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Millard Rogers has produced a highly anticipated book on planner John Nolen (1869-1937) and his masterpiece new town of Mariemont (c. 1921). Ohio. John Nolen and Mariemont: Building a New Town in Ohio is the first book-length academic treatment of the conception and construction of this American garden city, replacing Warren Wright Parks's *The Mariemont Story* (1967) as the most comprehensive treatment of Mariemont's early years. It straddles the line between local chronicle and broader community history. It is a narrative of locally prominent heroic individuals striving to realize their dream in suburban living, yet Rogers makes extensive use of important archival and historical resources that are usually beyond the grasp of the local chronicler. Few community histories match Rogers's level of meticulous detail and prodigious research. By poring over the thousands of pages related to Mariemont in the John Nolen Papers at Cornell University, the author has reconstructed conversations between principal players to give a broad account of the consultation between planner and clients, and of the planning design, architectural programming,...

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John Nolen and Mariemont. Building a New Town in Ohio. By Millard F. Rogers, Jr. Johns Hopkins University Press. To city planners, landscape architects, and historians, John Nolen is as important a figure in design and planning as was Frederick Law Olmsted, Jens Jensen, or Lewis Mumford. This is the first book to examine the planning and building of Mariemont and one of the few books to focus on the process of American town planning in the early twentieth century. Regarded in the 1920s as an exemplar of planned communities, Mariemont remains one of America's most livable suburbs and has drawn great interest from the New Urbanism

movement. PROCESSING : Please wait About the Author. Designed by John Nolen, the father or innovator of modern urban planning, it is considered a National Exemplar of good urban design and planning principles. It was designed to be a mass-transited oriented suburb since the streetcar to downtown Cincinnati ran only two short blocks from the original town center. For the same reason, Mariemont was designed to encourage walking. At the center of Mariemont is Mariemont Square with its fountain surrounded by a garden and benches and the tudor-style Mariemont Inn at one corner. Posted in Uncategorized Tags: mariemont, mariemont inn, mariemont square, mariemont village ofofices, mariemont village square, ohio, village offices. Mariemont Square – Graeter’s Ice Cream. •September 9, 2010 • Leave a Comment.