

Assignment 5
Strategic Needs and Major Alternatives

Objective: understand the strategic needs addressed by your project and show how the project and the major alternatives to the project could address those needs.

Identify and discuss the following:

- What are the strategic needs addressed by your project and similar types of projects?
- Who is trying to meet these needs (public agencies, developers, corporations, individuals?)
- What are the major approaches to dealing with these needs?
- What were the major alternatives that were (or should have been) considered in evaluating your project?

You are encouraged to discuss these questions and issues within your group, but everyone should submit their own answers. Members of a group may each consider a different strategic need, or they may look at similar projects around the world. This is largely a qualitative assignment – in Assignment 6, you will try to model some of the key issues.