



Shaped Places

Of Carroll County New Hampshire

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- The book includes full-colour documentation of the award winning speculative urban design proposal of the same name
- This project addresses the intersection between the built environment and the nation's sharply divided political climate
- Including a foreword by Robert Fishman, one of the most important living urban historians.

Shaped Places of Carroll County New Hampshire expands upon an award-winning speculative urban design project by the architecture and design practice EXTENTS, led by McLain Clutter and Cyrus Peñarroyo. The project investigates the complex reciprocity between who we are and the shape of where we live; between identities and the built environments that support them. In doing so, *Shaped Places* creates a dialogue between seemingly disparate discourses spanning from critical geography, to formalist art criticism, to the urbanisation strategies of the early 20th century Russian avant garde. The role of the rural-urban divide in affirming the divided political landscape in the United States is a central theme in the work. The project culminates in the design of three linear cities in Carroll County, New Hampshire. In each speculative urban design proposal, rural and urban patterns of development and divergent lifestyles are combined in urban design proposals intended to produce a functional body politic from a sharply divided population.

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