

Historical Context of Land Use Systems

Historical/Cultural Context

- Early electrification of the South driven by federal government
- **Feds vs. private sector** role in power generation, distribution and sale
- Investor-owned utilities – “public power is veiled communism”
- Post-WWII boom in the south - We’ve got resources! Land! No unions! Welcome, Industry! We’ll build power capacity!
- Capacity came in coal and hydropower – who was flooded? Who lived next to the plants?



Stage set for FAIR distribution of the benefits and burdens from energy production & consumption??

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Timeline for the System

- 1920 - Federal Power Act created Federal Power Commission (now the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission) and solidifies the federal government's role as a power producer
- 1933 - Through the Tennessee Valley Authority Act the federal government supplies power to states, counties, municipalities and non-profits
- 1936 - Rural Electrification Act establishes the Rural Electrification Administration to assist rural areas in obtaining electricity
- 1944 - Flood Control Act leads Corps to construct multi-purpose projects in the Southeast
- 1950 - Southeastern Power Administration established
- 1953 - the Eisenhower budget eliminated funding for large federal distribution line construction projects
- 1977 - SEPA absorbed by new Department of Energy
- 1980s - consolidation of several rural electric cooperatives into Ogelthorpe Power, creation of Municipal Electric Authority of GA

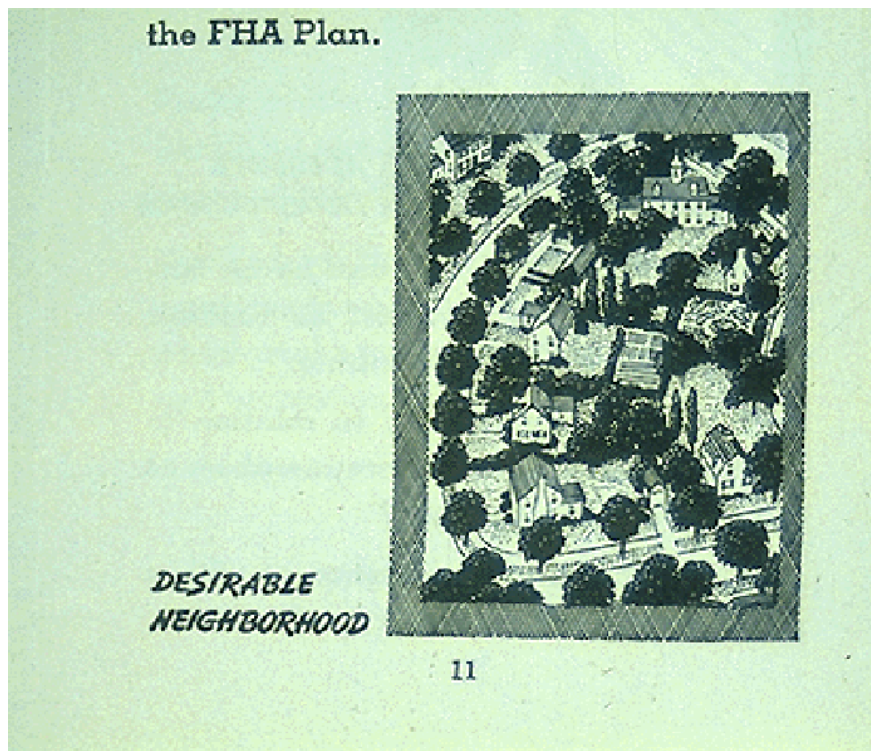
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Looking back to move forward...

Historical Policies: Explicit Segregation

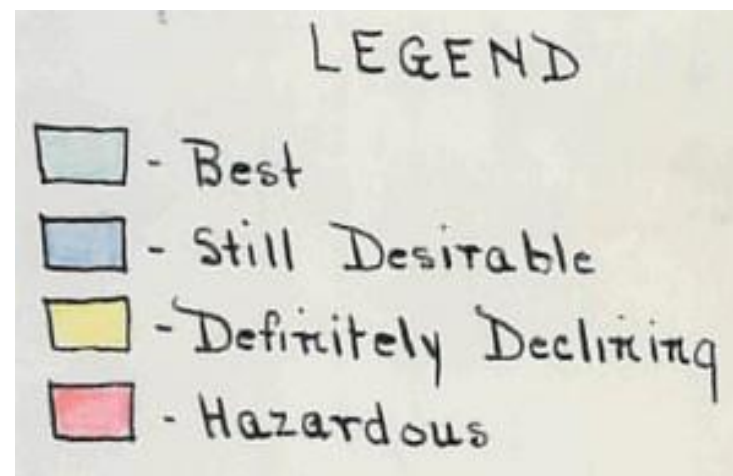
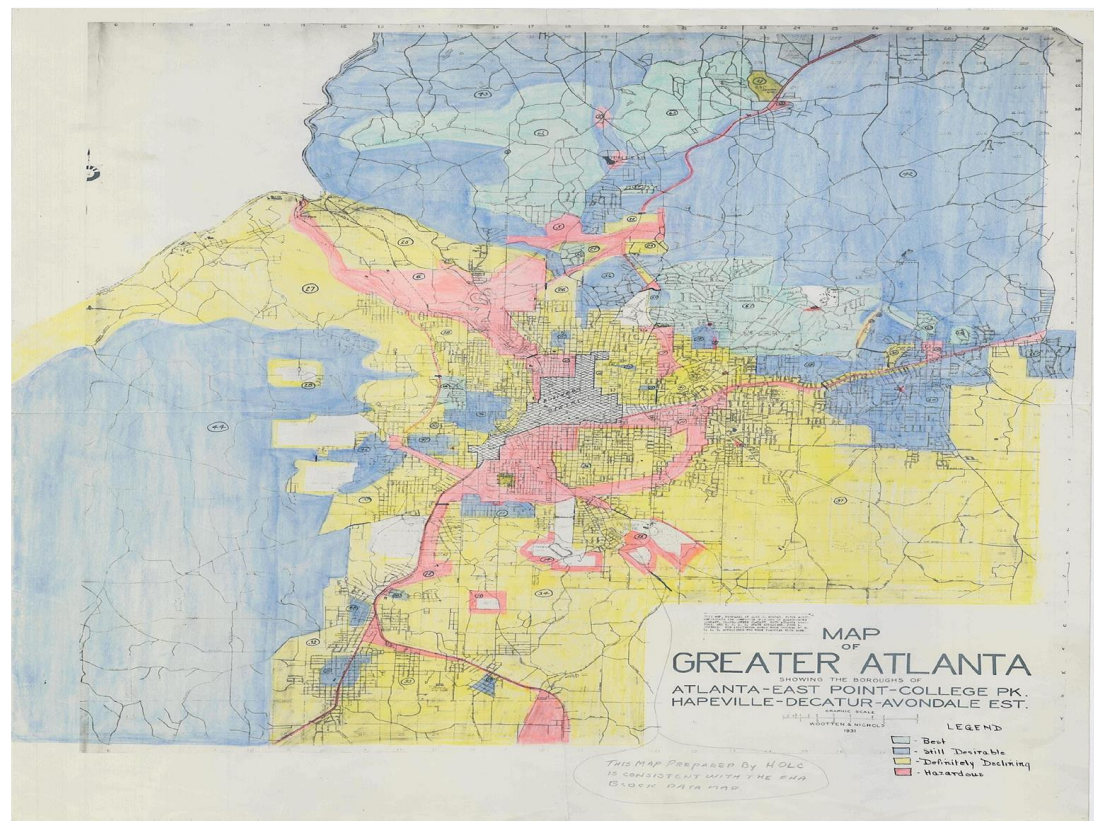
“If a neighborhood is to retain stability, it is necessary that properties shall continue to be occupied by the same social and racial classes. A change in social or racial occupancy generally contributes to instability and a decline in values.”

–Excerpt from the 1947 FHA underwriting manual



Source: <http://archives.ubalt.edu/aclu/pdf/Plex48.pdf>

Greater Atlanta Redlining Map



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