association, with a board of elected resident volunteers, ensures that the community is run by people who live in Prairie Crossing and care about its future.

Adjacent to Prairie Crossing is the award-winning Prairie Crossing Charter School (K-8; admittance by lottery). The curriculum emphasizes learning about and caring for the natural environment. Many residents' children attend, and you will see them walking or biking to school, and participating in a variety of outdoor learning activities throughout the day.

In Prairie Crossing, you will get to know your neighbors, and your children will find friends just across the street and in neighborhood playgrounds. Community activities – from holiday parties to beach campouts, picnics, and concerts – will make it easy for you and your family to meet people of all ages and backgrounds. Resident-initiated clubs and service oriented groups of volunteers gather like-minded people together. And a web site and newsletter keep you abreast of activities and issues of interest to members of the community.

*Prairie Crossing offers you and your family the opportunity to make a home in a vibrant community with a unique lifestyle. For a wealth of information on Prairie Crossing, visit [prairiecrossing.com](http://prairiecrossing.com) and [pchoa.com](http://pchoa.com).*



### *Guiding Principles of the Prairie Crossing Community*

Ten guiding principles established by the community's founders provide the framework for a way of life that respects the environment and lets residents experience the vital connection between the land and the community:

*Environmental protection and enhancement*

*A healthy lifestyle*

*A sense of place*

*A sense of community*

*Economic and racial diversity*

*Convenient and efficient transportation*

*Energy conservation*

*Lifelong learning and education*

*Aesthetic design and high-quality construction*

*Economic viability*