

Suburban Sprawl

Causes: values, car, government policies, government structure, actions of developers

Environmental Impacts

Loss agricultural land, habitat, biodiversity, roadkills, depletion of energy, inc air pollution,

Runoff: flooding, streambank erosion, water pollution.

Infiltration: depletion ground water supplies, land subsidence, saltwater intrusion

Alternatives:

- bayscaping

- urban growth boundary with effective zoning

- better planning

- clustering/intermingling land uses: why better less pollution: cars, mass transit, saves land

- city revitalization

- agricultural land preservation

Geographic Information Systems

System of hardware and software used to store and manipulate spatial data

Farmland Preservation

Conservation Easement-donate or sell development rights

Pennsylvania Preservation Issue: where preservation dollars should be focused.

Water Quantity

Water use statistics themes-Industry greatest withdrawer; agriculture greatest consumer

Flooding

- Impacts of urbanization: increased peakflow, decreased lagtime, decreased baseflow

- Levees-can enhance flooding, spills

- Channel straightening- can enhance flooding up and down river

- Adjustments/Techniques to reduce severity

 - Zoning floodplains, maintain forests, river wetlands, inc infiltration (swales, permeable park lots),

 - let unimportant areas flood, selective use of dams, levees (move them out further from river)

How water is stored in environment- 97.5% ocean, 1.8% glacier/icecap, 0.6% in soil

Colorado River water use conflicts

Reasons for projected water shortage: increased population; increased demand for irrigation, agricultural, and industry; water waste; unequal distribution; pollution

Methods to increase supply and decrease demand and their **advantages/disadvantages**

conservation, reclamation sewage, groundwater, desalinization, salt/drought resistant crops, rainmaking, long distance transport. Decrease DEMAND: metering, price mechanisms, restrictions, education

Water Quality

Pollutants and their sources and effects: pg 184

Eutrophication, Chesapeake Bay pollution: point sources, urban/suburban, farming

Recovery: restore self-regulating mechanisms, barnyard runoff management, streambank fencing, forest buffers

Primary, secondary, tertiary treatment and types of pollutants removed (pg. 184b)

Value of sludge

Alternatives to tertiary treatment: wetlands/lagoons

Nonpoint source pollution biggest source pollution

pollution prevention-cheapest way of addressing pollution

Water quality legislation: focus on point sources: NPDES, TMDL ambient, waste treatment, drinking contaminants, effects

Public Domain

amount of land in public domain, where it's focused

Multiple use doctrine and issues, groups involved in management