

Coding for Success

June 22, 2015



Most prevalent Tool for addressing land use =

Land Development Code (LDC)

[PDF] LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE - City of Prescott

www.cityofprescott.net/_d/ldc.pdf ▼ Prescott ▼

City of Prescott Land Development Code (Amended November 25, 2008) i. Table of Contents. Article 1 / Introductory Provisions .

Land Development Code Amendments - Hillsborough ...

www.hillsboroughcounty.org > ... > Development Services > Zoning ▼
Land Development Code Amendments, 2014 Round 1, BOCC Workshop April 8, 2014
Land Development Code 14-0471. Update the Land Development Code ...

Land Use Services > Planning > Development Code - San ...

cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/.../DevelopmentCode.aspx ▼ San Bernardino County ▼ The San Bernardino County Development Code implements the goals and policies of the General Plan by regulating land uses within the unincorporated areas ...

View Reno Land Development Code - Municipal Code ...

www.municode.com/library/NV/Reno/Land Development Code *

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City of Medford Oregon - Land Development Code

https://www.ci.medford.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=447 ▼ Medford ▼ City of Medford Oregon / Planning / Land Development Code ... Therefore, we recommend that you search by keyword to find all relevant sections of the code.

Land Development Code (ULDC) - Department of Growth ...

growth-management.alachuacounty.us/land_developme... ▼ Alachua County ▼ Oct 9, 2012 - The Land Development Code (ULDC) is a collection of zoning, subdivision and other regulations that implement the policies of the ...

Unified Land Development Code (ULDC) - Palm Beach ...

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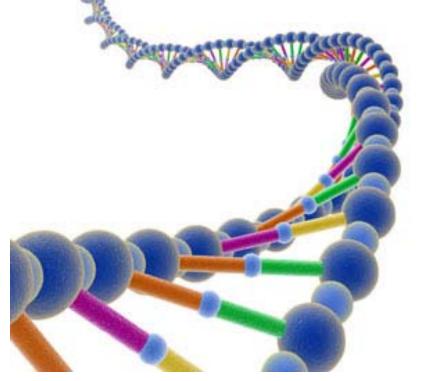
Jan 30, 2014 - UNIFIED LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (ULDC). * Disclaimer *. ULDC SUPPLEMENT 16 - Last Updated 03/03/2014. The PDF Articles have ...

Pinellas County, Florida - Land Development Code

www.pinellascounty.org/plan/codeupdate/default.htm •

Unincorporated Pinellas County Land Development Code Project. News & Updates: Code Update Workgroup - Meeting Information ...

Land Development Codes are like the DNA of our community and shape the form of our cities.



















....the kinds of acceptable activities in a place.



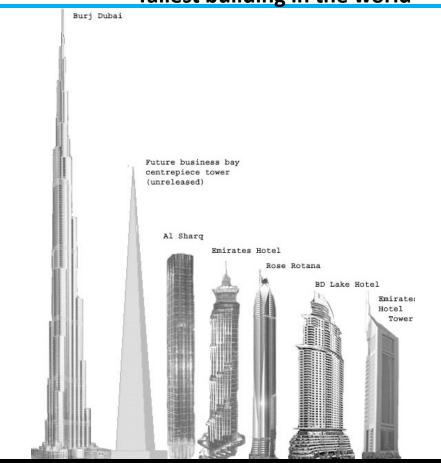




.....the intensity of those activities.



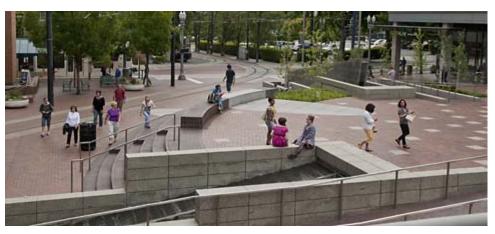
Tallest building in the world



Texas State Capital

.....heights of structures.

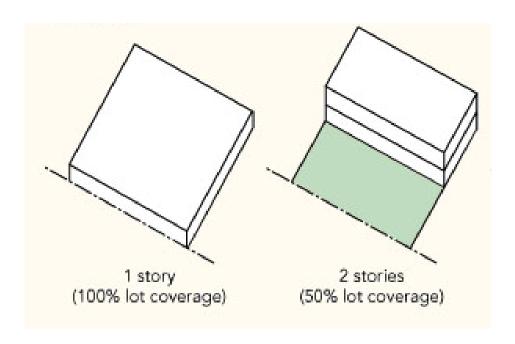








.....proportion of hardscape to landscape.



.....amount of space that a structure may occupy.

Side and Rear Setbacks for Detached Accessory Buildings Garage/Shed Rear Yard Setback Setback between Main Building and Detached Accessory Building Side Yard Setback Side Yard Setback D welling (Main Building) Property Boundary Front Yard/Street Setback Street right-of-way

(setbacks)

.....location of that structure on a lot.



.....how an activity is accessed.

What are we trying to accomplish?

By regulating these issues..... **Predictability Activity** We are trying Compatibility **Intensity** to provide..... **Accountability Structure** Access

What are common types of land development codes in the US?

EUCLIDEAN

(Conventional)

FORM-BASED

(Non-Conventional)

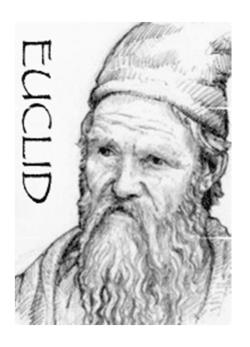
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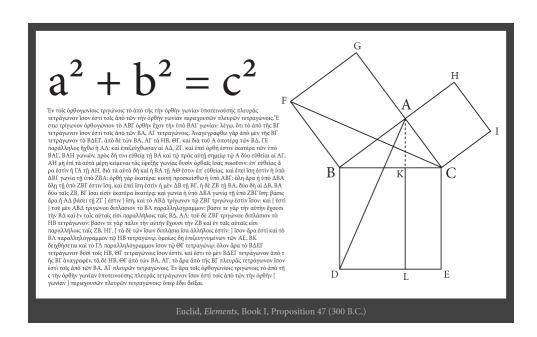
(Combination of the above)

Euclidean

(Conventional)

EUCLIDEAN ZONING IS NOT.....

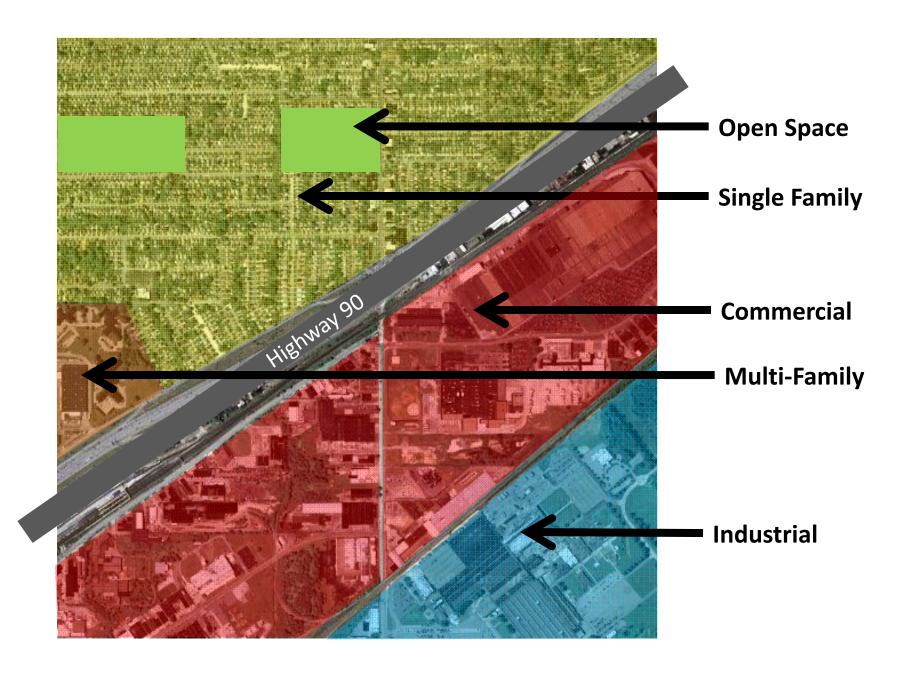




THIS GUY, but

.....THIS VILLAGE.









Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty Co. (1926)

......With particular reference to **APARTMENT HOUSES**, it is pointed out that the development of detached house sections is greatly retarded by the coming of apartment houses, which has sometimes resulted in **DESTROYING** the entire section for **PRIVATE HOUSE** purposes........

.....very often the APARTMENT is a mere PARASITE, constructed in order to TAKE ADVANTAGE of the OPEN SPACES and ATTRACTIVE surroundings created by the residential character of the district......

......Moreover, the coming of **ONE** apartment house is followed by **OTHERS**......

......and bringing, as their necessary accompaniments, THE DISTURBING NOISES INCIDENT TO INCREASED TRAFFIC and business, and the occupation, BY MEANS OF MOVING and PARKED AUTOMOBILES, of larger portions of the streets, thus detracting from their safety and depriving children of the privilege of quiet and open spaces for play, enjoyed by those in more favored localities -- until, finally, the RESIDENTIAL CHARACTER of the neighborhood and its desirability as a place of detached residences are UTTERLY DESTROYED.

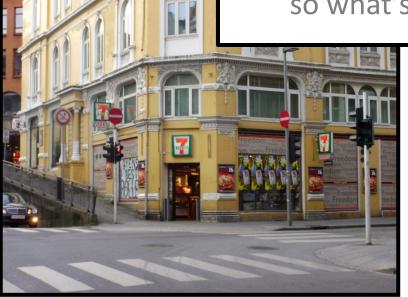
Form Based

(Non-Conventional)





Same activity, so what's different?







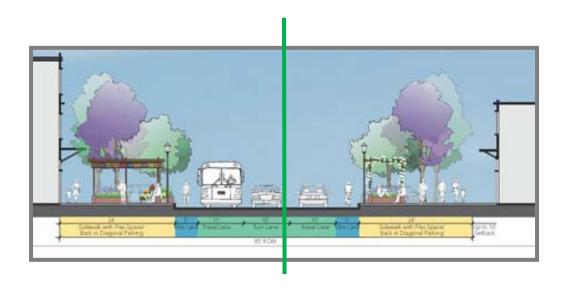
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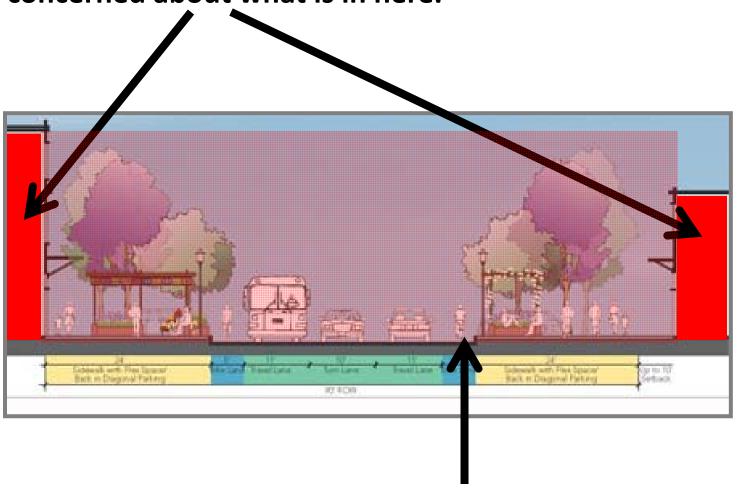
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FORM

Public

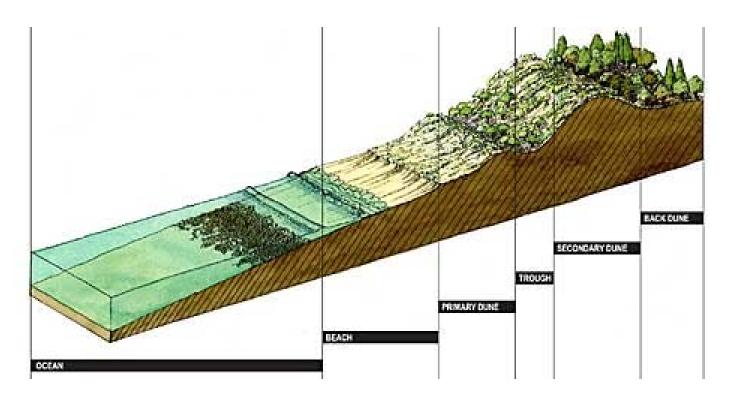


Less concerned about what is in here.



More concerned about what shapes the city here.



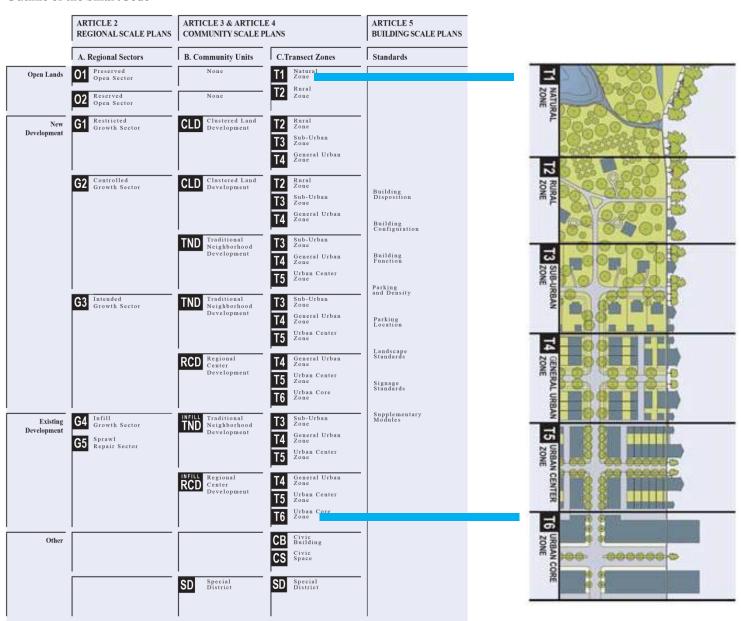


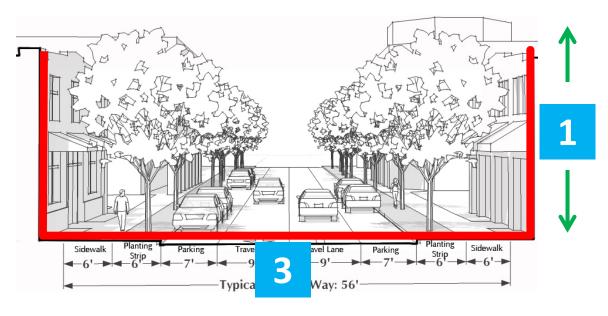
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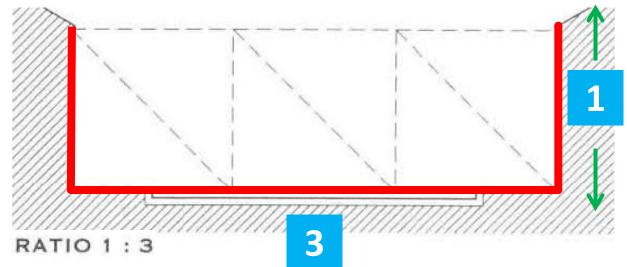


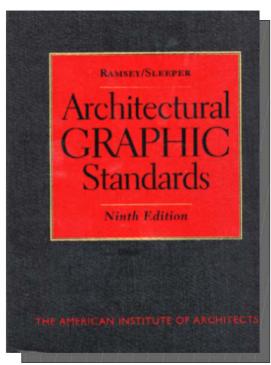
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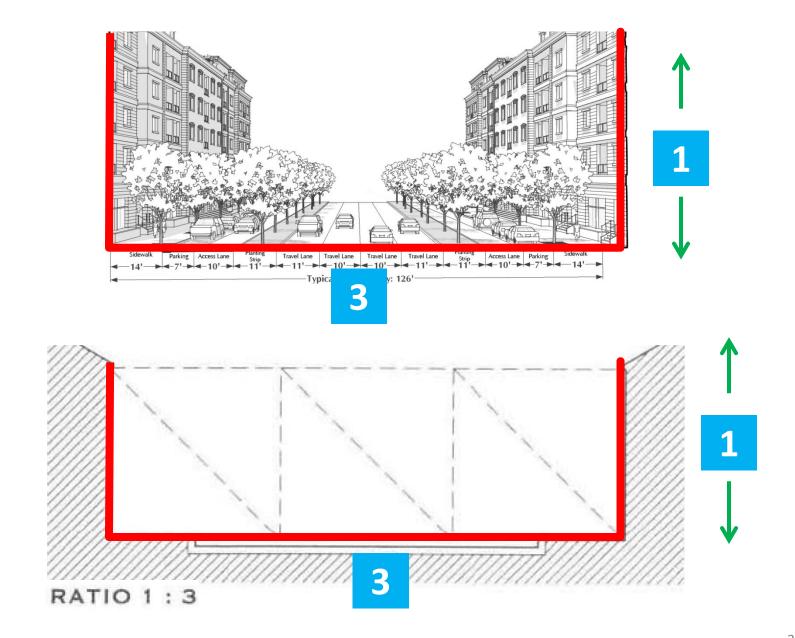
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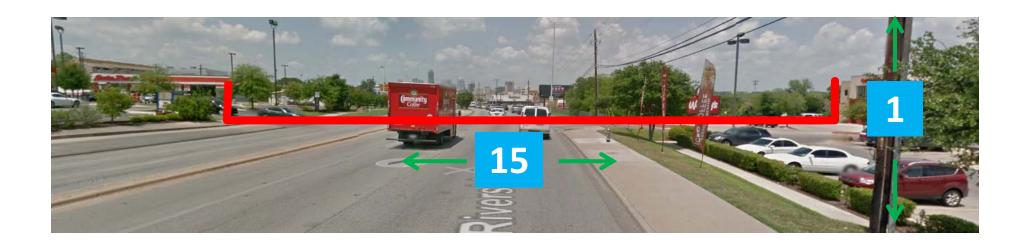






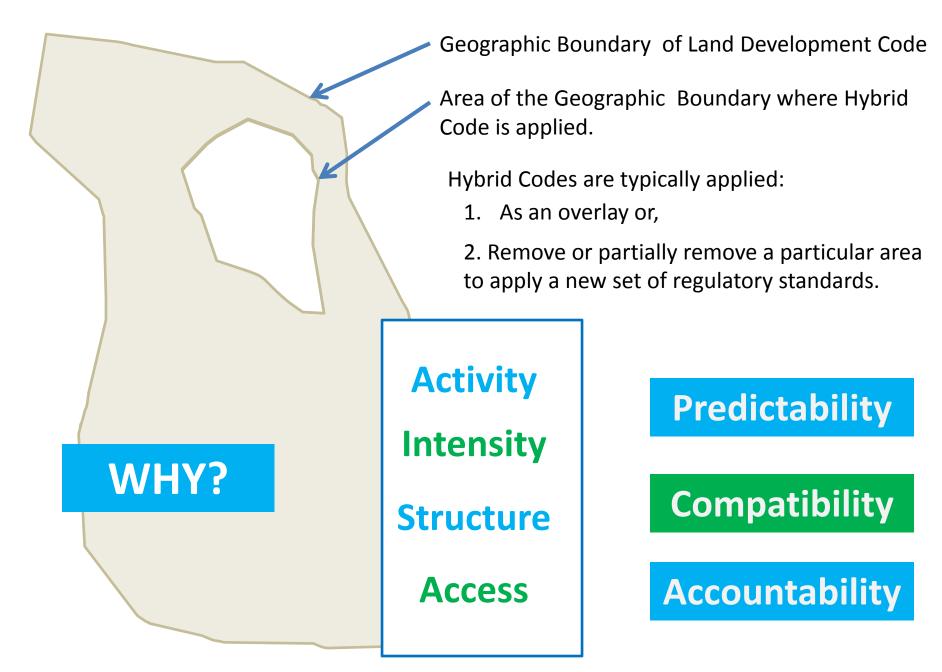






Hybrid (Combination)



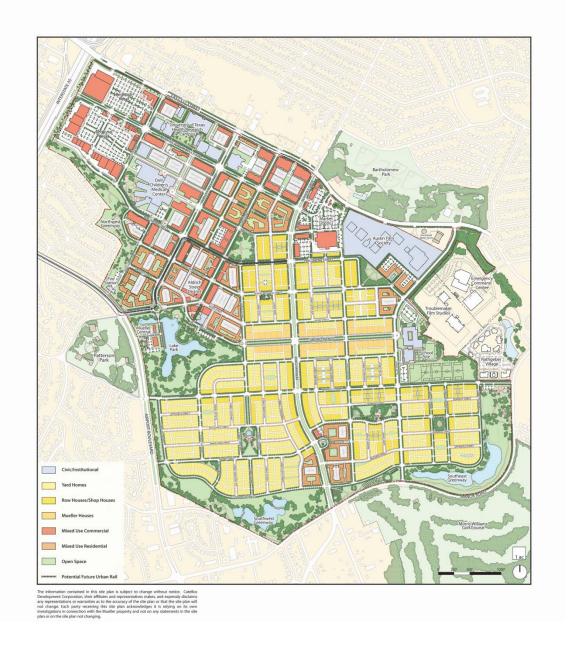


El Paso (Overlay)

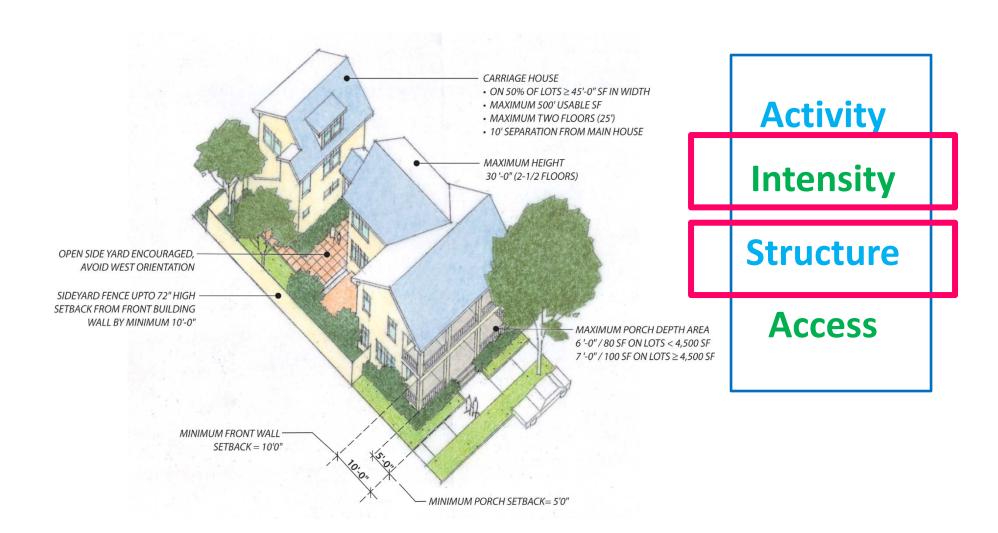


MUELLER REDEVELOPMENT (Removed and modified)

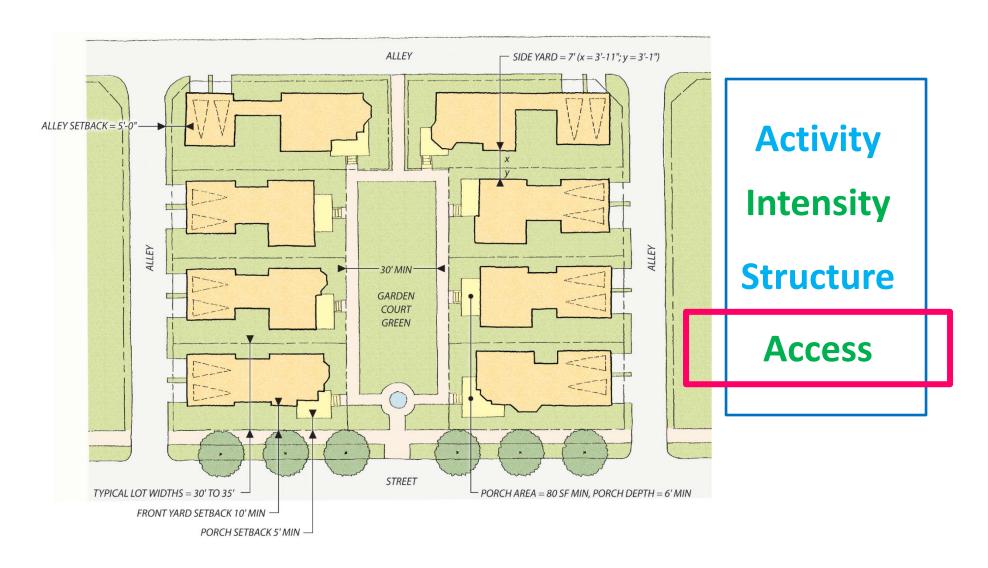
- Has a discrete boundary within the Austin City limits.
- Utilizes Form Based Code Principles.
- Has an adopted Plan and accompanying Design Book.



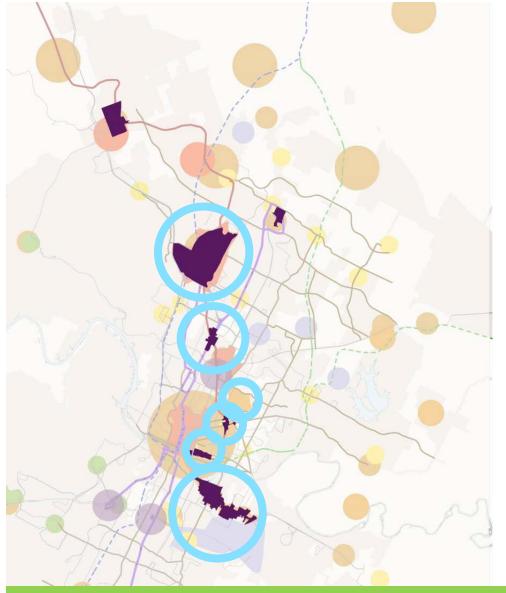
MUELLER modifies....



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Where else do we have Form-Based or Non-Conventional Zoning?



North Burnet/Gateway = 1,443 acres

Lamar/Justin TOD = 178 acres

Mueller = 700 acres

MLK TOD = 85 acres

Plaza Saltillo TOD = 88 acres

East Riverside Corridor = 825 acres

TOTAL = 3,319 acres

City of Austin = 401,390 acres

Percentage of the City under Non-Conventional Zoning = 0.8%

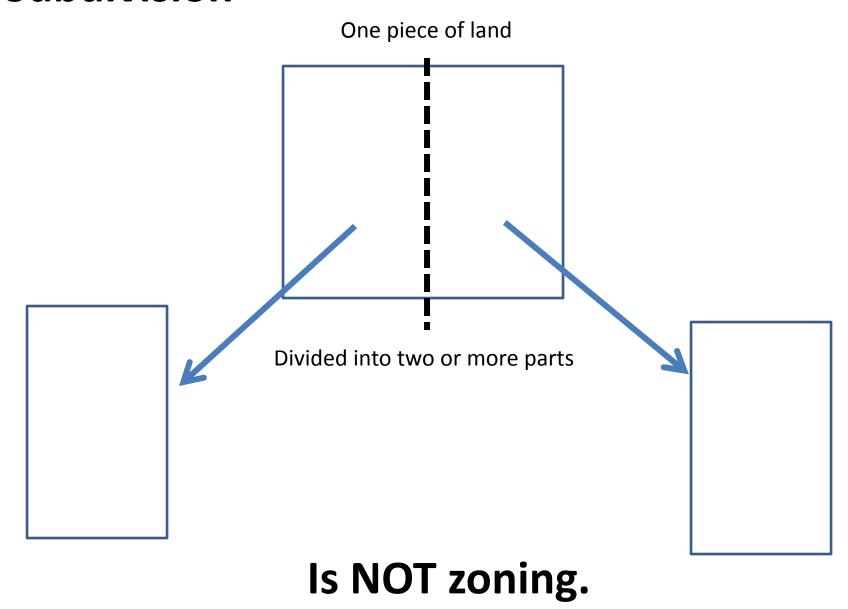
What governs the other 99.2%?

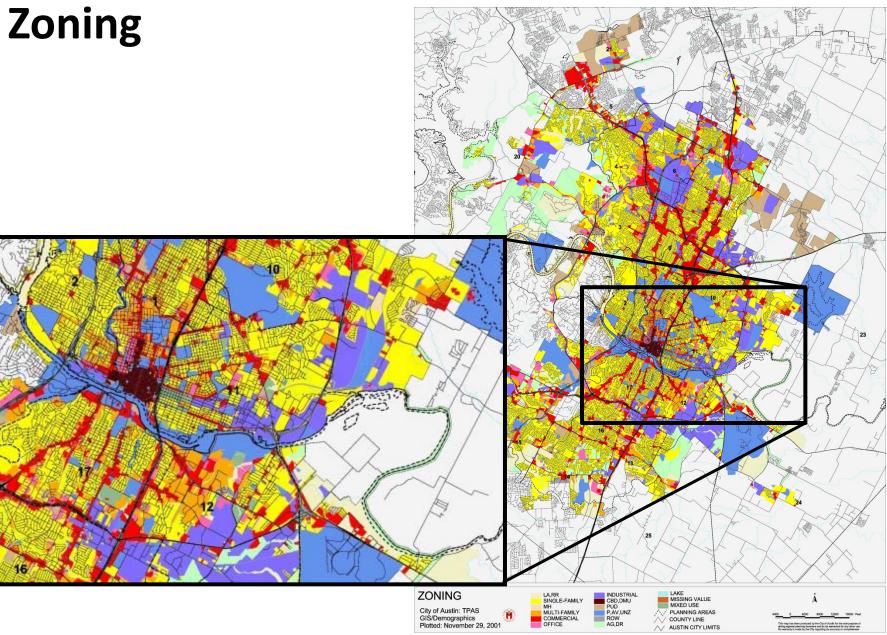
City of Austin Land Development Code

(Euclidean or Conventional Code)

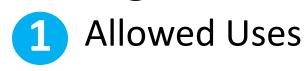
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Zoning
Criteria Manuals

Subdivision

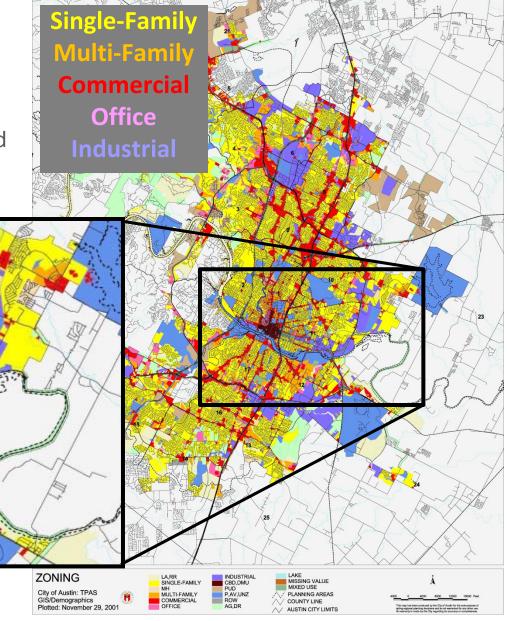




Zoning:



Zoning takes different types of uses and collects them into land use categories.



Zoning:



Site Development Standards

§ 2.3. FRONT YARD SETBACK.

A. Minimum Setback Required. The minimum front yard setback required for development subject to this Subchapter is the lesser of:

- 1. The minimum front yard setback prescribed by the other provisions of this Code; or
- **2**. The average front yard setback, if an average may be determined as provided in subsection B. below.
- **B**. Average Front Yard Setback. The following rules apply for purposes of the setback calculation required by paragraph A.2:
 - **1.** A front yard setback is the distance between the front lot line and the closest front exterior wall or building façade of the principal residential structure located on the lot.
 - **2.** Except as provided in paragraph 3, average front yard setback is determined using the front yard setback of the four principal residential structures that are: (a) built within fifty feet of the front lot line; and (b) closest to, and on the same side of the block, as the property subject to the setback required by this section.
 - 3. If less than four structures satisfy the criteria in paragraph B.2, average front yard setback is calculated using the number of existing residential structures on the same side of the street block as the property subject to the setback required by this section. If there are no structures on the same side of the block, average front yard setback is calculated using the front yard setbacks of the four structures on the opposite side of the block that are closest to the property subject to the setback required by this section. If there are less than four structures on the opposite side of the block, the lesser number of structures is used in the calculation. See Figure 1.

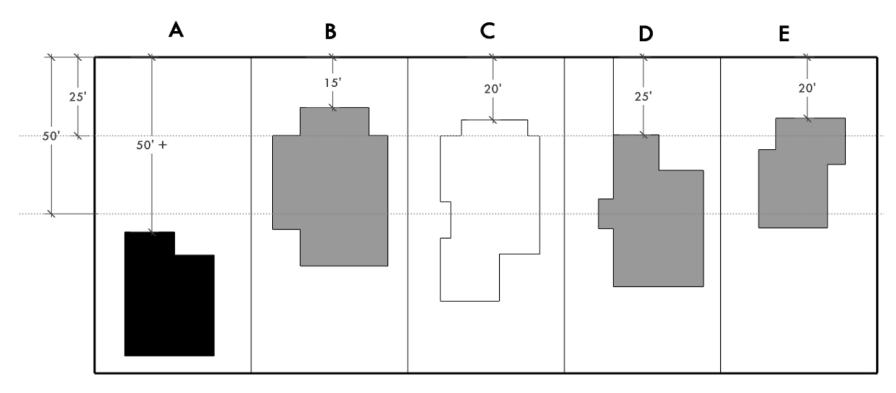


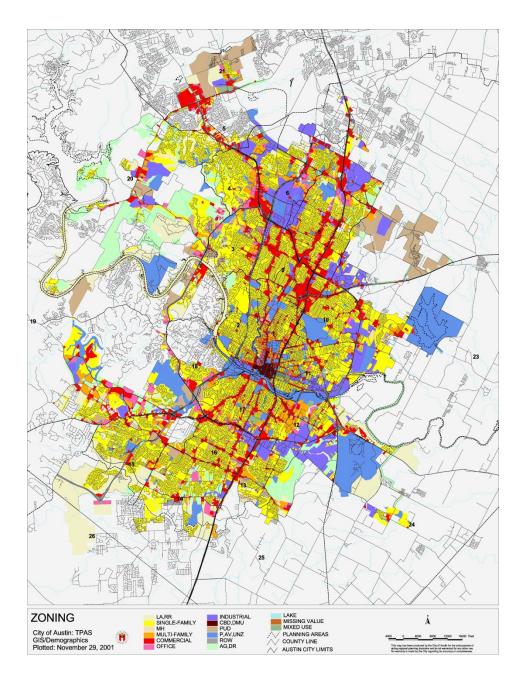
Figure 1: Average Front Yard Setback

In this example, the minimum required front setback in the underlying zoning district is 25 feet. However, because of the variety in existing setbacks of buildings on the same block face, new development on lot C may be located with a setback of only 20 feet, which is the average of the setbacks of lots B, D, and E. The building on lot A is not included in the average because it is located more than 50 feet from the property line.

Zoning:



Establishes a boundary of where these rules apply.



Criteria Manuals

- Building Criteria Manual
- Drainage Criteria Manual
- Environmental Criteria Manual
- Fire Protection Criteria Manual
- Standard Specifications
- Transportation Criteria Manual
- Traditional Neighborhood District Criteria Manual
- Utilities Criteria Manual

Much of the existing LDC was created by asking.....

What **DON'T** we want?

&

How do we **STOP** it?

Instead of asking......

What **DO** we want?



How do we MAKE IT POSSIBLE?

for example.....



New three-story single family house

Existing one- story single family home

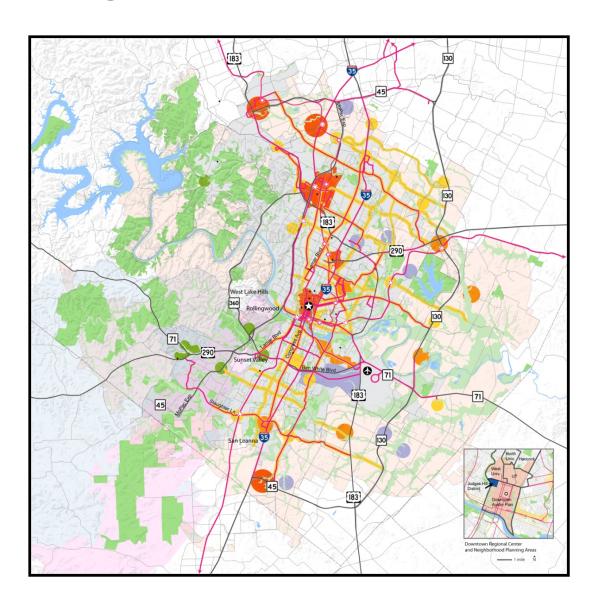






What **DO** we want?

Imagine Austin Goals



Grow as a compact, connected city

Integrate Nature into the City

Provide paths to prosperity to all

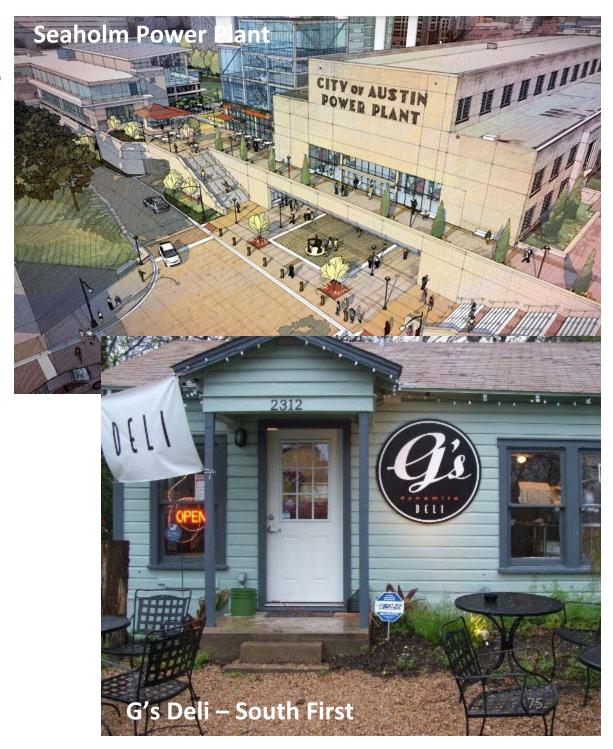
Develop as an affordable and healthy community

Sustainably manage water and other environmental resources

Think creatively & Practice civic creativity

What are some tools for encouraging Imagine Austin goals?

Adaptive Reuse



Incremental Development



Reimagining Vacant or Underutilized Sites





Underutilized Sites



MIXED USE can be.....

Corner Store:

- Allows short trips and daily needs to be provided within a neighborhood.
- Limits automobile trips out of neighborhoods and provides a place for neighbors to meet.



MIXED USE can be.....

Live/Work and Shared Work Spaces:

- Home office within residential units
- Flexible work centers where residents can share the costs office expenses, equipment, and meeting rooms



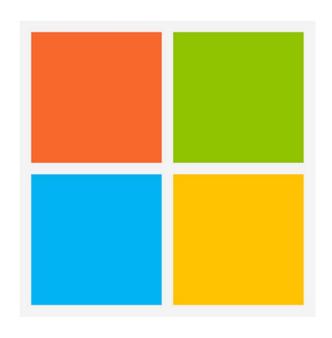
MIXED USE blends.....

Civic Buildings:

- So that they are integrated not separated into the neighborhoods.
- Allows civic uses to be accessible by foot (ex. Neighborhood elementary school should not be more than a 15-minute walk or 1.5 miles from any home).
- Provide connections for neighboring communities.







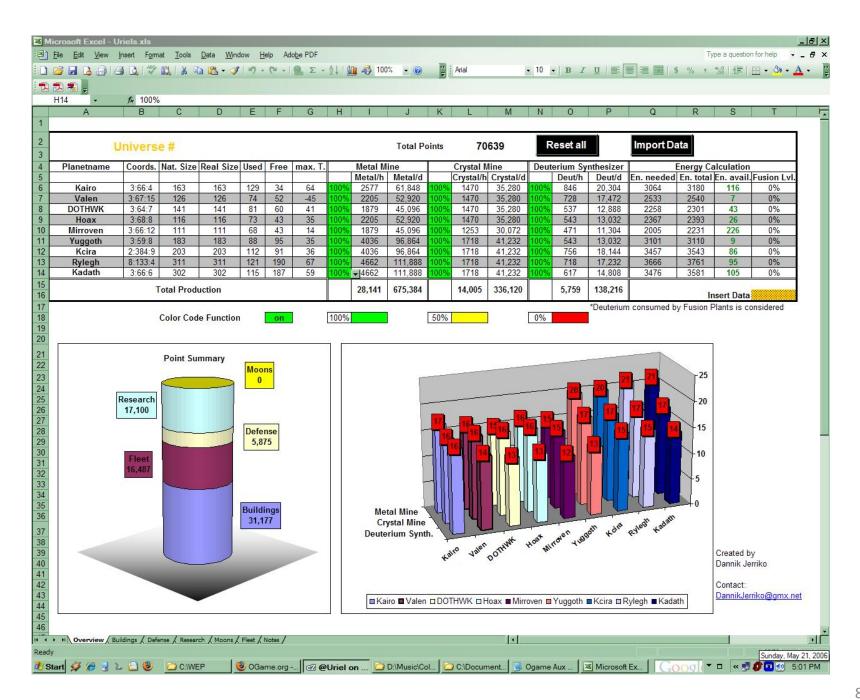




Provides a set of......



.....under which to create something.



We know that



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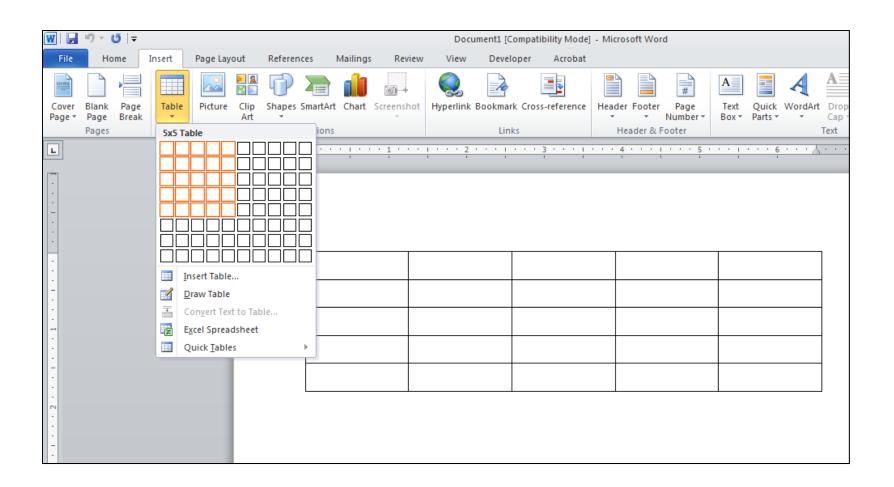


This set of RULES & TOOLS is probably the most appropriate.

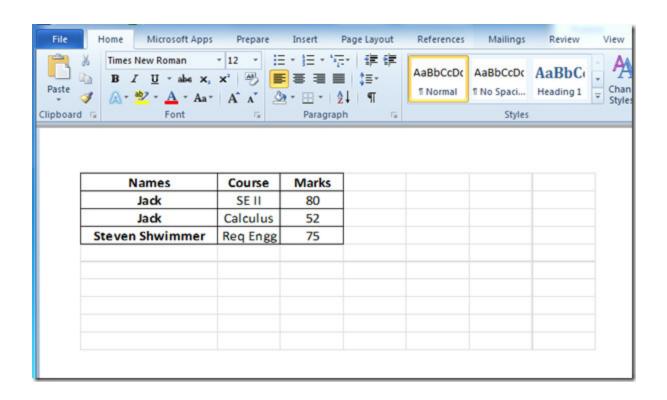
We have this set of **RULES**

& TOOLS available to us.

So what do we do?..... We make do.....

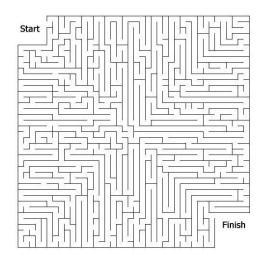


In the END....



We may get something that looks and operates similar to what we set out to do......

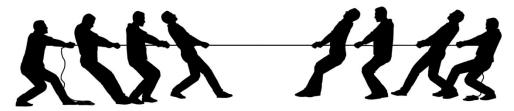
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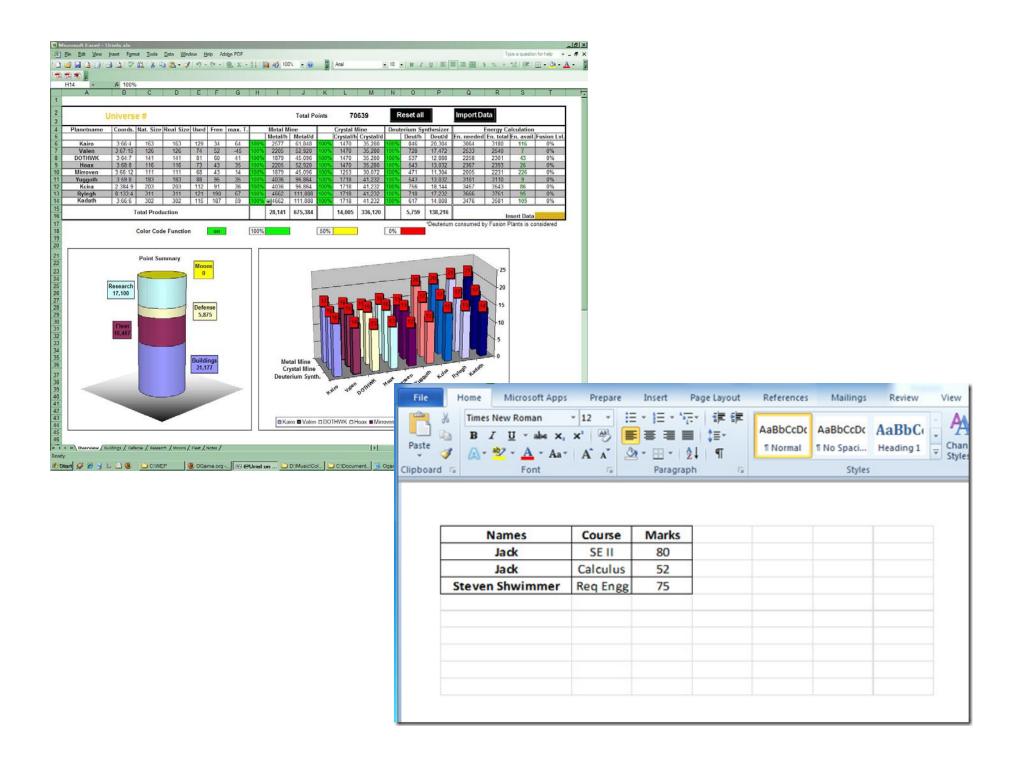
.....was frustrating.



.....was more difficult.



.....took more time.



What are the RULES & TOOLS we're using

.....Compared to what we're trying to get?



CodeNEXT Brown Bag: The Basics of Form-Based Code

Tuesday, June 23, 2015: 12 to 1:30 PM Mexican American Cultural Center (600 River Street)

Dan Parolek, Opticos Design Lisa Wise, Lisa Wise Consulting Peter Park, Peter J. Park, LLC Matthew Lewis, Asst. Dir. PZD

As the City of Austin pursues making Austin's land development code more flexible and easier to use, this event will shed light on one of the tools – form-based coding – being considered for designing places around local character. What is form-based code? Traditionally cities set broad rules for land uses in various parts of town. "Form-based code" is a more modern way to design each place in our city around local character.

RSVP at http://www.eventbrite.com/e/codetalk-brown-bag-the-basics-of-form-based-code-tickets-17375854649.