

# **URBAN LANDSCAPE**

#### 1. CREATION:

- initial reason for settlement (function: fort, mill, river crossing, market, mine, etc.)
- development begins
- additional functions appear
- people are drawn to the site (pull factor)

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#### 2. GROWTH:

- ✓Various "pull factors" draw more people to the site
- ✓The place increases in size and diversity
- $\checkmark \mbox{More functions appear, especially the services,} and hire people$
- Tax base increases; infrastructure is kept upto-date

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#### 3. STAGNATION:

- Growth slows (both population and economic)
- Manufacturing/industrial presence begins to lag behind up-to-date trends
- ✓Infrastructure ages
- Area is passed over by those seeking a new location

WHY?

"Quality of location changes with time."

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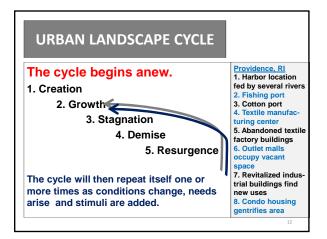
#### 4. DEMISE:

- Local population decreases.
- ✓ People (esp. younger people) leave for places that are "more modern" or have jobs (react to an outside pull factor)
- Urban functions disappear (also a push factor)
  Few jobs; stores lack customers, buildings are vacant; property values drop; tax base shrinks and infrastructure deteriorates (push factors)
  - Low income people remain and those who cannot move stay (stay factor).

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#### 5. RESURGENCE:

- Gentrification (when outsiders buy and fix up a rundown area)
- ✓ The area is re-created (modernized or historically restored) and given new functions
- Rehabilitation is done by middle and high income groups for middle/high income groups.
- ✓ Lower income groups are displaced.
- This new creation stimulates a new growth spurt; jobs are created; tax base increases (<u>new pull factor</u>)



# **PATTERNS within a CITY**

The two types of <u>spatial patterns</u> found within a city are:

- **1. Physical Patterns**
- 2. Social Patterns

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# 1. Physical Patterns

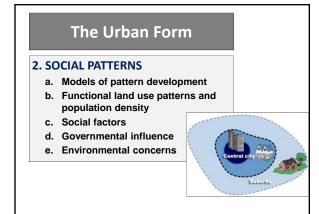
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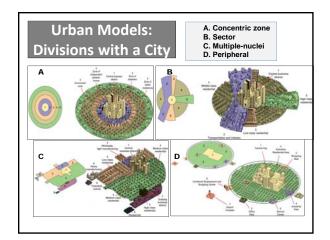
- concrete and asphalt (warmer temperatures)
- tall, closely spaced buildings (more wind)
- paved-over surfaces (less humidity)

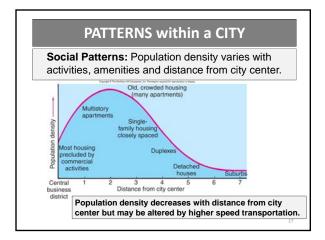
#### b. Altered hydrology from landscaping

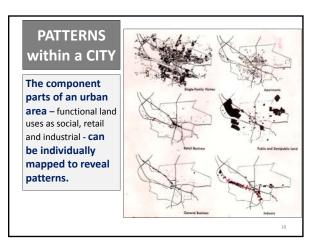
- surface streams, lakes and wetlands changed
  - ground water removal (pumping)
- reduced recharge zones (paved over areas)

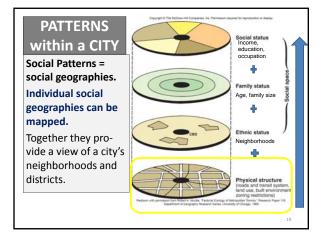
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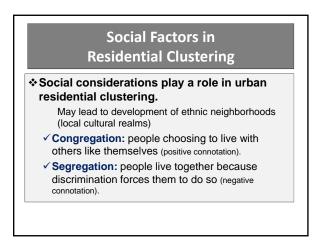






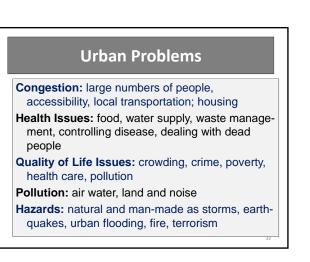






# Government's Role

- Zoning: decreeing what can or cannot be built in an area and/or the types of activities that are allowed or not allowed
- Eminent domain: the right of government to take over private land for the good of the general public.
- Urban and regional planning: a means of preparing for the future based on past and present circumstances and an "educated" assumption of what will happen in the years ahead.
- All include decisions by government to locate and build government-sponsored facilities/activities.



# THE END – Except for the final exam on Tues., May 22 from 9-11 AM, Rm 1036HN So, is geography just the study of place

names and the location of countries and their products?

NO.

It is the study of location analysis: a spot on earth and all the contributing factors that give it character – both physical and human.

Always remember the Five Fundamental Themes of Geography: location, place, movement, region and human-environment interaction.

