



and species overlap. Mixed-use neighborhoods are often more resilient, stimulating, and interesting than single-use neighborhoods. Hybrid vigor is recognized in agronomy; mixture of uses can also impart vigor to social communities.

Some activities conflict in natural systems; some uses come to prevail. So too in human systems. Some uses do conflict with each other — housing wants quiet; shopping thrives on bustle. But they can coexist close together if their conflict points are identified. For example, parking for residential and commercial tenants in mixed-use buildings can have separate entrances to diminish noise and security problems.

Mixed-use might make sense at transportation hubs. It is logical to put daily shopping where you change mode of transport. It's convenient. Instead of taking the bus home and then driving to shop, one can shop in the course of returning from work.

Of course the single-family neighborhood will continue to be the staple of settlement through the foreseeable future. But even in such areas, low-key commercial uses can fit in and add vitality, economic stability, and even safety because they add people to the daytime population.