



Mixed-use development

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Mixed-use development is the use of a building, set of buildings, or neighborhood for more than one purpose. Since the 1920's, zoning in some countries has required uses to be separated. However, when jobs, housing, and commercial activities are located close together, a community's transportation options increase. In addition, mixed-use developments often have higher property values. Often located in existing urban areas or as part of a new town center, mixed-use development provides a range of commercial and residential unit and options. In planning zone terms this can mean some comb



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I met Bill & Loren. Loren Bruce is an assertive man with large blue eyes and a commanding voice. He comes from the urban planning field. He tells me "Reston is not ruined," but Bob Simon only had enough money for the land not for the sewage, roads, infrastructure. Eventually Gulf Oil had to rescue the project, and the markets start to dictate development.

It was the 1960's, the American Dream was alive and well. People wanted a piece of land to call their own, a car to take them comfortably from place to place. The concerns we now have - the guilt we may harbor every time we have to fill the gas tank just to go to the grocery store - these concerns just were not priorities.

Things will have to change he tells me. By the mere fact that people will simply not be able to afford gas.

June 3, 2011 Some thoughts:

MOST vibrant, rich American or international cities are NOT planned communities, or developments.

They seem to have grown naturally, over many years, through and within a multitude of stories and events, brushing up against all sorts of uncomfortable conflicts and questioning.

They are like plants - they were mere seedlings to begin with. Not fully formed but grown organically over time in just the right conditions.

