

Urban Landscape North repeating: The present-day pattern of population distribu-**Development** tion is a result of many factors, including: Once a site is selected based on ✓ physical environment the needs of the urban function: ✓human interaction with it ✓ economic variables as 1. A hierarchy of place develops. jobs, services and functions that cluster people 2. Settlement then evolves over time. 3. The hierarchy of trade centers (place) changes. Why the evolution and change? Because they are foci of economic activity and the economic activity itself evolves over time and in many cases follows a sequence of development.

1. Creation - initial reason; other functions appear

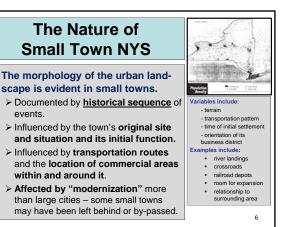
2. Growth – a "pull factor" draws people and businesses; need for service providers fuels growth 3. Stagnation – growth slows; area passed over with changes in function or by advances in technology 4. Demise – jobs disappear, population leaves, urban functions cease to exist, need for service is less; tax base is reduced or vanishes; disrepair is evident. Resurgence – rehabilitation of run-down areas; gentrification; new functions appear and begin to 'pull" people in again; new uses of space. OPTIONAL EXERCISE 17 looks at Urban Site

Urban Geography Refresher

Cycle of Urban Landscape Development

and change over time

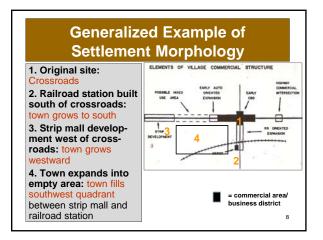


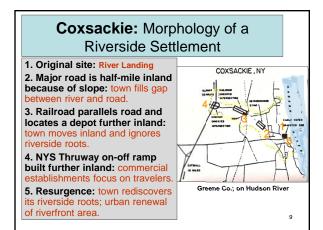


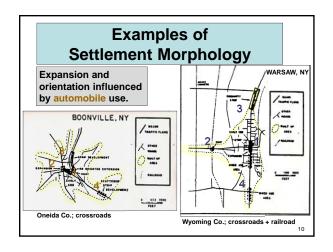
Regional NYS Small Towns

- Hudson Valley communities
 - Settled early, river oriented, sloped, compact, narrow streets, many with irregular patterns
- Central and Western communities
 - Settled later, grew along overland routes, level land, room for expansion, grid street pattern
- Northern communities
 - Settled last, valley oriented in rugged terrain, elongated street layout along main road, far from major transportation routes, limited options for growth

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RECAP: Cycle of Urban Landscape Development

- 1. Creation initial reason
- 2. Growth "pull factor" draws people and business
- 3. Stagnation growth slows; area passed over
- **4. Demise** jobs disappear, population leaves ("push" factor)
- 5. Resurgence rehabilitation; rebirth; new reason

The cycle happens everywhere.
Resurgence can occur earlier or later in the cycle based on historic, economic and political circumstances.

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