

# Sprawl & Today's Landscape

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1	<b>Stopping Sprawl by Growing Smarter</b> by Edward T. McMahon	Sprawl is causing some of the costliest problems America faces, yet, as Ed McMahon argues, several "myths" have made it more difficult for us to come to grips with sprawl.	#26, Spring 1997
4	<b>Smart Growth Trends</b> by Edward T. McMahon	What do suburban town centers, green space as a residential amenity, open space systems, downtown housing, and cooperation between developers and environmentalists have in common? According to Ed McMahon, each represents a positive planning trend as we near the twenty-first century.	#33, Winter 1999
6	<b>The Three Myths of Growth</b> by Eben V. Fodor	Oregon planning consultant Eben Fodor offers a critical look at growth.	#21, Winter 1996
9	<b>American Zoning &amp; the Physical Isolation of Uses</b> by Laurence C. Gerckens, AICP	Most zoning ordinances segregate residential, commercial, and industrial zones. Planning historian Larry Gerckens tells how this came to be.	#15, Summer 1994
10	<b>My Family's Business</b> by John B. Kassel	Some personal reflections on the death of downtown retailing.	#9, Mar/Apr 1993
11	<b>Coping With Superstores</b> by Constance E. Beaumont	How planning commissioners can come to grips with superstore development, and reach an outcome that the community wants.	#17, Winter 1995
17	<b>Metropolitan Pressure Points</b> by Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr.	Rochester, New York's mayor argues that it's time to abandon the myth of the self-sufficient municipality.	#32, Fall 1998
18	<b>Centering Our Suburbs</b> by Richard Untermann	Encouraging mixed-use centers is one way of fighting sprawl. Richard Untermann describes how underutilized shopping areas can be converted into centers that provide a mix of commercial, office, and residential uses, as well as improved pedestrian and transit access	#22, Spring 1996
22	<b>Gateway Communities</b> by Edward McMahon	A growing number of people are visiting or moving to the small cities and towns close to national parks and other scenic attractions. A look at how these "gateway" communities are coping.	#34, Spring 1999
24	<b>Putting Growth In Its Place</b> by Rick Pruetz, AICP	Transfer of development rights offers communities a way of saving environmentally sensitive areas, farmland, historic landmarks, and other important resources. Planner Rick Pruetz examines how TDR programs work, and what makes some more successful than others.	#31, Summer 1998
30	<b>Developing Brownfields, Not Greenfields</b> by Craig Kasper & Mark Aumen	Tens of thousands of brownfields – abandoned, often contaminated, industrial sites – can be found in sites, towns and rural areas across the country. They represent an enormous potential resource, one that can lead to new jobs, healthier neighborhoods, increased local tax revenues, and less sprawl.	#32, Fall 1998
32	<b>Two Perspectives on Sprawl:</b> ◆ <b>Bringing Sprawl to a Crawl</b> by Eben Fodor ◆ <b>The Anti-Sprawl Mantra</b> by Wayne Lemmon	Planning consultant Eben Fodor outlines six steps individuals and communities can take to combat sprawl, while planner and real estate economist Wayne Lemmon makes the case for low-density suburban development.	#37, Winter 2000
36	<b>School Sprawl</b> by Edward McMahon	One of the most important, but often overlooked, contributors to sprawl is the construction of large educational facilities in outlying, undeveloped areas. Edward McMahon takes a look at some of the causes of "school sprawl" -- and at some efforts to combat it.	#39, Summer 2000
39	<b>Planning and Conflict: The Story of Otaru, Japan</b> by Kunio Yamaguchi	How conflicts between growth and preservation were dealt with in one Japanese city.	#17, Winter 1995