Initiated by the Chicago Housing Policy Task Force, the 2019 Disruptive Design Competition challenged designers to create “the next Chicago bungalow”. The competition defined this as a $250,000 starter home capable of putting a dent in Chicago’s middle-class housing shortage. More than 130 design teams entered the competition with architect Greg Tamborino’s Adaptable House winning the day.

This prototype reimagines the classic workers’ cottage as a home to suit all phases of homeownership. Flexible layouts work ingeniously as a single-family dwelling or a two-flat that generates rental income for its owner. Families may grow and shrink within its four walls, no pricey conversion or addition required. Adaptable House will first be built by Related Midwest on two parcels: one in Humboldt Park and another in Bronzeville. Move-ins are expected by late 2020.

Further reading:
Architect will get to build vision for new Chicago two-flat.
Sara Freund, Curbed Chicago, July 10, 2019.
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