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**EXCELLENCE IN
MASTER PLANNING DESIGN**
THE MANDALA CLUB:
RICHARD BIALOSKY, ARCHITECT

"The approach to the Mandala Club design and planning process has been to stretch our own boundaries to research, and combine forward-looking ideas with the goal of creating a significant new paradigm for community development." – Richard Bialosky, architect and one of the main partners in the development entity.

The judges were impressed with the "scale, articulation of public places, and integration of green space" in this design, which they felt was unique in that "it gives you a sense of being in a small-scale community where you know everybody."

The first phase of the Mandala Club called for 90 homes, and as Richard Bialosky, project architect as well as one of the main partners, says, "We think it will be one of the premier green clubs in the United States. This is a serious undertaking with a special emphasis put on healthy living, a respect for resources, and energy efficiency."

He points out that an essential ingredient was the integration of "Vedic" architecture, an ancient form of design that aims to create harmony within a community as well as a meaningful integration with the world outside. "These are principles that were recognized in ancient thinking and we integrated them into all these homes," says Bialosky, who likes to think of Vedic as "the great-grandfather of feng shui."

"It's probably the first Vedic architecture to be built for thousands of years," he adds. "And though it's a complicated undertaking it's going to provide the club with a very different feeling."



The Mandala Club is a model for town planning based on Vedic green design and development, which encompasses planning and building techniques that are environmentally responsible, provide increased energy efficiency, utilize non-toxic, healthy building materials, and create a true sense of community.



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