



## Vila Santa Efigênia

Ouro Preto, Minas Gerais

The urbanistic study of Vila Sta. Efigênia intends to demonstrate, by the analysis of the social and historical structures that determined Ouro Preto's current aspect, the possibility of a methodology that seeks to balance preservation and renovation, avoiding the freezing and the depriving of characteristics of a city with immense cultural value, cultural patrimony of the Humanity.

The basic goal is to address the urgent need of housing for low purchasing power people who occupy the hillsides that surround the city which are unprotected and inappropriate for construction due to topography and bad weather, with deep consequences in the visual coherence of the urban-cultural heritage of Ouro Preto.

Vila Sta. Efigênia consists of 12 blocks, 220 lots of 150 square meters each, performing a total of two hundred and twenty houses together with small commerce, workmanship and service workshops for about 1.800 people.

The definition of spaces and the memory and dwelling recovery using information from the colonial urbanization ward off enclaves of outskirts which separate instead of reintegrating your user to the community, besides allowing the experience not to be isolated in the urban, social and cultural context of the city.

### Credits

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### Project sheet

**client:** Prefeitura Municipal de Ouro Preto

**status:** completed 1982-1987 - award

**site:** Santa Efigênia hill.

**program:**

37.950 sqm including 220 social houses, handicraft and commercial facilities.

**structural system:** no formal construction.

**type:** master plan