


Lesson 3.2: Return to Spring Meadow

Overview

Read this to continue analyzing the Spring Meadow case study concerning housing availability and pricing.

Which Archetype?

 Which system archetype does the decision made by Spring Meadow represent? Take a moment to think and perhaps refer to [A Pocket Guide to Using the Archetypes](#) before you respond. Jot down some notes to explain your answer fully.

Spring Meadow Today

This is a fixes that fail archetype. The original problem was a shortage of housing for public service personnel and others. The fix was to have C & P Homes quickly build 326 new units in a newly zoned subdivision. Unfortunately, the sudden increase in available homes caused home prices in Spring Meadow to fall, which caused declines in property values and in property taxes (which are based on property values). The town collected less revenue and was less able to pay for infrastructure needs and town services. Ultimately, Spring Meadow lost its reputation as a great place to live as more and more people moved away.

Attributions and References

Reference

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