Project Title: Cultural Landscape

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**INTRODUCTION**

Urban planning is an important concept with the modern city. It affects how the city will grow and be developed. Neighborhood is one of the important concept for urban planning. Each neighborhood has its own characteristic. By the definition in wiki, neighborhood is a community that were geographical localized within a larger city. It often brings people with the same culture background or life style together. In New York City, there are little Italy, Chinatown, Korea Town, Chelsea, etc. All these different neighborhoods have different cultures associated to them. They also have their own boundary. They do not overlap each other. However, if we take a closer look, the way people live and socialize is a fluid process. There is not a physical barrier between different neighborhoods to stop them from influencing each other. Therefore, the boundary of different neighborhood should be more porous and ambiguous. We can look at it from a different angle. If the area of the neighborhoods were defined by the different culture or lifestyle, we might have a different view and insight on the way we plan a city. We all know we can find the most Chinese food in a Chinese community, and vice versa. Therefore, I am making an assumption that I can map out the community with different culture background with the locations of the different cuisines. This cultural map of a city can help the urban planner to have a better idea on how the different culture were merging or segregating in a city. On a lighter and smaller contribution, it might be able to help us to find the most authentic food in conjunction with the highest review from yelp.

**DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION**