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stands at the threshold of a new program.
For thirty-three years, the Association has worked to build into the Region the major community facilities outlined in the 1929 Regional Plan of New York and Its Environs and to fix in the public mind the planning concepts outlined there. In large measure, these objectives have been met. The 1929 Plan has run its course. Now Regional Plan Association is working on new planning guidelines for the Region in a long-term research and information program. This Conference is an important landmark in that program.

Among recent research publications of the Association are: SPREAD CITY (projections of development trends and the issues they pose in the Tri-State New York Metropolitan Region, 1968-1980), HUB-BOUND TRAVEL (persons and vehicles entering Manhattan South of 6th Street 1924-1960), COMMUTER TRANS-

Metropolis 1985: Planning To Improve Its Prospects

SPREAD-CITY AND ITS ALTERNATIVES

In six years of study, first by a research team of Harvard University, then by the Regional Plan Association staff, a profile has been drawn of the New York Metropolitan Region of 1980: present trends and policies are building. This is characterized by continued thinning out of the older cities as large numbers of families with children move out and by extremely rapid urbanization of the land on the edge of the suburbs in a new kind of pattern: spread-city.

The spread-city pattern consists of very large residential lots and scattered industrial and commercial sites, tied together with a great network of highways and streets. Its very low density and lack of community centers differentiate spread-city from older cities. The scattered locations of jobs for residents in spread-city distinguish it from the older suburbs, which depended upon a particular central city for their economic base. And this newly-building area of the metropolis is far from rural, composed as it is of buildings and their

PORTATION (an analysis of the magnitude of the commuter problem in the Region and some suggested directions for a solution), and THE RACE FOR OPEN SPACE (a major study of park, recreation and open space needs in the Region over the next quarter-century).

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17th REGIONAL PLAN CONFERENCE
October 10, 1962
Hotel Roosevelt

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The conference will be held at the Hotel Roosevelt, Madison Ave. & 45th St., N.Y.C.
Registration: Free to members of Regional Plan Association, $5.00 to others. Lunches: $6.00.
Registration opens at 8:45 a.m. Persons may attend the luncheon without registering for the other sessions.
2:30 – 5:00 P.M.
Six Concurrent Workshops

OVERCOMING SPREAD-CITY DISADVANTAGES BY...

1 Restructuring Local Taxation
   East Room
   Chairman: William S. Renchard, President, Chemical Bank
   New York Trust Company and Member, Board of Directors, Regional Plan Association
   Paper: Lynn A. Stiles, Economist, Research Department, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago
   Comments: James Arnold, Jr., Chief, Tax Research and Statistics, New Jersey Division of Taxation
   Alan K. Campbell, Professor of Political Science and Director of Metropolitan Studies, Maxwell Graduate School, Syracuse University
   Dick Netzer, Economic Consultant, Regional Plan Association
   Tony R. Westmeye, Assistant to the Dean, Graduate School of Public Administration, New York University

2 Planning for Better Industrial Sites
   Suite E & F
   Chairman: Charles F. Bond, Vice President, Morgan County Trust Company and Member, Board of Directors, Regional Plan Association
   Paper: Richard Graves, Real Estate Investments, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
   Comments: Joel L. Bunker, Vice President, Trishman Industrial Parks
   James Felt, Chairman, New York City Planning Commission
   Harold V. Gleason, Senior Vice President, Franklin National Bank of Long Island
   Lelan F. Sillins, Jr., President, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation

Building Livable Cities for Families
   Madison Room
   Chairman: Harold S. Oborne, Mayor, Montclair, New Jersey and Member, Board of Directors, Regional Plan Association
   Paper: Mrs. Ellen Larue, Community Relations Consultant, New York City and Former Program Director, East Harlem Project
   Comments: Elmer C. Cone, Deputy Chief Inspector, Planning Bureau, New York City Police Department
   Herbert J. Gans, Associate Professor, Institute of Urban Studies, University of Pennsylvania
   Milton Mollen, Chairman, New York City Housing and Redevelopment Board
   Clarence O. Senior, Professor of Sociology, Brooklyn College and Member, Board of Education, New York City

Acquiring Parks and Open Space
   Grand Ballroom Foyer
   Chairman: Willard G. Hampton, Executive Vice President, New York Telephone Company and Vice President, Regional Plan Association
   Paper: William H. Whyte, Editor, The Exploding Metropolis and Author of Open Space Action
   Comments: Roland C. Clewett, Staff Biologist, National Audubon Society
   Jan L. McHarg, Chairman, Department of Landscape Architecture, University of Pennsylvania
   Edwin Michaelian, County Executive, Westchester County
   Joseph Prendergast, Executive Director, National Recreation Association
   Lawrence N. Stevens, Associate Director, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, U. S. Department of Interior

Improving Community Appearance
   Vanderbilt 3, 4 & 5
   Chairman: Charles Abrams, Professor, Department of City Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
   Paper: Christopher Tomard, Professor of City Planning, School of Art and Architecture, Yale University
   Bernard Kelly, Dean, College of Architecture, Cornell University
   Norman Klein, Architect, Whitley & Coaklin
   Boris Pushkarev, Senior Planner, Regional Plan Association

Clarifying the County's Role in Planning
   Vanderbilt 8
   Chairman: Charles F. Chute, Professor of Public Administration, Graduate School of Public Administration, New York University
   Paper: S. J. Schuman, Commissioner, Westchester County Department of Planning
   Comments: Horace B. Brown, Chief, Planning and Redevelopment Division, Connecticut Development Commission
   William N. Cassella, Jr., Assistant Director, National Municipal League and Member, Westchester County Planning Board
   Carl J. Myers, Planning Director, Orange County Planning Board
   Otto J. Mertz, Planning Director, East Orange, New Jersey
   Warren Zitzmann, Director, Urban Planning Assistance Branch, Urban Renewal Administration, Housing and Home Finance Agency