

# SUSTAINABLE SUBURBS:

## Design Competition

What do *you* imagine

when you see garage doors facing suburban streets?



**THE CHALLENGE:** Create a design for the garage doors that engages people in contemplating place and sustainability.

### THE BACKGROUND:

“The American Suburbs” = design problem.

Or place of potential?

Many have critiqued the key problems of suburbia.

Now’s your chance to make a statement about it, on a garage door.

### *Some trigger words:*

Post-petroleum, urban metabolism, production/consumption, self-sufficiency, public sphere, symbol and metaphor, the wrapped gas station, garage band, apple computer, trompe de l’oeil.

### *Design considerations:*

The design should be simple and evocative. Make it easy to carry out, using inexpensive materials (e.g. paint). The designer can help complete the work and will receive a modest stipend. It does not have to be absolutely flat but it should not interfere with movement of door.

Each door is about 8 ft. W X 6.5 ft. H.

### *Award:*

The winning design will be displayed, on campus and/or on a website, and the designer will receive a cash prize of \$50.

### TO ENTER:

Submit two parts to describe your idea:

- the design (a visual image such as a sketch, a photo-shopped picture, etc.) and
- a narrative (a brief discussion of what it means, in essay form, 250 words max)

Send your proposals to the e-mail address below by May 15, 2009.

We are based in Syracuse, NY, and a panel of faculty and students from SUNY - ESF and Syracuse University will select the winner. For more information contact: Sustainable Suburbs Competition [smoran10@gmail.com](mailto:smoran10@gmail.com) or <http://sustainable-suburbs.blogspot.com/>