

# SMITH MORRIS

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

Morris Square aspires to the same exceptional urbanism and quality of design that characterizes Charleston's past, including its wonderful network of walkable streets, tree-shaded parks, and unique urban spaces, happenstance or planned as they may be. The neighborhood is inspired by Charleston's hidden gardens, small alleys and courtyards, brick paths and covered passages, and the many unique flower-adorned spaces to which the passerby is briefly privy while walking slowly down the streets of Charleston. Morris Square will bring to its immediate area a continuation of the uniquely urban Charleston tradition of combining exceptional architecture with a beautiful public realm.

The design of Morris Square encourages simple, classic designs that will serve the needs of today, as well as those of generations to come. Standards are provided for all aspects of design from park to streets, from building walls to garden walls, from roofs to driveway surfaces – so that quality in design is equaled by quality in construction. Smaller building footprints and a more efficient use of space will assist in the creation of a wonderful collection of small parks and walkable streets surrounded by a range of home types, sizes, and design appropriate for both families and individuals in the context of historical Charleston. Morris Square will feature two small public parks, a playground, a corner piazza, and historical church building. Creating an excellent interaction between the private homes and these various types of public spaces will be a hallmark of this project.

Morris Square strives to capture, on a small scale, many of the aspects of the City that have made it so wonderful. A model for the burgeoning recognition of and appreciation for the benefits of urbanism, Charleston typifies good town planning. Morris Square's goal is the creation of a place that will continue this tradition and allow future generations of Charlestonian to enjoy a beautifully-designed, lively neighborhood.

-Excerpt from [www.morris-square.com](http://www.morris-square.com)

Allison Ramsey Architects' designs for this project include a 9000 S.F. mixed-use building, a 3000 S.F. mixed-use building, a duplex, II townhouses, a quadraplex and eleven single family residences.

