Skyburbia
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Abstract:
Suburbia, though attractive, has an utter lack of sustainability. Isolation from urban areas increases cost for transportation and waste management, while single-family dwellings are inefficient in terms of energy and water consumption. The majority of these problems stem from a low population density. Our proposal is to move suburbia into the city in the form of a skyscraper. This will increase population density and make the problems of waste management and energy efficiency much easier to handle. The Skyburbia project is a sustainable step forward that captures the feel of suburbia in a high-rise residential building.

Goals of Skyburbia:
Our goal is to design an alternative to suburbia that minimizes environmental impact through the reduction of energy consumption and waste while still maintaining a strong sense of community.

Methods Behind Skyburbia
• 2 Stage Solar Water Heater System to Maximize Efficiency
• Tankless Water Heaters to Minimize Loss of Heat
• Passive Solar for Emissionless Heating
• Geothermal Heating for On Demand Heat
• Biosand Filters for Sustainable Water Purification
• GEMs to Maximize Energy Production
• Composting for Waste Management

Selected Bibliography