

Choosing a Place to Live Lecture Notes

Think About It!

- **If you could live in any neighborhood in our city where would you live and why?**
- **If you could live any where in the world where would you live and why?**
- **What factors would you consider in choosing a place to live?**

Choosing a Location

- Urban: City
 - Suburban: Outside the City
 - Rural: In the country
- Choosing a Neighborhood
- Convenience
 - Condition of the Neighborhood
 - Vacant houses
 - Neighbors

Assessing Community Services

- Public Safety
- Utilities and Public Services
- Education
- Recreation
- Laws & Regulations
 - Zoning Laws
 - Building Codes
 - Aesthetic Codes
- Taxes

Types of Housing Available

- Development Houses
- Custom-built Houses

TYPES OF CONSTRUCTION

- Conventional Construction
- Prefabricated Structure
- Manufactured Homes

Development Houses

Definition: Subdivided lots of land with houses on each lot. Three basic home designs to choose from.

Pro's:

- By using similar designs the builder can keep costs down.

Con's:

- “Cookie Cutter Houses”

Custom Built House

Definition: A house built specifically for the client who will live in the home.

Pro's:

- Client will get exactly what he/she wants
- One of a kind

Con's:

- Can be expensive
- Conventional Construction

•“Site-Built”- lumber and other building supplies are brought to building site.

Prefabricated Construction

- Partially constructed in a factory, then transported to the building site

Three types of Prefabricated Construction

•**Precut Package:** assorted parts are cut to the correct dimensions and mostly assembled on site.

•**Panels:** Wall, roof, and floor panels are assembled in the factory and assembled on site.

•**Modular:** Box-like structures are built in factory and fastened together on the site. Some come complete with wiring and plumbing.

Manufactured Houses

•Completely assembled at a factory and transported to the site. Fully equipped with appliances, draperies, lighting fixtures, and carpeting.

•“Mobile home”

•One in every 16 Americans live in manufactured homes.

•Pro's: Less expensive

•Con's: Small Space,
low quality construction

Single Family Home

•Pro's: Privacy; ability to own land

•Con's: You are fully responsible for your own maintenance and lawn care.

Multi-Family Home

Duplex

Definition: a building that contains two separate living units. Each unit has an outside entrance.

- Pro's: Own duplex and rent out other
- Con's: Less private than single-family home

Town House

- Housing units built in rows and attached at the side walls.
- Usually two or more stories tall
- Individual entrance and backyard/patio
- Pro's: Own the land underneath the house along with house.
- Con's: Not as much privacy with shared walls. Pay property tax.

Apartments

- May or may not provide extras like recreational facilities.
- Vary in cost dependent on quality and location
- Pro's: No maintenance costs, cheapest (sometimes)
- Con's: Less privacy