## Urbanization and Sustainability

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- 1. Urbanization The creation and growth of urban and suburban areas
- 2. Urban Growth Rate at which urbanization occurs
  - Immigration from rural areas
- 3. Urban Sprawl Low-density development at edges of cities/towns
  - Contributing factors to urban sprawl in the US:
    - Ample land
    - Low-cost gasoline highways
    - Tax laws encouraged home ownership
- 4. Land-Use Planning
  - Encourages future population growth
  - Encourages economic development
- 5. Zoning
  - The designation of land for certain uses
  - Mixed-use zoning (think strip mall)
- 6. Eco-village movement
  - Design and live in more sustainable villages in rural or suburban areas