ASSIGNMENT THREE
Representing The City

PART A – CASE STUDIES

Examples of innovative best practices are important learning tools. In preparation for the mixed-use project, groups of three will research and present one such example.

Purpose: To research examples of good mixed-use urban housing development. To understand the physical characteristics of best practice cases.

Task: Each group will select one urban housing cases and present them to the class. Be sure to include, if applicable:

1) Project Type
2) Special Features and General Description
3) Planning Process and Financing
4) Design/Construction
5) Images
6) Site Information, including:
   a) Site area in acres (% buildings, % roads/parking % open space)
   Total # of dwelling units.
   Density (units per acre).
   Total # of parking spaces (broken into on and off street).
7) What you gained from the experience – for example:
   a) Relation to natural features, resources, site sensitivity.
   b) Regional and local context of the development.
   c) Organization and structure (scale, pattern, density, variety).
   d) Circulation for vehicles and pedestrians (access, size, traffic volume).
   e) Building size, type and style.
   f) Land and building maintenance (upkeep, cost).
   g) Social equity (diversity, manipulative, safety).
   h) Cultural and historical impacts.

Deliverables: Powerpoint or web presentation (15 minutes).
One page of written description.
Sources: Urban Land Institute (ULI) case files.
*Urban Land,* the ULI magazine.
Actual sites in the Boston area.
*Builder* magazine.
HUD examples (http://www.hud.gov/whatworks/)
Public Housing Best Practices (http://www.uic.edu/aa/cdc/AHDC/website/)