

# 11:573:409 Advanced Environmental Planning

Interdisciplinary class for advanced students in majors including Environmental Planning, Urban Planning, Geography, Landscape Architecture, Ecology, and Environmental Policy, Institutions, and Behavior.

Wednesdays 12:10 PM - 3:10 PM  
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Fall Semester 3 Credits  
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What do we expect from our towns and landscapes? Is it just low taxes, a hopefully short commute to work, and ample parking?

Innovative Environmental Planning raises the bar. Suburbia can be more than a conglomerate of profitable land uses lined up along roadways; it can become a place to be. The relationship of residents with their environment is formed by stories and experiences of individuals or groups that add to the meaning of place.

The interaction between people and place forms a cultural landscape that is not limited to critical historic sites or spectacular natural scenes. This class will discuss a landscape approach that includes the strip mall and the parking lot, the retention basin of the warehouse, the industrial waterfront, the charming main street, and the picturesque park.

Topics of the class:

- Examine the tension between natural preservation and land use planning.
- Critical discussion of current methods and tool of Environmental Planning in New Jersey.
- Analysis of NJ Case Studies to assess new approaches within our home rule context.
- Develop a strategy for effective implementation of environmental goals on land use planning policy.



The class will integrate case studies from the Rutgers Center for Urban Environmental Sustainability and analyze existing planning tools to develop real world solutions for the suburban landscape. The outcome of the class will be a possible definition of Environmental Planning in a home rule state.

