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Canterbury Woods, a 250 unit, Continuing Care Retirement Community is located in suburban Amherst, New York on a 63 acre site accessed by the city of Buffalo's transportation network.

With a nod to their English roots, members of the Episcopal Church Home, along with EGA toured England in the fall of 1996 to visit and experience some of the British "great houses" and those specifically designed by architect C.F.A Vosey, a prominent arts and crafts movement architect. He is best known for his use of white-stuccoed exterior walls, horizontal window elements and prominent front gables. The design for Canterbury Woods uses a number of these elements including the small gardens and residential clusters found in the English countryside.

The community is arranged in clusters, or villages, centered on lounges overlooking a formal entry garden. "Villages" are connected to each other by common areas with dining, meeting and administrative functions. Courtyards and gardens are defined and connected by the built environments and further enhanced by walkways and view opportunities. Although Canterbury Woods contains 203 independent living units, 48 health care units and 32 assisted living units, the European village and park design help reduce the scale and give the complex an intimate residential feel, rather than that of an institution.

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