



The Original Sin of Single-Family Zoning: Land Use, Sustainability and the Future of US Cities

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Can cities in the U.S. reduce greenhouse gas emissions while promoting social diversity through better land use decisions? Minneapolis, Portland and Seattle think so, targeting single-family zoning as a key barrier to achieving equitable, sustainable communities.

Seventy-five percent of residential land in U.S. cities, and over 80 percent in Boulder, is reserved exclusively for detached single-family housing. Anything else is illegal, prohibiting the construction of multifamily, senior housing and mixed-use projects, the kind of development essential to creating more affordable, transit- and climate-friendly neighborhoods.

More density means not only more diversity, but less environmental harm from automobiles.

This virtual symposium will examine the role of land use policy, zoning and urban design in promoting housing affordability and mobility while reducing auto-dependence and GHG emissions in U.S. cities and towns.

- **William Shutkin**, Moderator/Faculty, University of Colorado Boulder Masters of the Environment Program, Boulder, CO
- **Ben Holland**, Senior Associate, Rocky Mountain Institute, Boulder, CO
- **Kristin Hyser**, Deputy Director of Housing and Human Services, Boulder, CO
- **Michael Lander**, Principal, The Lander Group, Minneapolis, MN
- **Kathleen McCormick**, Author, "Rezoning History: Influential Minneapolis Policy Shifts Links Affordability, Equity," Land Lines magazine, Boulder, CO
- **Kelan Stoy**, Head of Solutions Engineering, Urban Footprint, Berkeley, CA
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