Urban planning

Definition-goals-concerns,
Urban planning sub-fields and
cognate fields

prepared by Dr. Mohaned Rassam MSc. Shna Asaad

Lecture 1

(2022-2023)

Urban planning definition

- Urban planning is:
- a technical and political process concerned with:
- the use of land,
- protection and use of the environment,
- public welfare,
- the design of the urban environment, including air, water, and the infrastructure passing into and out of urban areas such as transportation, communications, and distribution networks.
- Urban Planning is also referred to as urban and regional, town, city, rural planning or some combination in various areas worldwide.
- Urban planning takes many forms and it can share perspectives and practices with urban design

Urban planning goals

 Urban planning guides and ensures the orderly development of settlements and satellite communities which commute into and out of urban areas or share resources with it.

Urban planners concerns

- Urban planners in the field are concerned with:
- Research and analysis,
- Strategic thinking,
- Architecture and urban design
- Public consultation
- Policy recommendations
- Implementation and management

Cognate fields

- Urban Planners work with the cognate fields of Architecture, Landscape architecture, Civil Engineering, and Public administration to achieve strategic, policy and sustainability goals.
- Early urban planners were often members of these cognate fields.
- Today urban planning is a separate, independent professional discipline.

Urban planning sub-fields

- The discipline of urban planning is the broader category that includes many different subfields such as:
- land use planning, zoning, environmental planning, transportation planning, and parks and recreation

thanks