



Robert Gibbs planned Westwood Common as a conservation-oriented community on just five acres out of 17 acres. Planned around a traditional English close, the 14 homes were built as an infill community on the site of two former suburban large lot homes.

The community is organized around open space and preserved river basin and flood plains, with ponds and trails for walking and recreation. Built in 1993, Westwood was Michigan's first New Urbanism community, pioneering the state's first post-war form-based codes, alleys and compact design.

A model for many Midwestern neo-traditional town centers, Westwood Common was named Detroit's "Best Place to Live" by the Michigan AIA in 2001, and honored with a Michigan ASLA Merit Award.

