

## How to think like a Planner

CRPLAN 2110: Creating Innovative Cities and Regions

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### What is Planning?

Urban planning, city and regional planning

- People & Communities
- Choices about the future

#### A process of

- formulating goals,
- selecting alternatives to achieve the goals, and
- implementing the policies



## Shaping growth pattern for a desirable land use pattern



Dalian, China

Preservation and improvement of existing urban fabric



#### Savannah, GA

#### Economic development



Source: http://lciweb.com/ecodev.htm

#### Environmental Issues



#### Issues of social justice and equity



Source: http://handbook.neighborland.com/

## Who are Planners?

- Come from a variety of backgrounds
  - Architects, landscape architects, lawyers, public officials, statisticians, engineers, writers, or even chemists.
- Often they are people with formal training in urban planning
- Work for public or private sectors



## **Professional/Student Organizations**

#### American Planning Association (APA)

- Founded in 1978
- Journal of the American Planning Association (JAPA)
- Planning



#### American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)

A combination of educational background and professional experiences to take the AICP exam

#### City & Regional Planning Student Association (CRPSA)



**American Planning Association** 

## We help plan for: FORM

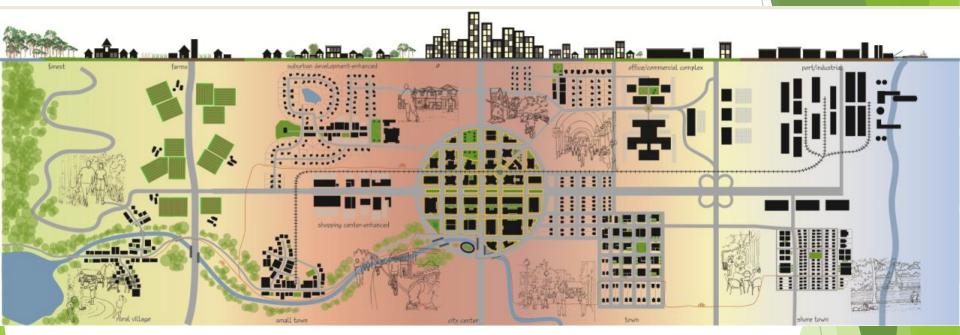


Figure 2: Evolution of street patterns since 1900 showing gradual adaptation to the car (M. Southworth, 1997)					
	Gridiron (c. 1900)	Fragmented parallel (c. 1950)	Warped parallel (c. 1960)	Loops and Iollipops (c. 1970)	Lollipops on a stick (c. 1980)
Street patterns					

## We seek better: DESIGN







SHORT NORTH ARTS DISTRICT IN VICTORIAN VILLAGE



## We're experts at: COMMUNICATION









# We use TECH to our advantage

- Technology we use
  - GIS
  - AutoCAD
  - Adobe Suite (InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop)
  - Advanced Design Software (Google Sketchup)
  - Web Forums (Planetizen)
  - Web Meetings (go2meeting)





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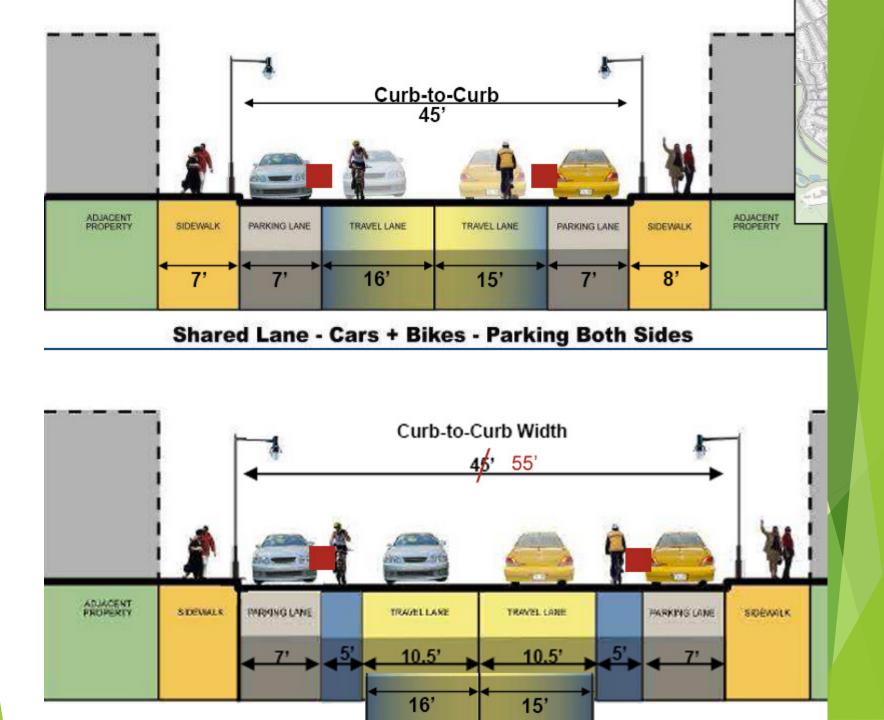
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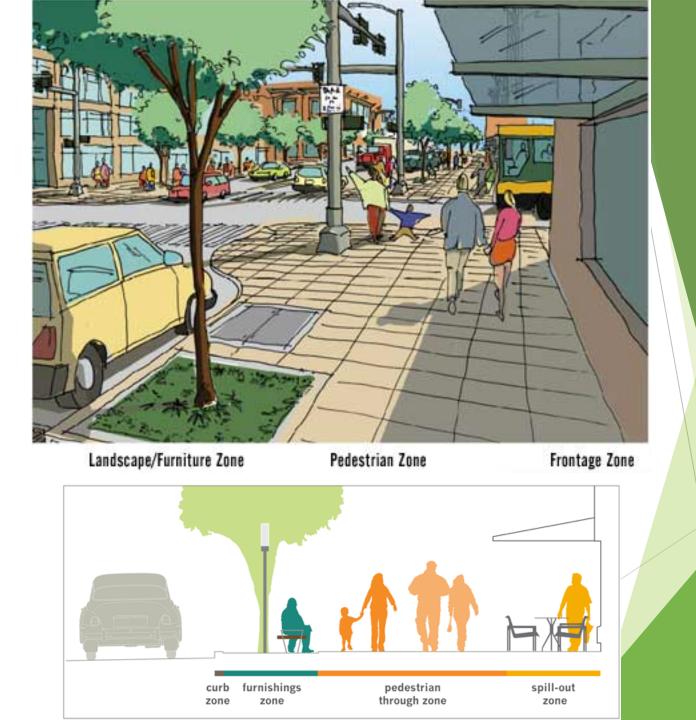
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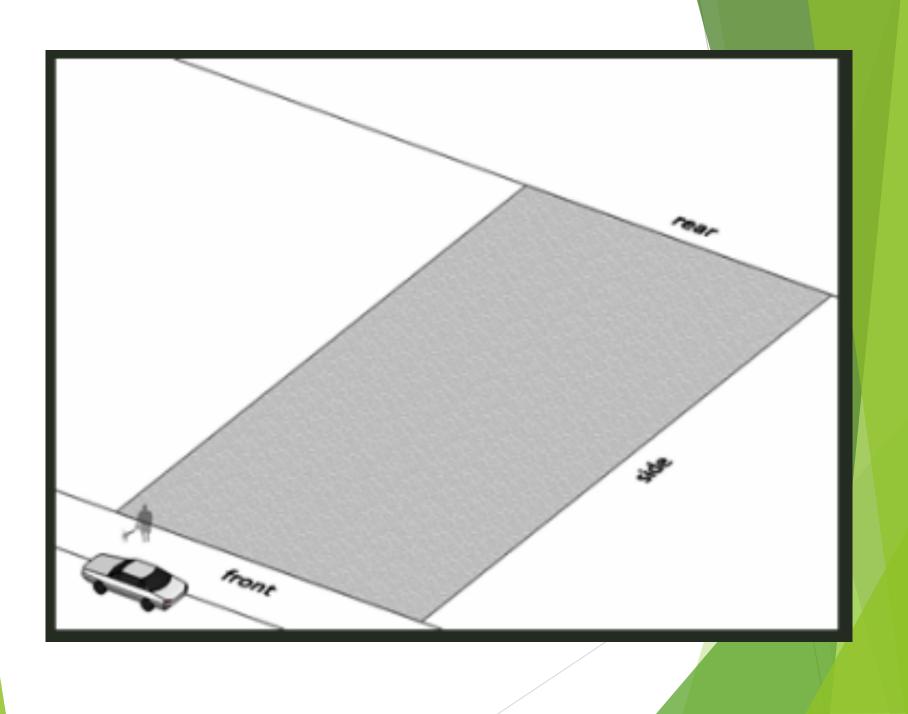
# What is Planning - Group Discussion

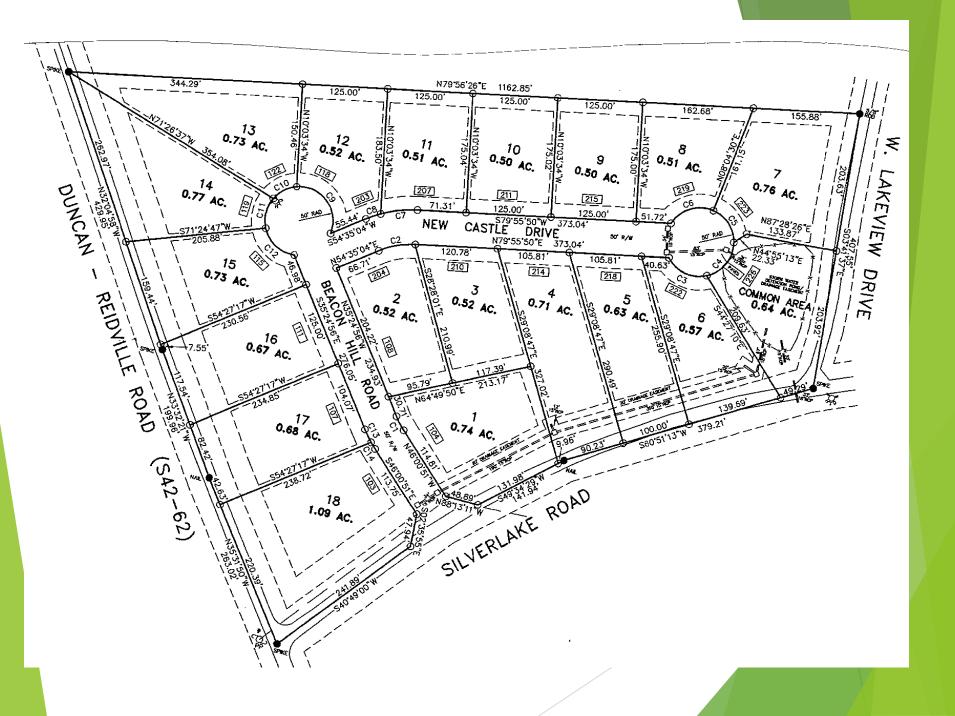
- Within your group identify the major planning issues you think are important for your home town or Newark. Remember that planning is "problem solving" at its core, so if you are stuck, start with a problem in your community and think of how planning could apply.
- Do you think there are Urban Planning solutions to the issues you identified? What are they?
- Compare the issues you each bring up. Are there similarities, differences, common threads?
- Some of these problems may be used for your final project solution blog or video blog.

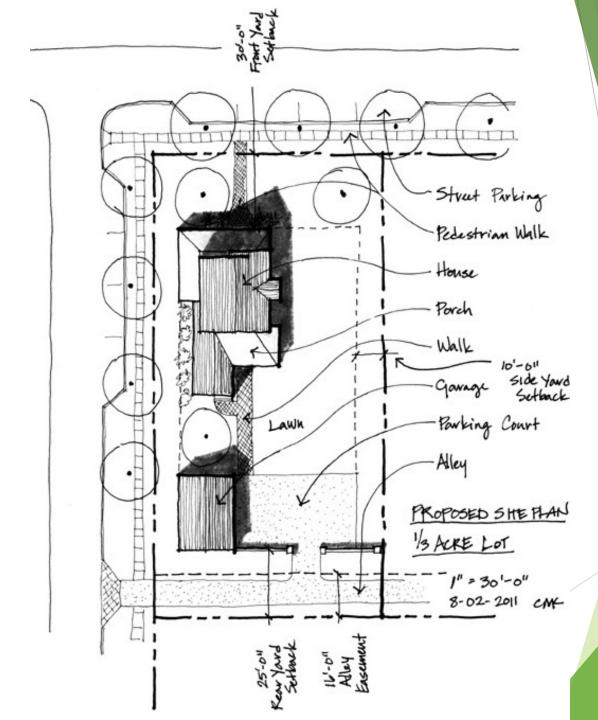
## Neighborhood Form











## **Group Exercise**

- Thinking of neighborhood form, design your ideal neighborhood
- Your neighborhood must have:
  - 25 single-family houses
  - 5 stores
  - Streets (as many or few as you choose)
  - Parks/open spaces
  - Other planning elements (that you determine)