

North American Urban Models

Concentric Zone Model (aka Burgess's study of Chicago in 1920's)

Based on invasion and succession

Divides city into five concentric zones defined by functions

1. CBD is itself subdivided into several subdistricts.
2. Zone in transition (ZIT) characterized by residential deterioration & encroachment by business & light manufacturing.
3. closely spaced but adequate homes occupied by the blue-collar labor force.
4. middle-class residences.
5. suburbia

Functional Zonation

Division of cities into regions for certain purposes

Central city-urban area not suburban (often refers to "older city" vs "newer" suburbs)

Suburb

Outlying functionally uniform part of an urban area, often (not always) adjacent to central city

Suburbanization

Process by which lands previously outside urban environment become urbanized-as ppl & businesses move from the city to these spaces

Hoyt Sector Model

City grows outward from the center due to transportation/industrial zones (low/high rent areas could extend to outer edge)

Pie-shaped wedges compensate for drawbacks of Burgess Model

Harris & Ullman Multiple Nuclei Model

Since CBDs losing influence, rings/pie shapes had drawbacks

Cars change land-use patterns

Creates competing CBDs

Edge Cities

Suburban "downtowns" centered around shopping centers

Located near key fwys

Suburbanization aides change w shopping malls & mass transit

Urban Realms Model

Each realm is separate economic, social, political entity linked together to form lrg metro framework

Segregation in the USA

Redlining

financial institutions refusing to lend money in certain neighborhoods

Blockbusting

realtors purposefully sell homes at a low price to an African American and then solicit white residents to sell their homes at low prices, to generate "white flight."

Revitalization

Gentrification

Rehabilitation of houses in older neighborhoods

Attracts childless urbanites (SINKS/DINKS), baby boomers who want cultural ambience

combat suburbanization, city govts encourage commercialization of

CBD

New Urbanism

Reforms to create walkable neighborhoods w diversity of
housing/jobs