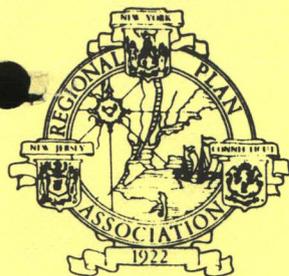


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CLEAR NATIONAL URBAN POLICY NEEDED TO REGAIN STRONG DOWNTOWNS, LIVELY CENTERS NEEDED FOR VITAL CITIES, U.S.' OLDEST REGIONAL PLANNING GROUP SAYS

Regional Plan Association, the nation's oldest metropolitan planning organization, today called for a clear national urban policy to retain livable cities and preserve open countryside from sprawl.

The statement on National Urban Policy and Enterprise Zones (enclosed) is being mailed to members of Congress as well as the Executive Branch. It explains the need for five elements of an effective urban policy that, in large part, fits President Reagan's new federalism:

- cut aid to scattered development
- close the cities small cost/benefit gap with programs like Urban Development Action Grants (UDAG)
- continue capital grants for public transportation
- provide federal support for major infrastructure repairs
- relieve cities of the burden of poverty programs.

Regional Plan Association does research and makes recommendations for an area from New Haven, Connecticut, to Trenton, New Jersey, where nearly a tenth of the nation lives. William S. Woodside, Chairman of American Can, is the Association's Chairman; its 54-person Board includes leaders of civic, labor, academic and professional organizations as well as business leaders.

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