

Notes/Rdgs, Odds & Ends

SHSA

795 sq. miles  
population sq. mile 1,502  
total pop 1,194,290  
2.35 acre

City

pop 750,026  
land area 91.1 sq. miles  
8137.475 people / sq. mile  
12.7 acre.

if population of SHSA was at  
density of White Fish Bay  
the SHSA would have a  
population of: 6,960,384

if density of East Side hi  
rise area: 10,440,576

if population of Milwaukee County  
was at density of White Fish  
Bay, county would have  
population of 2,092,492.8

if the rise pop of 3,138,739.2 people  
in Milwaukee County



Census Tract 84

typical duplex + single family

505.1 acres

6,850 population

13.56 people/sq acre

Census Tract 4

Prospect-Farmwell area

typically hi rise

346.7 acres - 139 ac. park

population 4 233

inc. park 12.21 people/sq. ac. or 20.52 peo/sq ac

Whitefish Bay WB 156, 155 + 157

area 2.1 sq. miles or 1344 acres

population 18,390

13.68 people/sq acre

County Milwaukee

239 square miles

1,036,041 population

6.77/acre density



p117 cited Ely & Wehrwein  
From Principles p136  
v1 B: P p117

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## The Renewal Gap - A Concept of ~~Economic~~ Economic or Ground Rent

The rent of land, has been defined by Thomas Malthus, "to be that portion of the value of the whole produce which remains to the owner of the land, after all the outgoings belonging to its cultivation, of whatever kind, have been paid, including the profits of the capital employed, estimated according to the usual and ordinary rate of the profits of agricultural capital at the time being," more briefly Malthus defines economic rent as "the excess of value of the whole produce, or if estimated in money, the excess of the price of the whole produce, above what is necessary to pay the wages of labor & the profits of capital employed in cultivation."

Ely & Wehrwein comment in a footnote that were it not for the tenacity of traditional terminology, they would suggest land income rather



O rent  $\Rightarrow$  possible  
normal next logical  
step

than the phrase ground rent.

"The productivity of land is two-dimensional and consists of capacity and efficiency." p 130 E&W  
 $eff = 100\% \text{ I/O}$  capacity is extent of utilization



## Interesting Sidelights

"Medium class houses, 7000 of which were vacant in the West Side alone in 1890, were in such poor demand in the old sections of the city as a result of the exodus to the suburbs and the growing popularity of apartments... That middle class as well as poor residential land remained stationary or declined ~~in~~ in this period." Homer Hoyt 100 yrs of Land Values in Chicago p 189 cited E & W p 133

"Rents are often influenced by custom & Tradition" p 133

"The fact that land values tend consistently to be above the level of values as justified by rents adds difficulty of paying for land and, when the land is paid for, the 'inflation' means a low rate of return on investment." 133 E & W



# I. S., cont (2)

"It must not be concluded that economic competition will of itself direct the land into uses most beneficial from the standpoint of society" p. 40 briefly states case against unregulated market

"Land as nature is not scarce but land as a factor of production is, and one <sup>(of the)</sup> reasons is the cost in money, time, labor, and inconvenience necessary to increase the economic supply of land.

"The tragedy of premature and unsuccessful subdivision lies not only in the loss of private investment but also in the fact that good farm land is taken out of use & committed to idleness after public improvements have been made, many of them at public expense." p. 49

"We speak of land 'ripening' into higher uses; this is putting land



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into cold storage - and loading the community with the 'frozen assets' that result" p 129 quoting Herbert D. Simpson + John E. Burton, The Valuation of Vacant Land in Suburban Areas (Inst. for Econ. Res. Mono. 2, 1931) p 44

"Land does not always move freely from a lower ~~to~~ use to a higher use because of the costs of supersession. A site occupied by a hotel may be ripe for an office building, but the cost of tearing down the hotel, plus waiting costs + loss of income, may postpone the change until the site is over-ripe. Costs of supersession tend to restrict the ready expansion of the higher uses of land and to that extent make these uses more scarce than they otherwise would be. On the other hand long before a site is ready for the new use, and the owner is faced with vacancies, lack of income and costs similar to those encountered in premature subdivision." p 149



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(4 cont)

Babcock points out that land is only a residual when it is in its highest & best use, which is often "hypothetical" T.D. p. 59

Doran & Hinman  
Urban Land Economics  
Macmillan 1928

extended city boundaries →  
extension of municipal services  
and the supply of urban sites is  
increased

high realty taxes within a city  
offset advantages of sites within  
city limits

"Because of widespread confidence in the appreciation in land values and a lack of understanding of production costs, the chance of an extra gain from ownership in land has been overestimated in far more cases than it has been underestimated" 514



E & W p 477

of taxation " Its power to influence  
land utilization is very important "

Single Tax " to its proponents  
It is a complete reform similar  
to socialism " 477



Ratchiff, Richard U. Urban  
Land Economics  
Mc Graw-Hill 1949 N.Y.

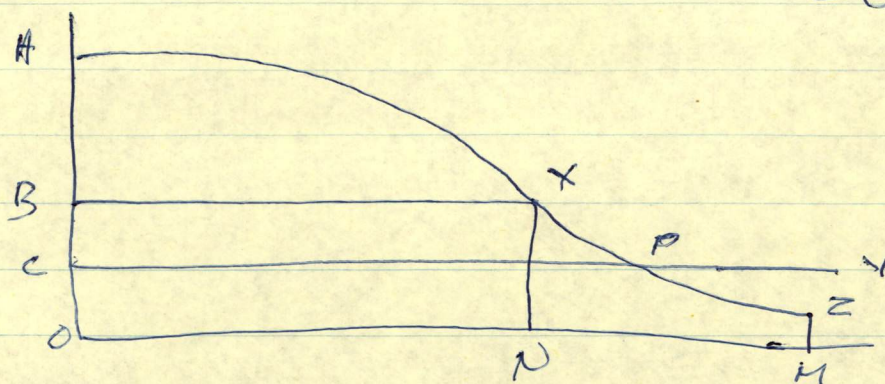
Ripening costs: "The costs are in the form of interest charges, taxes, or operating expenses and are determined by the time over which revenues are insufficient to meet such costs." 351

"The extent of processing or improvement of land is so great for most urban land uses that in the final combination of land & improvements the original raw land occupies a position of minor economic importance." 10 352

"The market price of vacant land is based on estimates of the maximum profit that can be produced through the most favorable of the alternative development plans." 353



## Ratcliff (2)



AZ = forecast of future gross revenue to year M

CO = forecast of annual operating expenses (heat-light taxes, but not depreciation)

realistically could be assumed to rise

ACP area = net income of enterprise after operating

ABX = the loss in value & ~~pay~~ return for each period on the then unretired value of the wasting assets

N = economic life

BC is annual return

"The enterprise, in so far as it involves the original structure & purpose, is ready for liquidation when revenues fall below those costs which are



Ratcliff (31)

created by operation, so that there is less loss through demolishing the building and holding the land vacant, or when the nature of the location has so changed that a new enterprise, involving the replacement of the original improvements before the end of their normal life, will be able to yield a higher net return than the original enterprise." 357-358

"As a practical matter, business decisions concerning the use of land are based on calculations of the return to be produced by alternative uses and various combinations of land improvements. These calculations do not begin with an assigned value for land; such a value is the end product... Land is residual in the sense of permanence of value. Physically it is non-deteriorating, ~~and~~ and, unlike the improvements and structures, rarely becomes valueless. Even when the buildings become dilapidated & uninhabitable, the land, when cleared,



Ratcliff (4)

has some value. And finally, in an accounting sense, land may be viewed as the residual claimant. Land is generally associated with the equity capital of the enterprise." 359

"To the extent to which urban land can be put to several uses and to the extent to which a unit of urban land can be substituted for another or can be substituted for capital or labor, land is economically mobile. Rent is no more a residual claimant than are wages, interest, or profits." p 360

above in contrast to classical view "The conclusion is that the market price of land is determinable only after and in part, by the prices of capital & labor, and that therefore land may be considered the residual claimant. This argument is based upon the classical notion, not accepted in this chapter, that land is immobile while the other factors of production are not" 360



\* quoting Bye, Carl R. Development and  
Issues in the Theory of Rent p 80 NY 40

RAT (5)

"The attempt to filter out the contribution of land, as such, to the productivity of the enterprise meets with insurmountable difficulties,"  
p 363

"Land with its existing improvements must be not only the basis of the entrepreneurial calculation of rent but also the factor of production to be employed for analytical purposes in urban land theory."

"Following the foregoing line of reasoning, we view urban land as the joint product, the parts of which can be segregated according to origin only in an arbitrary manner."  
(it "takes" nothing)

critical of rent as exploitive, does not have unique characteristics (he qualifies this p 364) "We view land as a factor of production with an economic behavior little different from that of the other basic factors" 365

"The process of fitting site + use is a competitive one, hardly suggestive of monopoly" p 366 see 355 for discussion



Part (6)

"If it can be assumed that urbanism is basically an economic phenomenon, it is a logical deduction that the internal organization of cities has evolved as a mechanism to facilitate the functioning of economic activities & that the apparently haphazard arrangement of use area does have an essential order." 368

Efficiency in use is measured by rent-paying ability of a use to extract economic utility from a site. The use that can extract the greatest return from a given site will be the successful bidder. The outgrowth of this market process of competitive bidding for sites among the potential users of land is an orderly pattern of land use spatially organized to perform most efficiently the economic functions that characterize urban life." 369

R.M. Harris, Major Econ. Factors in Metro Growth & Arrangement 27 NY p39)

"explains that rent is the charge that the landowner can elicit in return for



Part (7)

saving in transportation costs." p 371

"It is an interesting corollary of the complementary character of transportation cost & rent that a general reduction in transportation costs, i.e., an increase in population fluidity, will tend to reduce all site rentals. Thus, the spread in the use of private automobiles, has, in fact, tended to reduce site rental rents in central business locations by making outlying retail centers more generally accessible." 372

"In summary, one might say that the structure of the city is determined through the dollar evaluation of the importance of convenience" 375

"The basic cause of the inefficiencies in land use arrangement - [is] that there is a constant lag resulting from the dynamic nature of society, socially, economically, and technically, which impinges upon the rigidity of the physical improvements; ~~384~~



Rot (8)

these improvements carry over far beyond the time when they adequately expressed the needs of the community." 384

\* "The replacement of an existing improvement is not justified until the value of the cleared land exceeds the present value of the original enterprise - land & building." 385

- result of imperfect forecasting
- long life & cost of buildings

"The basic objective of city planning is to attain the same land use pattern that would emerge naturally from the process of the urban real estate market under conditions of perfect competition" 385

"The perfect land market would produce a pattern of land uses in a community which would result in the minimum aggregate of land value for the entire community." 385

386 land pattern not same as would be if land were vacant & new community planned

fixity of improvements  
long in adjusting



Part (9)

use relic of past

Shifting land use

- (1) improvement of vacant land
- (2) altering existing structures
- (3) demolition + replacement
- (4) new group replaces one of different social characteristics

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Blighted areas continued to move down "until the owners are willing to accept prices for their land that can be justified by the uses appropriate to the location" 400

\* "Change occurs when some new use antithesis the existing use for the property. Such replacement takes place when the return on the site after the removal of the original structure & its replacement for the new use is greater than the return on the entire property, land & building, under the original use. In other terms, the ~~400~~ replacement is economically justified when the value of the cleared land (ready for the new use) exceeds the



Rot (50)

remaining value of the original property, land + building. " 403

Read 404-5 for graphical presentation similar to renewal gap approach

deficiency of land market that we "freeze" land in one use for long periods through the installation of semipermanent physical improvements. Thus, in the face of a shifting society & evolving technology, there stands a rigid physical complex of buildings with the streets & utilities that serve them; the result is continuous obsolescence of the city structure. The basic problem arises from the dedicating of land to currently appropriate uses through the erection of buildings & the provision of necessary facilities in face of the inevitability that the land improvements will become functionally obsolescent while still physically sound. " 407



Part (11)

408 "Controls that assist in prediction may be said to be favorable to the investor & unfavorable for the speculator who preys on uncertainty. With the greater certainty and predictability that controls make possible, a long term view will be encouraged and sounder and more socially desirable land development will result." 408

p 409 discussion stresses need for master plan of development for city (could be enforced through site taxation)

Real estate tax is a major fixed cost often amounting to 20 or 25 % of gross income. "Thus, changes in tax policy, in tax rates, or in assessment procedures may have marked effect on the profitability of real estate investment..." 421

"The fact that the value of the land represents only a small proportion of the total value for most properties means that even a large ad val-



Root 12

ment in land value would result  
in only a small change in total  
value.



~~WV D (5)~~

Wellhelm, Sidney M. Urban  
Zoning & Land Use Theory

Free Press of Glencoe 1962

on momentous task before us jazz!

"More than ever before in the history of our society, deliberate efforts are being made to direct the pattern of development within our cities. It is no exaggeration, barring complete destruction, to claim that the future of American cities rests upon those activities connected with land utilization..." p. 1

he's a g.d. sociologist!

"As Eric Hopper states, uncertainty towards the future causes individuals to hold fast to the present, while hope in the future induces individuals to seek utopia." p. 161

cited from The True Believer  
N.Y. Harper & Co. pp 57-ff.



Weimer, Arthur M. & Hoyt, Homer - Principles  
of Real Estate Ronald Press  
NY. Fourth Ed. 1960

1. from their viewpoint income is of  
prime importance, and value a second-  
ary consideration p 276

a) quote Babcock "The property, actually  
is the earning expectancy, and the  
capitalis figure - the total value  
is a derived fact depending upon  
the future income stream in some  
manner" p 129 of Bab

b take into consideration depreciation

1. Physical depreciation

- wear + tear from operation
- decrepitude: action of time &  
the elements

2. Functional depreciation

- inadequacy or supersession
- obsolescence

3. contingent depreciation

- accidents
- diminution of supply (waterite)
- disease (growths in water  
main, pollution)

classification from Bonbright, James  
Vol I P187 of Valuation & Property 1937



W + H (2)

c "In this country functional depreciation appears to be the major cause of loss of value, particularly the development of competition from more efficient structure & more desirable neighborhoods & districts" 71

d Justice Brandeis "Value is a word with many meanings" p 284

1. economist - value = market price
2. appraiser " = warranted selling"  
(willing buyer - willing seller)

e Paul F. Wendt "... it seems fair to state that there have been no major contributions to appraisal theory since the writings of Babcock & Bonbright (1932 & 1937, respectively). Recent writings have been concentrated upon the appraisal process & techniques for establishing values."

from Wendt Real Estate Appraisal  
N.Y. Holt 56 p 40 cited p 287



W & H (3)

"We should recognize that appraisal methods are tools only. Unless they fit into a ~~so~~ theoretically sound framework, they may lead to questionable results even if applied with care." p 288

## 2 Depreciation

### 1. methods

- a) straight line
- b) weighted rate
- c) reducing balances
- d) sinking fund.

### 2. to reflect care & maintenance

#### a) quantity survey - observed

1. curable defects

2. non-curable defects

3. costs of 1 calculated added to 2

b) effective age if well kept  
is "younger" than average

3. to test depreciation table compare market prices of old buildings with values based on current costs less depreciation (use recent cost figures)



WJH(4)

3<sup>rd</sup> "In appraising real estate for tax assessment purposes, land & buildings are valued separately." p 312

The population density is around 10,000 per gross sq. mile in neighborhoods of single-family homes when the lots are 50 feet wide and 100 feet deep & when half the land is allocated to streets, recreation areas, schools, shopping centers, and similar land uses. In row-house areas under the same general conditions outlined above, the population density reaches 30,000 per gross square mile. In 3 story, walk-up apartments with 4-room units and with 50 per cent of land covered by the apartment buildings, a density of 50,000 per sq. mile is reached. Population density ranges from 100,000 to 200,000 per sq. mile in areas of elevator apartments 8 to 22 stories high with 25% land coverage "325



American Inst. of Real Estate Appraisers

The Appraisal of Real Estate

3rd Ed. 1960 printed by RR Donnelley & Son

"In appraising improved real estate the appraiser is dealing with two distinct entities. One of these is land, the other is the improvements on the land. While joined physically it is often desirable & necessary to evaluate the land separately. The building and other improvements are subject to deterioration; they are a wasting asset. The value of a site may appreciate or depreciate but the land physically persists indefinitely." p 108

Site valuation is useful in determining the degree of economic obsolescence of improvements. Suppose, for example, the appraiser's analysis reveals that the highest & best use is as the location for a store, & that the value of the land thus is \$100,000. Suppose further that the land now has an apartment building but that the future value of the entire property, improvements included, based on the next



## AREA (2)

income from the apartment is only \$5000. It becomes painfully apparent that the site is not being put to its highest & best use & that the apt. structure is an underimprovement with little, if any, remaining value. ~~"109"~~  
"Separate valuation of the land does not often demonstrate any such severe case of building obsolescence." 109

"The basic appraisal principles apply to site valuation. A site's potential utility is measured in terms of the income imputable to it after the other agent in production have been satisfied. This surplus productivity is attributable to the land." 111-112

1. Title & Record Data
  - a) legal description
  - b) tax value & taxes
  - c) special assessment
  - d) zoning
  - e) restrictions setbacks, heights ground coverage, fire & building codes



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f. private restrictions same as d & e above plus prohibitions as to signs consent of neighbors etc.

g. easements, rights of way, party wall agreement etc

## 2 Physical data

a frontage

b width ( $\Delta$ )

c depth

d area

e) front footage

f) plottage

g) shape

h) contour, topography

i) soil & subsoil

j) subsurface features

k) utility connections electric, gas, water

sewage, telephone etc

## 3 Relation to land pattern

a) corner influence

b) alley influence

c) abutting lots

d) ~~area~~ width of street <sup>walks</sup> <sup>curb</sup> surface

e) traffic load, direction stop light

f) bus & car stops

g) display or advertising value

h) limitation of access, entrances

author's prefer market data method to residual, anticipated use or abstract methods (last divide known total value)



#### AIDEA (4)

"Depreciation is the difference between the value of buildings & improvement + the cost of reproducing them at the same date" <sup>203</sup>

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"Value and reproduction cost are synonymous only when the building is new & represents the highest & best use" 203

quotes The Appraisal Terminology + Handbook defining depreciation:

On effect caused by deterioration, or obsolescence, or both. Deterioration is evident by wear & tear, decay, dry rot, encrustations, structural defects. Obsolescence is divisible into 2 parts, functional & economic. Functional obsolescence may be due to poor plan, functional inadequacy due to size, style, age, or otherwise. It is evidenced by conditions with the property. Economic obsolescence is caused by changes external to the property such as neighborhood infiltration of in-harmonious people or property uses, legislation, and the like" p 204



AIDEA (5)

"Depreciation has two phases. One is past; the other is future" 204

past = accrued depreciation

future = amortized better in use of term "recapture" "system of setting aside annual amounts to recover or recapture within a period of years the present value of a building or improvement." p 205

d) Engineering method of depreciation applies reduction individually to separate parts of the structure such as foundations, walls, floors, electrical, heating etc.

1) can use capitalized income method

c) market method (seeing what <sup>similar</sup> building particular age sells for)

d) straight-line method

e) accounting

1) declining balance (amount decreases from year to year, at first very large toward end of ec. life becomes very little.

2) ~~sum of~~ the years digits method



## AIDEP (6)

ex: for 10 year life  
denominator  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots + 10 = 55$   
first yr. subtract  $10/55$  second  $9/55$   
etc

"Intelligent study of the market reveals that a property's depreciation is an individual phenomenon" p 211

f) effective age concept "use age of a similar & typical property of equivalent usefulness, condition & fut. life expectancy." p 212  
The chronological age may be greater or less." p 212

g) component-age-life method  
sum of component depreciation.

h) breakdown-method take other approach of rehabilitation costs, plus curable obsolescence immovable ob. & econ. ob.



for historical material  
Baron M. Saksolski, Land  
Tenure + Land Taxation in  
America Schalkenbach Foun-  
dation 1957

ELEMENTS OF LAND ECOW.  
Ely + Mowhouse, Edward W  
Macmillan 1924

"Taxation has a double function. First, it is a means of obtaining revenue to defray governmental expenditures; and, second, it is a means of controlling the use of property." <sup>P 3/8</sup>

We have "to consider that taxation is a means of social control in that it controls, deliberately or unintentionally, the behavior of men in their use of property." <sup>3/8</sup>

"The unintended effects of taxation are often the most significant factors to be considered in formulating a taxation policy." 319



## E & M (2)

"The single tax would take all of the income from land, thus effecting a complete confiscation of land values." 323

FISHER, Ernest M + Fisher, Robert M.  
Henry Holt & Co NY. 1954

"In modern urban markets there appears to be no reliable criterion by which a tax load can be distributed between "land" and "improvements," p 464 "... The exact contribution that each element makes to the whole cannot be separately evaluated, nor are market transactions usually based on a division of the elements." 464

"For purposes of assessing a real estate tax, it is common practice to divide the total valuation of a parcel between "land" and "improvements." But the basis for making the division is purely arbitrary and the tax itself is levied in rem - against the fee of the entire unit." 464



BABCOCK, FREDERICK M. - The  
Valuation of Real Estate  
McGraw-Hill N.Y. '32

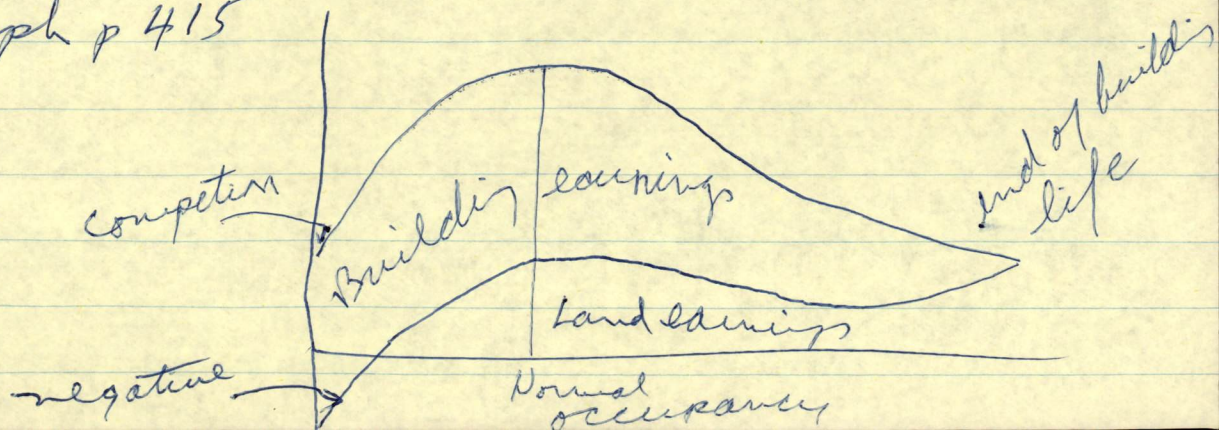
"Land value is residual in character." 29

"The building under which land is residual is always that building representing the highest & best use." 30

"The value of land is a function of the uses to which individual owners can put parcels of it." p 33

"Loss of value due to structural deterioration, use, wear, & tear is frequently described as depreciation. The loss of value occasioned by going out of style, by becoming less suitable for use, & by similar commercial or economic causes is described as obsolescence." 40

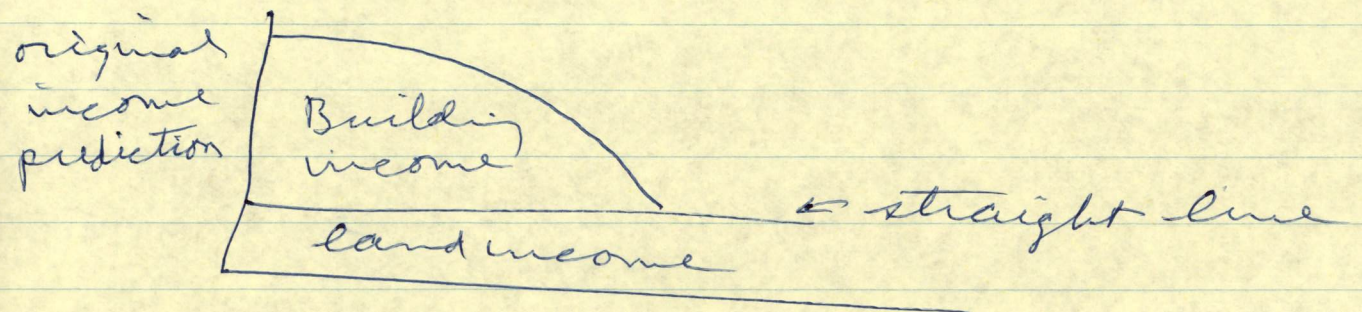
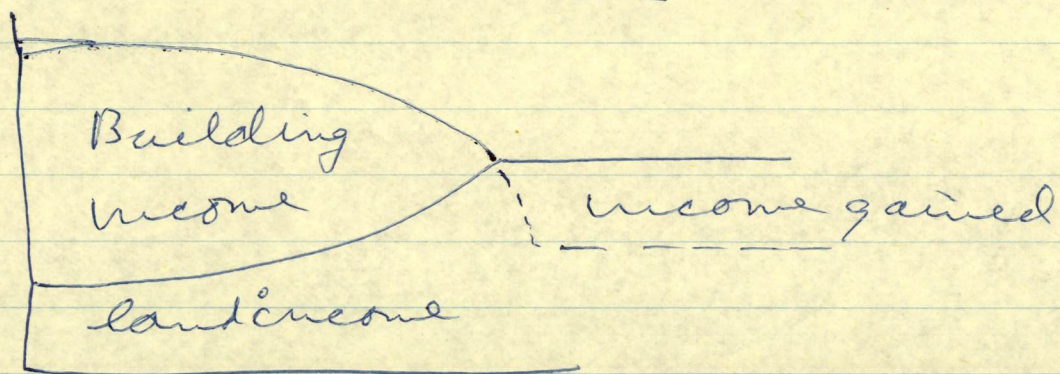
graph p 415





Babcock (2)

change to higher use for land → substitution of land income for building income.



land "absorbs" building value

vacant lots are taxed by valuing as if developed, what would they earn? disregards fact that all lots couldn't be built on. inf. late estimate of wealth of community and includes "in the total a considerable value which has no actual existence" p32.



Babcock

(3)

Babcock cites Irving Fisher p 42 (of Fisher) saying "The future income stream has been declared to be the most fundamental part of economic life" 129

"If anticipated income is the basis of valuation, then the valuation process will necessarily include the making of forecasts & predictions. The fact that predictions are difficult to make with accuracy in no way modifies the necessity for making them, & the process of deriving an estimate of present value from a forecast of future income is in no sense to be considered as one of several alternative methods of valuation" p 131

ammunition to depend site taxation? or at least highest & best use in realistic way  
"In American cities economic factors have been responsible for a high rate of building mortality. Few buildings have been demolished because they were no longer structurally sound." 109



The Retreat of Agriculture In Milwaukee County, Wisconsin  
Loyal Durand Jr.  
Transactions of the Wisconsin Academy of Sciences, Arts, & Letters  
Vol. 41      8 197      Jan 14, 1963

Thinks that there may be a need for differential  
tax treatment in order to protect high ~~value~~ quality  
farm land near Milwaukee

10% of county is used for farming  
was 21% in 1959

50% in early 1930's

1960 <sup>mil</sup> County

60% of farms were ~~un~~ unclassified or  
principally residential or part-time landholdings  
35 market gardens

50 dairy farms of which 26 shipped to city

16 dairies in SW shifted to Chicago shipment

12 acres of sugar beets

131 " of cabbage

237 remaining commercial farms equally divided  
between Franklin and Oak Creek.

119 Nursery & greenhouse with gross Y of  
more than \$3,000,000 or  $\frac{1}{2}$  of total farm income (County)



Reid, Margaret G - Housing and  
Income U of C 1962

"As normal income increases, the value and rent of dwelling units tend to increase at an even faster rate, so that housing-income ratios tend to rise with normal income. This is contrary to the long-standing notions that housing tends to take a declining percentage of increased income" V-Vi

Housing-income relations observed for 1950 and 1960 consistent with Schwabe's law of rent (higher income, lower is the housing-income ratio)

Elasticity 0.35 for 1950

She suggests that such a measure understates the increase in housing accompanying increase in normal income (Friedman's Permanent income hypothesis concept); that the random component in consumer units income contribute to this understatement



## Reid (2)

She finds over period studied 1918-19 to 1960, that the elasticity of housing with respect to normal income appears to be between 1.5 and 2.0.

She observed this tendency in both cross-section and inter-temporal change data.

High quality housing in the Amer. standard of living appears to be a luxury.

Housing-income ratios tend to be very high for consumer units with an aged or a female head.

The price elasticity of demand for housing tends to be around -1.0 (housing consumption tends to increase at about same rate as the price of housing falls.)

"The evidence implies that high quality housing is one of the important luxury components of the American standard of consumption." p. 7

"housing is little affected by short-run income changes" p. 376



Reid (3)

"Increase in population and income tends to increase demand for new units. If population growth and rise in per capita income coincide, the increase in demand for new units will be especially high" 390

"Holding occupation or race of head constant would tend to increase the income elasticity of housing." p 105

Among the strata of Negro consumer units, the importance of owner-occupancy is negatively correlated with  $Y$ , and among strata of white consumer units it is positively correlated "06



Wetmore, Louis B - "Trends in Urban  
& Urban-Related Land Uses" in  
Papers of the Land Economics Inst.,  
Modern Land Policy Urbana 1960

The "development of large-scale units has led to greater efficiency in withdrawal or withholding of land for urban purposes insofar as vacant lots are concerned. The large-scale development unit, however, has introduced a new pattern of vacant areas. Opportunities or limitations in the process of acquiring tracts of land leave large blocks of vacant land around + between these large-scale units of development. The tendency is for the pattern of development to assume a pattern of large developed units interspersed with areas of vacant land of varying sizes but of substantial scale... ~~It~~ is doubtful that a significant efficiency is being achieved." p 146-7



PENNIMAN, CLARA "The Role of Property  
Tax in Wisconsin Since 1929"  
National Tax Journal Vol IX #4 Dec 56

- 1 studies decline of property tax in Wisconsin
- 2 "Despite the general taxpayer outcry that property taxes have reached an absolute ceiling, analysis reveals: that 'full value' property tax rates in Wisconsin today are only slightly (.3 mill) above the 1929 rate; that today's rate is lower than for a majority of the years following 1929; that property taxes in the last decade have made up a lesser proportion of state & local taxes than in 1929 or the 1930's; and that total property taxes are about 25% lower in proportion to income in 1955 than in 1929. City taxes in 1955 were only .8 mill above the full value tax rate in Wisconsin in 1929; village taxes, .3 mill lower; but town & rural tax rates have climbed 5.4 mills between 1929 & 1955." P 338 (summary of findings)



MARGOLIS, JULIUS - The Variation  
of Property Tax Rates Within a  
Metropolitan Area"

Dec 56

NATIONAL TAX JOURNAL

VOL. IX #4

study Bay Area 72 city gov.

1. finds lowest tax rate in industrial enclave, next in rural hinterland (associated in part by lower levels of public service)
2. finds highest rates levied in central cities while balanced and dormitory cities have almost the same rate
3. questions validity of policy of "industrialization" in order to reduce property tax rates.
  - a. expansion of industrial and commercial uses have consequences
    - 1) on residential densities
    - 2) on income levels of residents to be attracted
    - 3) levels & patterns of public service
  - b. may not lead to lower taxes
4. "striking finding" great variation in rates among cities in region



Bartholomew, Harold  
Land Uses in American  
Cities Harvard U. Press 55

Of the total area found within the boundaries of the 53 central cities only 55.85% is developed for some urban use

| Number of cities | population group | developed acres per 100 people |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 28               | 50,000 and under | 9.97                           |
| 13               | 50-100,000       | 8.01                           |
| 7                | 100-250,000      | 8.03                           |
| 5                | 250,000 + above  | 5.04                           |

(p. 23)

Most of developed area in cities is devoted to residential use (39.61% on the average, range 20.30 to 59.69 with the vast majority 30-50)

| # cities | population group | multifamily dwellings as % of total developed area |
|----------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| 28       | 50,000 or ↓      | 1.73                                               |
| 13       | 50-100,000       | 2.13                                               |
| 7        | 100-250,000      | 2.21                                               |
| 5        | 250,000 + ↑      | 4.90                                               |



\* TDA = total developed area

| Type of use   | 53 cities % of total developed area | Bartholomew (2) 53 cities % of total residential area |
|---------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| single-family | 31.81                               | 80.29                                                 |
| 2 family      | 4.79                                | 12.11                                                 |
| multifamily   | 3.01                                | 7.60                                                  |
|               | 39.61                               | 100                                                   |

Residential use occupies 80.23 or 4/5 of all land privately developed

| # cities | pop group       | commercial area per 100 people | commercial area % of TDA* |
|----------|-----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 28       | 50,000 or less  | 0.31                           | 3.14                      |
| 13       | 50-100,000      | 0.21                           | 2.58                      |
| 7        | 100-250,000     | 0.23                           | 2.90                      |
| 5        | 250,000 or more | 0.21                           | 4.26                      |
|          |                 | streets per 100 people         | streets % of TDA*         |
|          |                 | 2.82                           | 28.33                     |
|          |                 | 2.66                           | 33.27                     |
|          |                 | 2.21                           | 27.57                     |
|          |                 | 1.25                           | 24.75                     |

| acres / 100 people |                     | % of TDA* |         |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|---------|
| publically         | privately developed | public    | private |
| 5.15               | 4.82                | 51.65     | 48.35   |
| 4.44               | 3.57                | 55.47     | 44.53   |
| 4.00               | 4.03                | 49.86     | 50.14   |
| 2.38               | 2.66                | 47.31     | 52.69   |



Bartholomew(3)

Use of privately developed as % of TDA in

| Residential | Commercial | Industrial |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| 39.56       | 3.14       | 5.65       |
| 37.16       | 2.58       | 4.79       |
| 41.40       | 2.90       | 5.88       |
| 39.97       | 4.26       | 8.46       |

vacant area as % of total  
city area (same classes)

47.01

38.80

21.85

20.37



Schechter, Henry B "Cost. Push of  
Urban Growth"

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Growth pattern in the 40's

41% increase in urban <sup>SMA</sup> rings

29% " " <sup>urban rings</sup> central cities

~~14%~~ 14% " " central city

from Bogue Population Growth in SMA

roadbuilding → ribbons

= traffic on G.W. bridge commut.

Detroit regional study: indust loc.  
followed from past leapfrogging  
disconnected areas + plant requiring  
large site loc. outer edge where  
land available

industrial workers commute

" out "

white collar com " in "

Jacob Silver study travel time in D.C.

48 to 55

pop ↑ 31%

total <sup>shopping</sup> mileage ↑ 107%

Trends in Travel dwelling units 44% for work 49

other 73

# trips 42%

mileage up 71%

to C.B.D. by  
Res. of Was.



user operated trans. for  
country + 6,746 million on  
26% from 53-7  
Sung Current Bus.

index of private trans. cost up 37%  
28 23 increased use  
7.9 " in population  $\rightarrow$  15%  
on 3950 mil. in 53 \$

21.3% transit fares 53-57  
T. con price index 5.1

| Population group | average rate |
|------------------|--------------|
| 0 1000           | 2.06         |
| 1 - 3            | 2.13         |
| 3 5              | 1.96         |
| 5 10             | 1.83         |
| 10 35            | 1.42         |
| 35 - 400000      | .94          |

"In an econ. activ. such as water  
supply & other facil., where ce  
ret. to se. increase is a lay-  
ing, the post WWII prolifer-  
ation of small community  
systems has contributed to  
increased real cost per unit of  
service " 23 price index  $\uparrow$  28.4 53-57



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10% increase in household  
water saving.

10% rise in <sup>53-7</sup> price index  
for gas sold almost 2X CPI  
49-53 was only 5% while CPI ↑ 12%  
increase in miles of  
distribution <sup>mains</sup> 123% 53-7  
customers 14%

49-53 → 15  
→ 16

Telephone Class A (90% of telep)  
# ↑ 27 annual # calls ↑ 26  
miles of cable 42%  
rate increase would have been  
more but they sold lot of phones  
CPI ↑ 12 49-53 Telep 18 ↑  
# phones 22 miles cable 27%  
# calls 15



# Minority Attitudes in a Community

School of Social Work (undated)  
post Jan  
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1. Almost all of H. 1 62,458 Negroes live in an area approximately 25 blocks long + 21 blocks wide
2. If they could move anywhere in H or suburbs 72.6 would want to move of those only 8.8% would remain in inner core
3. 61.2% said Negroes could not live where they wished  
only 13.9% <sup>above</sup> said <sup>reasons</sup> was because of financial or other than discrimination
4. only 16.4% preferred neighborhood in which people were alike in terms of race, religion etc.
5. 85.3% had voted for Kennedy of those who had voted & told vote
6. religion very imp see p 4:1
7. access to some jobs & to Negroes 64.7% men  
58.2% of women
8. gov. thought to be less discriminatory than overall community
9. 63% would, if could do over, go to college  
5.9 beyond, median education of 9.5 yrs.



## Minority (2)

- 10 uncertainty about equal treatment  
by police shown by 3/4 of respondents

most of study p.p. 8-1 to end  
on leadership potential



W.H. Crouch What To Do When your Property  
is Condemned

just compensation

Onondaga County Water Authority v. N.Y. Water Service Co. : "the question of just compensation is not determined by the value to the Gov. which takes, but the value to the individual from whom the property is taken."

a) comparative approach based on sales + asking prices of comparable properties

b) earnings approaches based on capitalization of anticipated earnings

c) summation approach based on fair market value of the land plus cost of reproduction of improvement less depreciation however caused.

Crouch Problems in Highway Condemnation & Valuation Problems under Eminent Domain

American Inst. of Real Estate Appraisers' defines market value "The highest price estimated in terms of money which a property will bring if exposed for



sale in the open market, allowing a reasonable time to find a purchaser who buys with knowledge of all the uses to which it is adapted and for which it is capable of being used" p 610 Wis. L. Rev. July 59

2) more broadly "The amount at which a property would exchange, in the current real estate market, between a willing buyer & a willing seller, with equity to both." p 610

3) some prefer market value or value to present owner especially of special purpose properties

4) to estimate just compensation <sup>damage</sup> loss or 1

a) difference between fair market value of property, before or after taking

b) value of part taken considered as a separate unit plus damages to the remainder

c) value of part taken considered as part of the whole plus damages to the remainder

d) damages to the remainder included in the value of the part taken



Was 2. Rev. 2.

5. police power with respect to regulation or limitation of use of property are not compensable, but actual taking of property or property rights under eminent domain is compensable.
6. Distinction is made between injury to property and injury to property owner, are costs of moving to be compensated
  - a) theory of "being made whole again" rearrangement costs
  - b) costs of moving personal
7. property have almost always been held to be non-compensable
8. non compensable
  - a) loss of future profits
  - b) loss of the value of a business
  - c) loss of rental
  - d) costs of securing new location
  - e) loss of business during construction
  - f)  $\Delta$  in grade



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metropolitan areas are beyond conscious control. Worse still, they defy understanding. Control some of us may not wish; understanding we must all desire." p 12

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the 3 essays are the same old  
soup warmed over