

Hunter College - CUNY  
Department of Geography  
Nature of New York

**Optional Exercise 17: Urban Site Development**

Check One: For grading  For extra credit

Due by no later than the time of the Final Exam.

**PURPOSE:** This exercise will allow you to determine and analyze the original site of one city or town within each of your counties and determine if those original conditions are still relevant today.

**ASSIGNMENT:**

- 1. Select one urban place from each of your assigned counties** (use the county seat or largest city or industrial town), and look at its evolution over time. *HOWEVER: You cannot use Binghamton, Buffalo, Rochester, Syracuse, Utica, Rome, Schenectady, Troy or Albany as we will look at them in class.*
- 2. Describe its historical geography and landscape development. Include the following check-off items in your discussion for each place.**
  - Name of urban place and the county in which it is located.
  - What is date of its establishment?
  - What was its original site location?
  - What influenced people to settle there? If available, who founded it or why was it established?
  - What made it grow at that location?
  - Is that location is still beneficial to it? Does the urban area perform the same functions as it did in its early days?
  - Has it changed functions over the years?
- 3. Include three maps for each town selected showing the:**
  - 1) location within NYS (one state map can show all three).
  - 2) location in its county (print a county map for each).
  - 3) original part of the town.
- 4. Include bibliographic references.**