

Week 10 (Mar 30)

6:00 – 8:30

Topics

- A. Introduction to Planning
- B. Introduction to Urban Geography

Assigned Reading

- De Blij Ch. 8 (Power of Place)
- A Walk in the Woods (pages 1 – 100),
- Location Affordability Portal (Online Tool): <http://www.locationaffordability.info/>
- How to Keep Minneapolis and Saint Paul Prosperous (MinnPost):
<http://www.mnpost.com/politics-policy/2013/11/how-keep-minneapolis-st-paul-prosperous>

Assignment (Due April 6)

Assignment: What Local Project is Affecting Your Community?

Length: 2 Pages

Citations: APA

Due: April 6

Planning efforts are underway all around you. Search the local section of your paper and you'll certainly find an interesting planning topic. This assignment is simple; find an interesting planning topic and give share your opinion. There is no mandatory length for this assignment, but you are expected to provide a complete analysis. By complete analysis I expect you will describe the following:

- 1) Participants – who is affected by this initiative?
- 2) Benefits – who does this project/initiative benefit?
- 3) Disadvantages – who is adversely affected by this project/initiative?
- 4) What alternatives might exist to the project/initiative being proposed? Could things be done better via a different solution?
- 5) Your overall recommendation – based on your analysis do you agree with the project/initiative? Explain why you agree or disagree.

Include a link to the article you reference for this paper. I want you to scour the news sources, but if you have difficulty finding a topic email and I'll lend some help. This is good practice for your conflict summary.

Timeline

6:00 – Housekeeping & Intro to Week's Topics

- Check Grades
- Preview & Explain Remaining Assignments

6:05 – Urban Geography/City Planning

- Jane Jacobs and Spike Lee's *Do the Right Thing*
- Sidewalks, Parks & Diversity...Jane is Still Relevant: Example - Complete Streets

7:20 – Break

7:30 – Community Planning

- Mini-City (In-Class Exercise)
- Intro to Planning Mini-Lecture
 - MATAAPS
- Plan a Trail (Begin Trail Planning Exercise)
 - Discuss *A Walk in the Woods*

8:20 – Questions

Worth a Look - Relevant Geographic Content:

- Saint Paul Planning Department: <http://www.stpaul.gov/index.aspx?nid=354>
- George Carlin Discusses Time: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYeLtrJ7o4s>
- In relation to this week's topic (planning): [McMANSION](#)
- In relation to Population: Snapshots of household's possessions in various countries:
[POPULATION](#)