

#### GIS AS A TOOL FOR PLANNING



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## What is Planning?

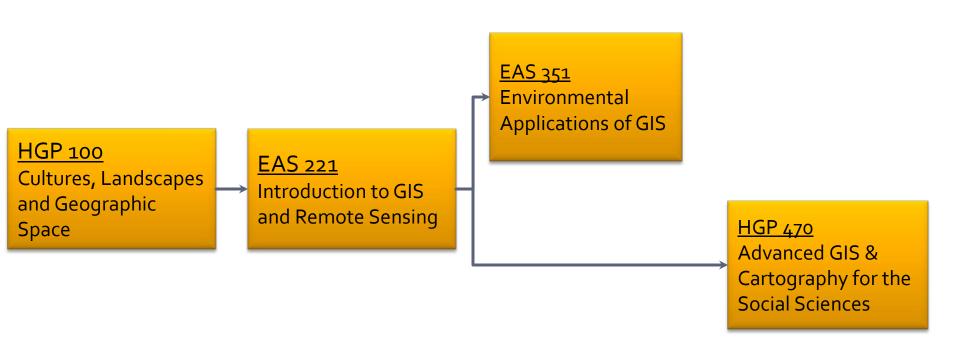
 "Planning" means the <u>scientific</u>, <u>aesthetic</u>, and <u>orderly disposition of land</u>, <u>resources</u>, facilities and <u>services</u> with a view to <u>securing</u> the physical, economic and <u>social efficiency</u>, health and well-being of urban and rural <u>communities</u>.

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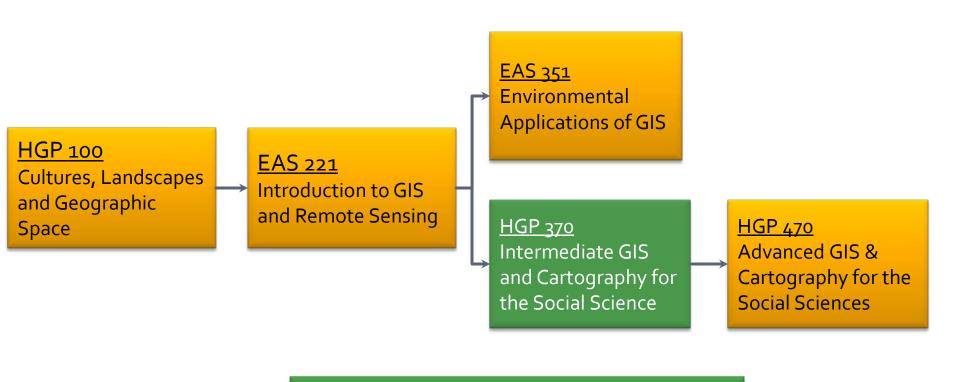
## Planning at the U of A

- New Undergrad Program launched Sept 2012
- BA and BSc
- 21 Students this year, expanding to 45 next year and 60 the following year (enrollment is currently limited to 15 per year).
- Message from industry is that GIS skills are becoming increasingly important for Professional Planners

# GIS in Planning Program



# **GIS** in Planning Program



Possible Next Step in GIS in Planning

#### <u>HGP 100</u>

#### Cultures, Landscapes and Geographic Space

- Understand the basic properties of maps and how they show data.
- Appreciate the power of geography information systems.
- Know how population is distributed.
- Understand the concept of population density and overpopulation
- Understand the types and extent of migration.
- Identify and clarify primary economic activities.
- Etc.

#### **EAS 221**

#### Introduction to GIS and Remote Sensing

- Basic computing skills and introduction to ArcExplorer
- Introduction to ArcMap
- Map projections
- Spatial data collection
- Creating and manipulating geodatabases
- Spatial analysis

### EAS 351

#### **Environmental Applications of GIS**

- Fundamentals of ARCINFO: Basic concepts related to ARCGIS.
- Building a Map from GPS coordinates.
- Water resources application. (DEM data structure and DEM Creation; Hydrological modeling)
- Integration of Raster GIS and phenology concepts. Regression analysis

#### <u>HGP 470</u>

#### Advanced GIS & Cartography for the Social Sciences

- Understand the difference between GIS as a tool and GIS as a science
  - Geovisualisation
  - The GeoWeb
  - Spatial Data Infrastructure
  - Public participation GIS
  - Managing GIS
  - Spatial multi-criteria decision analysis
  - Spatial decision support systems

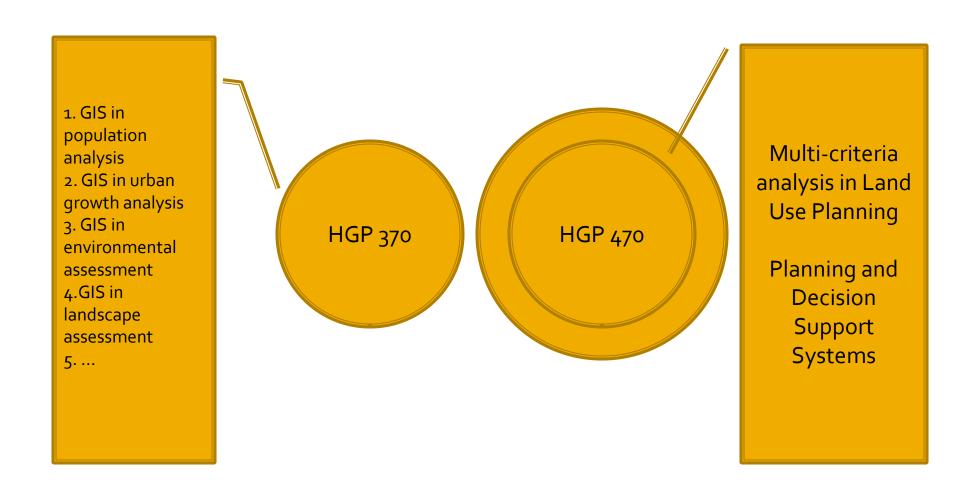
### <u>HGP 470</u>

#### Advanced GIS & Cartography for the Social Sciences

- GIS in population analysis
- GIS in health geography
- GIS in land use planning
- GIS in environmental assessment (SEA)
- GIS in landscape assessment (Landscape strategy)

## **HGP 370**

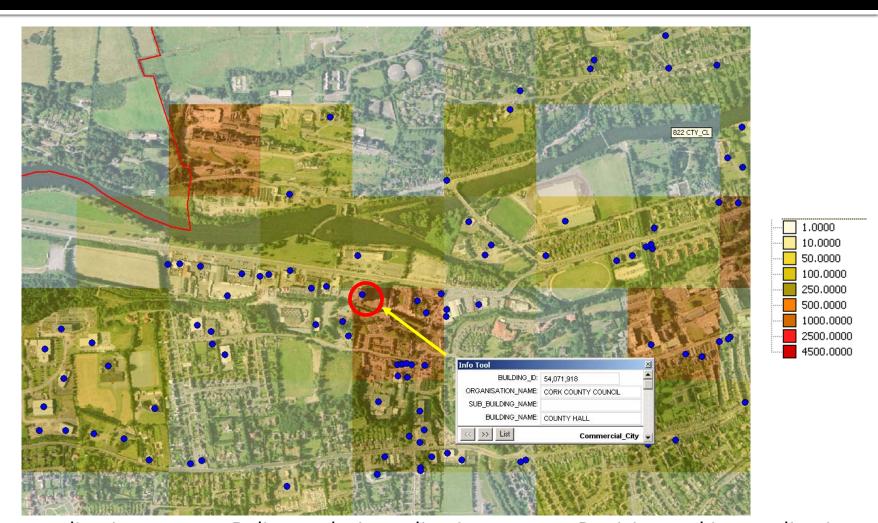
#### Intermediate GIS and Cartography for the Social Science



## J.O'Looney, 2000, ESRI press

	HGI	HGP 370 HGP 470	
	Inventory Application – retrieving some basic information about location	Policy analysis applications – performing some analysis	Management/ policy-making applications – making a decision
Economic development	Location of major businesses and their primary resource demands	Analysis of resource demand by potential local supplier	Informing businesses of availability of local suppliers
Housing	Inventory of housing stock age, condition, status (public, private, rental, etc.)	Analysis of public support for housing by geographic area	Planning for capital investment in housing based on population growth projections

## **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**



Inventory application

• jobs distribution

Policy analysis application

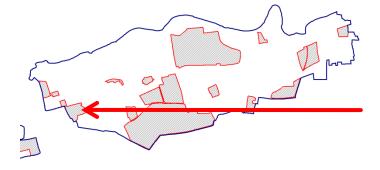
• jobs density graph

Decision making application

• balanced economic growth

## HOUSING

Housing Land Availability Study dataset

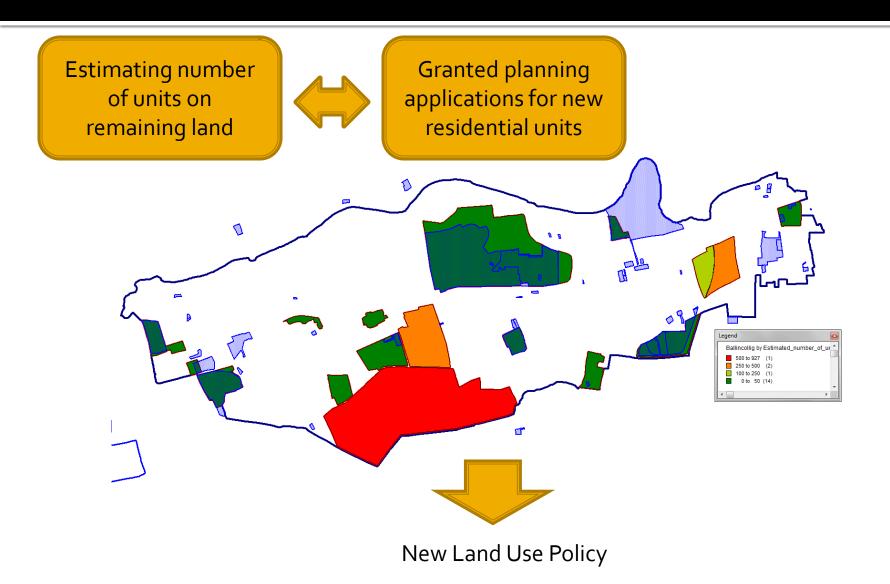


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## HOUSING

- Spatial analysis:
  - Select by attribute/select by location to get data only for one settlement
  - Thematic mapping:
    - Ownership status
    - Completed number of units

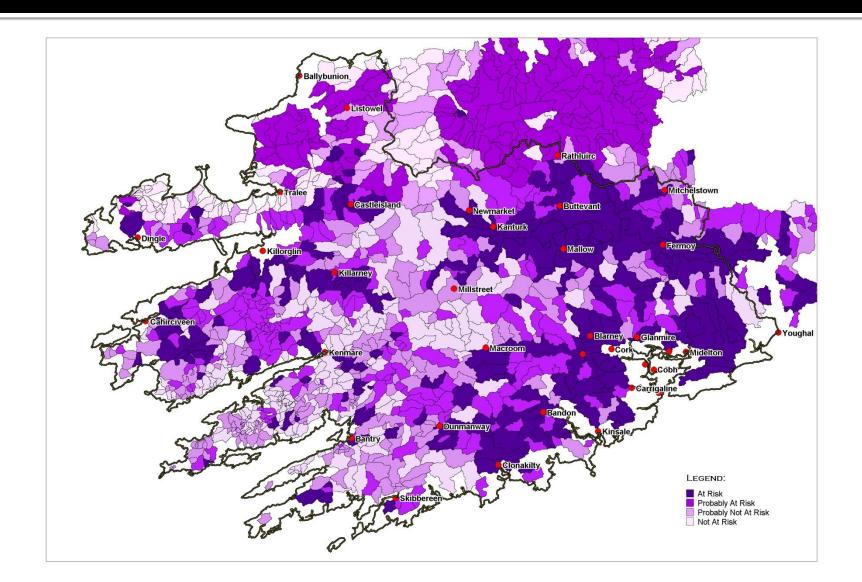
## **HOUSING – LAND USE**



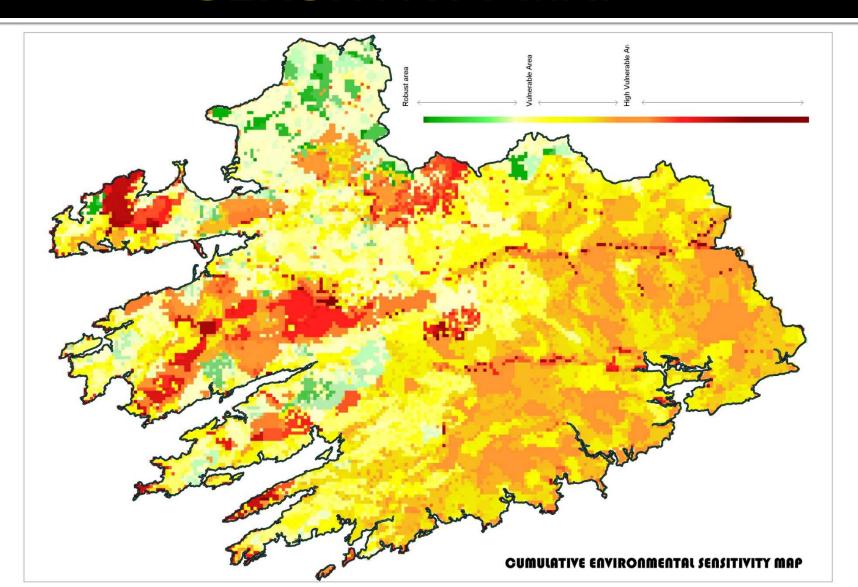
## **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

	HGP 370		HGP 470	
	Inventory Application – retrieving some basic information about location	Policy analysis applications – performing some analysis	Management/ policy-making applications – making a decision	
Environmental monitoring	Inventory of environmental hazards in relation to groundwater, coastal water, etc.	Analysis of spread rates and cumulative pollution levels	Modelling potential environmental harm to specific local areas	
Emergency management	Location of key emergency exit routes	Analysis of potential effects of emergencies of various magnitudes on exit routes, traffic flows, etc.	Modelling effect of placing emergency facilities and response capacities in particular location	

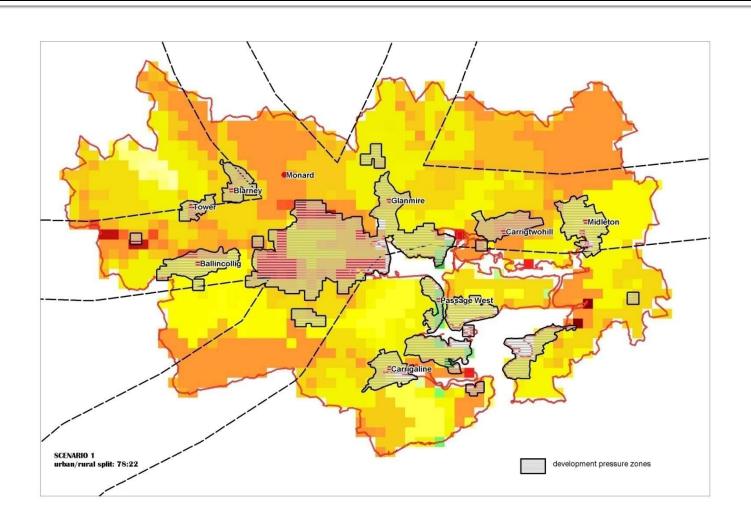
#### RIVER RISK ASSESSMENT



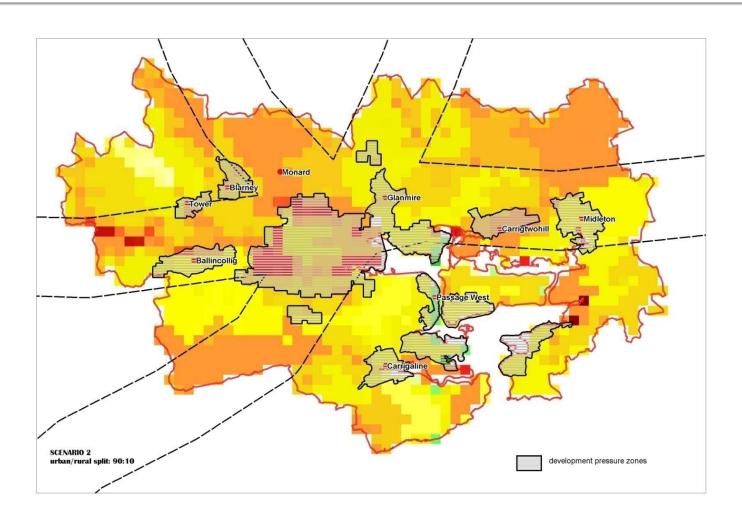
# CUMULATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY MAP



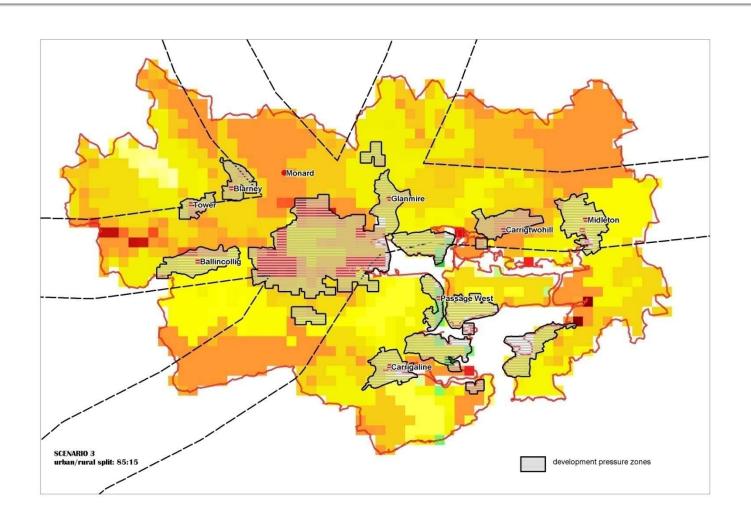
# Scenario 1 "Continuation of Current Trends"



# Scenario 2 "High Urban Growth"



# Scenario 3 "Moderate Urban Growth"



## Thank you!

"PLANNERS DO MORE THAN JUST BUILD CITIES" — and GIS helps them in that!

