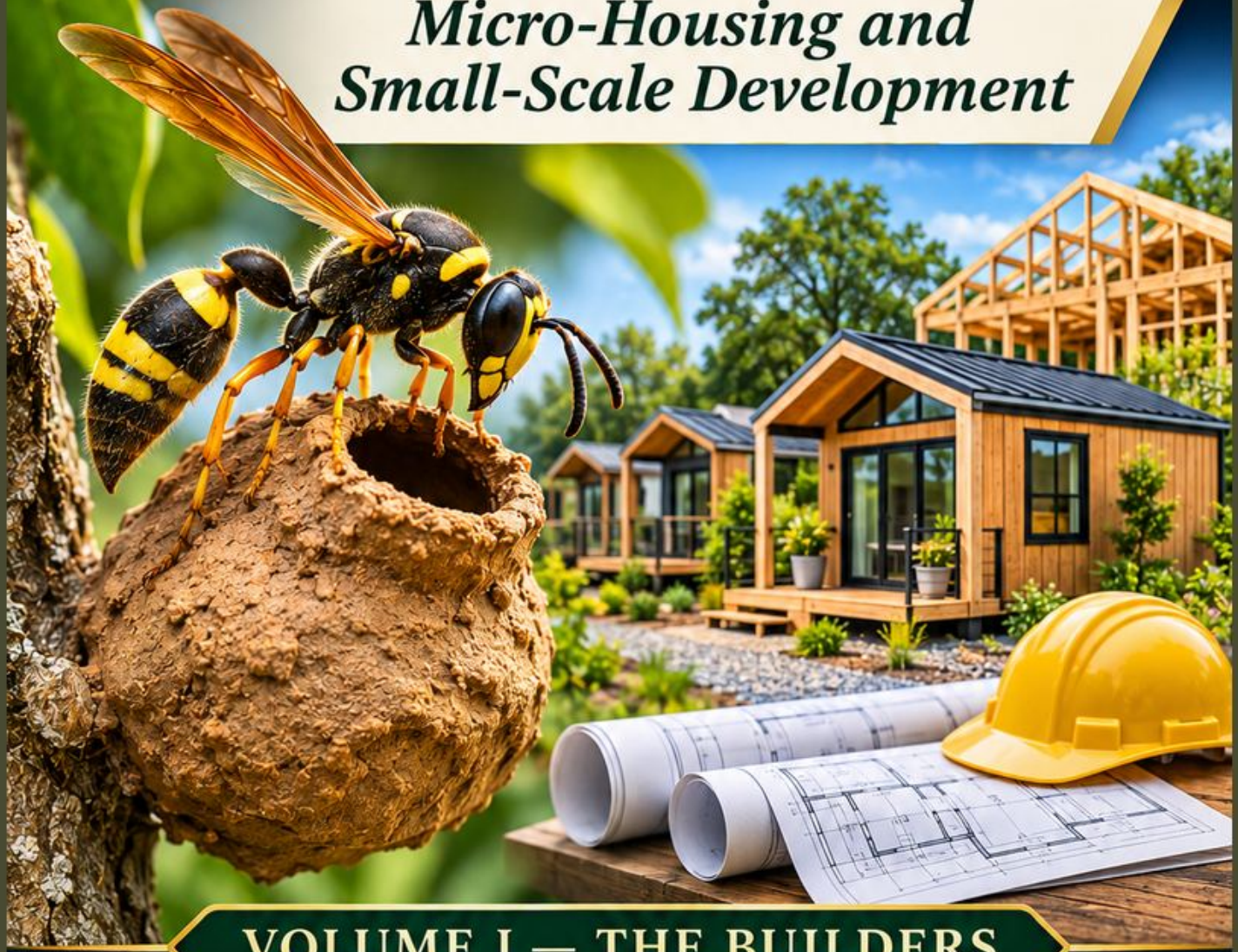
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All financial cases are hypothetical educational illustrations, not offers or forecasts. Wildlife behaviors are scientifically described; business analogies are explicitly separate.

Reader’s Guide and Scientific Integrity

The potter wasp is an inspiration for thinking small and finishing well. Female potter wasps in certain genera form individual mud vessels or brood cells, provision them with prey, and leave the next generation to develop. Other species in the Eumeninae use pre-existing cavities or different nest forms. They do not engage in finance or consciously practice investment theory.

Three labels organize this book: OBSERVATION describes verifiable animal behavior; ANALOGY explains a conceptual human parallel; APPLICATION gives a due-diligence test or calculation. Do not substitute an ecological analogy for legal advice, engineering design or an investment decision.

The worked two-unit rental property is invented for teaching. All values are in US dollars, excluding personal taxes, and must be replaced by documented local quotations before use. Potential readers include small developers, housing providers, builders, investors and entrepreneurs.

Navigation

Chapters 1–7: biology, design and construction. Chapters 8–15: operations, financing, valuation and risk. Chapters 16–18: assessment, implementation and tools. Final appendices provide integrated calculations, forms and references.

The Potter Wasp Financial Framework

Stage	What to verify	Stop condition
Observe	Species, site and actual demand	Unverified claim
Select	Zoning, utility rights and rent evidence	Use is prohibited
Design	Buildable, permitted complete unit	Scope cannot be priced
Fund	All-in cost and contingency	Insufficient liquidity
Build	Milestones, inspections and quality	Unfunded change order
Operate	Rent minus expenses and reserves	Negative downside cash flow
Protect	Insurance, legal and operational controls	Unmanageable exposure

The underlying principle is a funded, independent unit of production—not simply a tiny object. An unfunded or unsafe small building is not an asset merely because it is compact.

Chapter 1. Potter Wasp: A Precision Builder

I. Verified natural-history lens

Potter wasps are solitary vespid wasps; some species of Eumenes construct small vase-shaped mud brood chambers. Other eumenines use existing cavities, so there is no single universal architecture. Each egg receives a provisioned cell; the structure serves reproduction, not commerce.

Scientific limit: the behavior varies among species, populations, environments and stages of development. The smallest visible nest is not a universal biological template. Compare university entomology and extension references before generalizing.

II. Wealth-building interpretation

Scope a project to a small, complete, usable unit rather than buying a site that depends on an uncertain second phase.

Analogy, not scientific evidence: a human project can be structured as a complete revenue-producing unit with identified inputs, acceptance criteria and maintenance. This does not mean the wasp forecasts returns, chooses financing or optimizes a budget.

III. Project decision

Record the relevant local evidence: the location, use permission, market demand, contractor or vendor quotation, operating costs, financial reserve, downside exposure, and named owner responsible for the next approval. If any crucial input is unknown, the correct response is to pause or research—not to insert a convenient estimate.

Key vocabulary and investigation prompts: Species identity, habitat, mud composition, attachment, parasite exposure, prey provisioning, lifecycle, ecological value. Define each term for the project and attach the primary record supporting it.

Chapter 1 — Applied Underwriting

The recurring two-unit example

The illustrative property costs $160,000; closing expenses are $6,000, construction repairs $38,000, professional and permit costs $6,000, and contingency $10,000. Total uses are $220,000. A $112,000 loan plus $108,000 investor cash covers the project without a funding gap. This is a teaching example, not a claim that any real property can be bought or improved at this price.

Project source or use	Amount
Purchase	$160,000
Closing	$6,000
Repairs	$38,000
Permits/design	$6,000
Contingency	$10,000
Total cost	$220,000
Mortgage proceeds	$112,000
Investor capital	$108,000

At two units renting for $1,500 monthly each, scheduled annual income is $36,000. A 6% economic vacancy allowance removes $2,160; effective rent is $33,840. Operating costs of $13,000 produce NOI of $20,840. A 7% amortizing 30-year loan costs approximately $8,942 yearly, leaving $9,498 after a separate $2,400 annual replacement reserve.

This chapter's application: Scope a project to a small, complete, usable unit rather than buying a site that depends on an uncertain second phase. The fixed illustration is repeated only as a common comparison baseline; the next page requires a chapter-specific decision rather than asserting the same investment outcome for every topic.

Chapter 1 — Field Playbook

A decision worksheet

1. What evidence would disprove the conclusion in Chapter 1?
Evidence or calculation: _____

2. For “Potter Wasp: A Precision Builder,” which cost or constraint is most likely to be underestimated?
Evidence or calculation: _____

3. Which local professional or agency must independently validate the proposed action?
Evidence or calculation: _____

4. What changes if rent falls 10%, expenses rise 15%, or the schedule slips 90 days?
Evidence or calculation: _____

5. What document, estimate or approval must be obtained before releasing further capital?
Evidence or calculation: _____

6. What financial safety margin and liquid reserve would remain after the commitment?
Evidence or calculation: _____

Practical gate

GO only when legal use and financing are documented; costs include soft costs and contingency; schedule and scope have named owners; an adverse cash-flow scenario is tolerable; and the investment does not consume emergency liquidity. Otherwise mark REVISE or REJECT, write the missing evidence, and assign a date to review.

Learning check

Nature’s lesson: observed mud-cell construction and provisioning vary by species. Financial principle: finish and protect a viable economic unit. Principal risks: cost overruns, vacancy, financing, compliance, execution and concentration. Next action: validate one decision variable using independent evidence.

Chapter 2. The Unit-First Wealth Philosophy

I. Verified natural-history lens

One independently provisioned chamber offers a cautious analogy for funding a complete project before beginning another. Financial analogies are human inventions; the wasp has no budget, loan or investment thesis.

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II. Wealth-building interpretation

A completed, leased duplex is more useful than four partially improved units with unfunded systems.

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Key vocabulary and investigation prompts: Minimum viable unit, defined deliverable, working capital, liquidity, protection, lifecycle. Define each term for the project and attach the primary record supporting it.