

Urban planning

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

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Lecture 1

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 sub-fields such as:
- land use planning, zoning, environmental planning, transportation planning, and parks and recreation

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