DIAGNOSIS

INSTEAD OF USING A MASTER PLAN, THE
PEOPLE OF THE COMMUNITY REGULARLY
USE THE PATTERN LANGUAGE TO DIAGNOSE
THEIR PRESENT ENVIRONMENT. THE
DIAGNOSIS TELLS THEM WHERE IT IS
MOST DISEASED, AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE
DONE TO MAKE IT BETTER.

THE DIAGNOSIS IS ALWAYS BASED ON
PATTERNS. NEW GROWTH IS ALWAYS ADDED
IN SUCH A WAY AS TO CURE THE DIS-
EASES REVEALED BY THE DIAGNOSIS. YOU
BUILD IN THOSE PARTS OF THE TOWN
WHICH ARE FUNCTIONALLY IN THE WORST
CONDITION.

INSTEAD OF TRYING TO DECIDE NOW, IN
1972, WHAT MARSTA SHOULD BE LIKE IN
1990, YOU ACCEPT THE FACT THAT IT IS
IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL, BECAUSE IT ALL
DEPENDS ON THE PROBLEMS WHICH REVEAL
THEMSELVES AS THE TOWN GROWS.

THE TOWN WHICH WILL FINALLY BE HERE
IN 1990 CANNOT BE PREDICTED NOW. IT
WILL GROW OF ITS OWN ACCORD, UNDER
THE IMPETUS OF THE PATTERN LANGUAGE
AND THE WAY THAT THE PEOPLE OF MARSTA
INTERPRET THE PATTERNS.