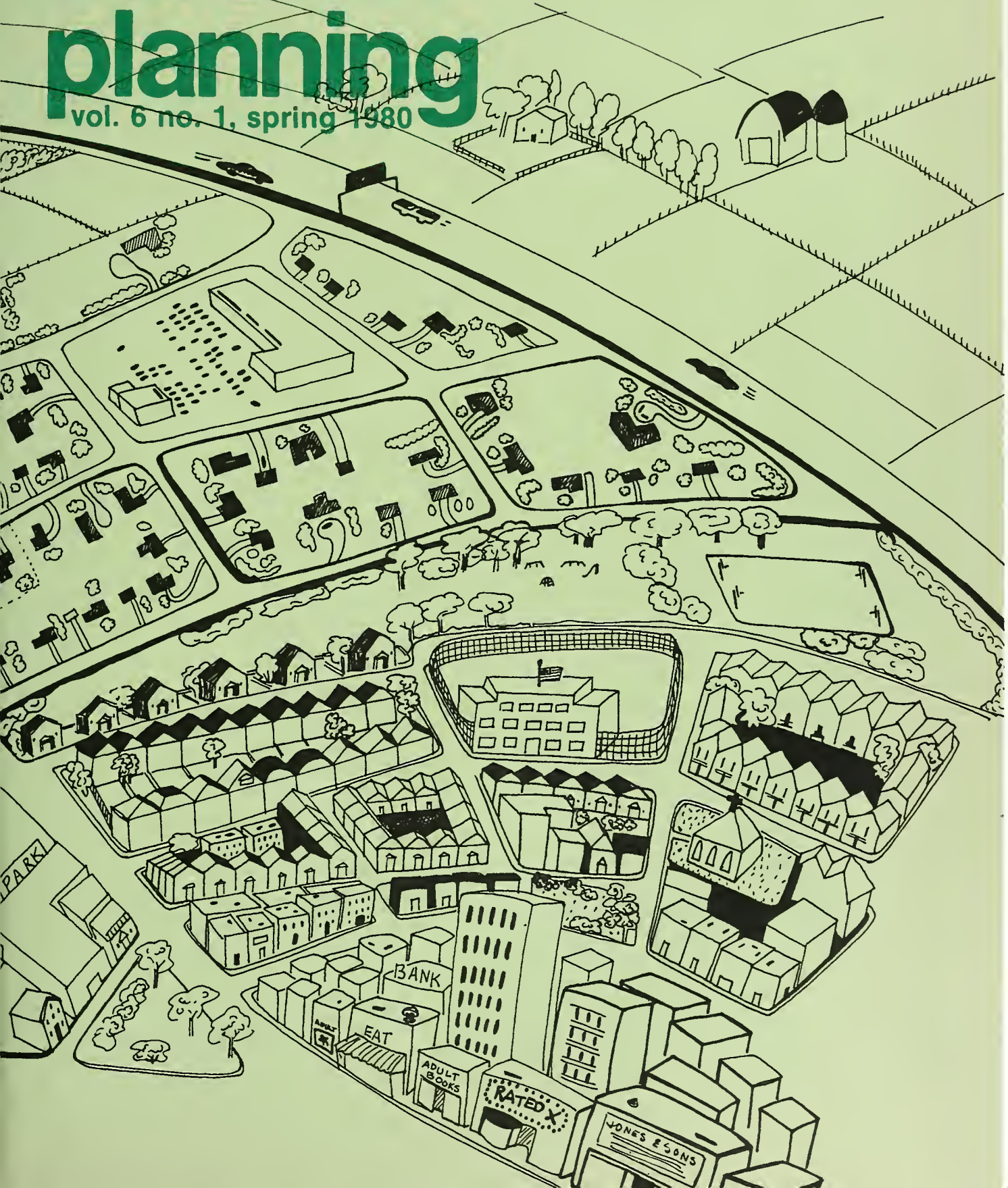


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Introduction

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The majority of Americans live within the Nation's cities and towns, and one of the more exciting opportunities of the planning profession is the part we are able to play in determining the future of this man-made environment. The problem presented to planners is not only what the future of the city should be, but also how that future can be achieved in an efficient and equitable manner. This issue of *carolina planning* features articles of interest to those concerned with the implementation of local plans.

The increasing popularity of neighborhood planning as a adjunct to city-wide comprehensive planning forms the basis for two of our articles in this issue. In "CRA, Planners, and Neighborhood Development," Erica Pascal discusses the effect of the Community Reinvestment Act upon neighborhood conservation and revitalization. William Rohe provides a look at the experience of two current neighborhood planning programs, and provides some suggestions to improving such programs in his article "Contemporary Neighborhood Planning: A Critique of Two Operating Programs."

At the other end of the urban spectrum lies the issue of the management of growth at the urban fringe. Owen J. Furuseth, in his article "If We Are Really Serious About Protecting Agricultural Land in North Carolina," offers some criticisms and suggestions for the design of farmland preservation ordinances. In a related article, David S. McLoed discusses the latest legal status of the issue of agricultural nuisances in newly developing residential areas.

With this issue of *carolina planning* we are offering a new department to our normal subject matter. This new feature, the Book Review, will bring you a summary and critique of a recent publication related to the subject matter contained in other articles in each issue. We, at *carolina planning*, hope that this new service will be of interest to our readers, and we invite you to participate by letting us know of other publications that would be of interest to planners.

As usual, we invite our readers to submit manuscripts for publication in future editions of the magazine, and we welcome your comments on the design and content of *cp*. We appreciate your continued support of our efforts.

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