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Planning 101

Instructions for Exercise 1: Small Group- Zoning Map

Objectives:

- Teach the class how to read a zoning map and interpret the different symbols or colors
- Have the class look at a zoning map of their own community and orient themselves based on landmarks or places they know

Materials:

- Zoning map for the community plan area to be discussed (1 for every 4 to 5 people)
- Aerial map of the same area, preferably to the same scale and with the same landmarks or street labels to help people compare

Instructions:

- Have each person in the group orient themselves to the map. If they live or work in the neighborhood shown, where is their street? What colors are on their street and surrounding areas?
- Pull up Slide 20 again ("Zoning: Typical Zones"). Discuss in your groups how the colors match up with the categories listed. What do the letters mean again?
- What are the small lines?
- What are the gray outlines?
- Discuss how what you see on the zoning map compares to what you see on the aerial. Do you notice the same patterns you see on the zoning map? For strips of red (commercial) what do you observe is different on the aerial? What about neighborhoods of yellow (residential)? How much parking do you see on the aerial? How much of the lots are buildings vs. open space?