# Shaping a shared agenda between public health and land use planning

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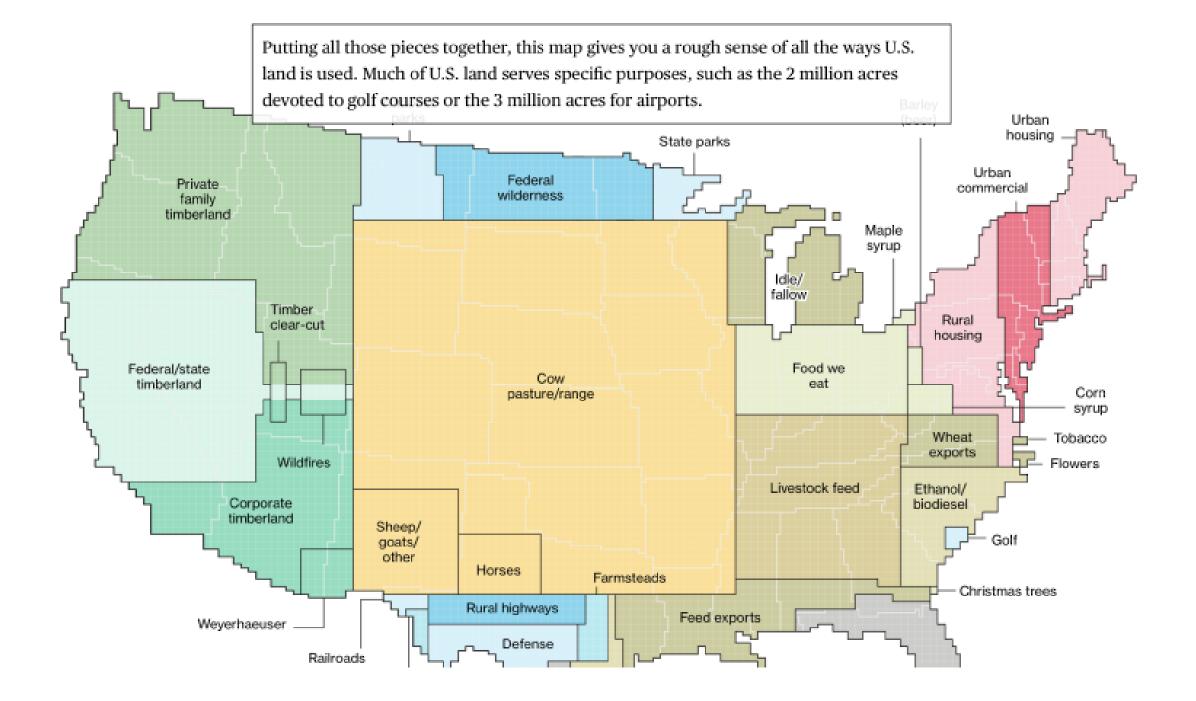
#### **Converging agendas** Definitions

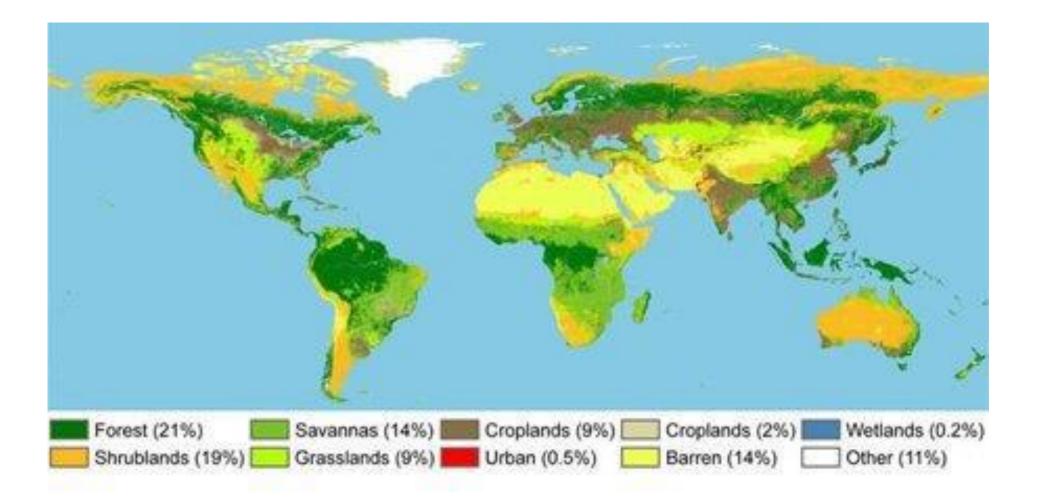
Land Use involves the management and modification of <u>natural environment</u> or <u>wilderness</u> into <u>built</u> <u>environment</u> such as <u>settlements</u> and semi-natural habitats such as <u>arable fields</u>, <u>pastures</u>, and managed <u>woods</u>. It also has been defined as "the total of arrangements, activities, and inputs that people undertake in a certain <u>land cover</u> type.

- 6 types of land use
- Recreational leisure and wellbeing.
- Transport roads, railways, and airports.
- Agricultural farmland, fishponds.
- Residential housing.
- Commercial businesses and factories.

**Public Health** is defined as "the art and science of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through the **organized efforts of society**" (Acheson, 1988; WHO).







#### Land use planning An organised effort of society

- In <u>urban planning</u>, **land-use planning** seeks to order and regulate <u>land use</u> in an efficient and ethical way, thus preventing <u>land-use conflicts</u>.
- Governments use land-use planning to manage the development of land within their jurisdictions. In doing so, the national/regional/local governmental unit can plan for the needs of the community while safeguarding natural resources.
- To this end, it is the systematic assessment of land and water potential, alternatives for land use, and economic and social conditions in order to select and adopt the best land-use options



## Whose plan is it anyway...?

# (SHARED ASSETS )



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#### PLANNING FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Adapting the planning system for common good land use



## **Environmental determinants of health**

**Direct and Indirect effects** 

- The links between health and built and natural environment have long been established.
- The built and natural environment is a key environmental determinant of health and wellbeing.
- Ever increasing evidence that our built environment is intimately linked to our health this can either be to our detriment (i.e. poor air quality) or positive gain (physical and mental wellbeing improvements through being in green/blue space).
- Causal links between built environment and health are often complex and influenced by various /conflicting factors.



### Land use planning and health A vital partnership



- The modern planning regime originated in the poor living conditions and poor health in 19<sup>th</sup> Century UK cities. Health was then at the core.
- Over time links between town planning and health have eroded
- Disconnect has resulted in lack of awareness from both perspectives of how planning and health can and should complement each other

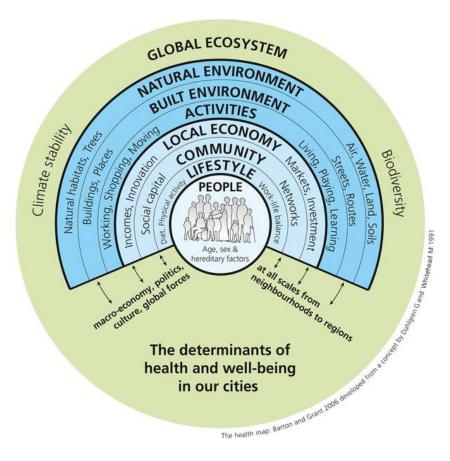




## Land use planning and Health

Barton and Grant 2006

- There is a pressing need (by all of us) to re-connect.
- Increasing realisation that local social, economic, environmental and cultural factors are important health determinants. E.g.
- the *natural environment*, through air and water quality;
- the *built environment* through the availability, access, convenience, safety and attractiveness of public amenities and facilities;
- *local economy* through shops, work and income; and
- community through supportive social networks and cohesion.





#### **Public Health Wales**

A vital interest .....

- PHW as a national public health body aims to protect and improve health and wellbeing and reduce health inequalities for people in Wales. We are committed to working across all parts of society and sectors to achieve this.
- We do not under estimate the challenge before us but we have significant opportunities to deliver tangible improvements for all.
- Currently we are a consultee to the planning regime, specialist teams routinely consider
  - Environmental implications from industrial infrastructure (Environmental Public Health Service)
  - Support the development and effective use of HIAs (WHIASU)
  - Consideration of wider health priorities and broader consideration from NHS Wales perspective (LHPTs & HBs)
- We recognise that there is continuing work to be done within PHW to ensure planners and partners have the right support and evidence when required.



## **Health and Sustainability Hub**

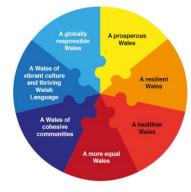
Supports PHW to meet its duties under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and also works with our partners to maximise the opportunities to improve health and well-being and reduce inequalities

#### **Examples of our work:**

- Embedding the sustainable development principle in PHW – 'Be the Change'
- Publications to share learning from Welsh
  experience
- Supporting public health staff working with PSBs
- Supporting environmental sustainability



**Futures for Wales** 



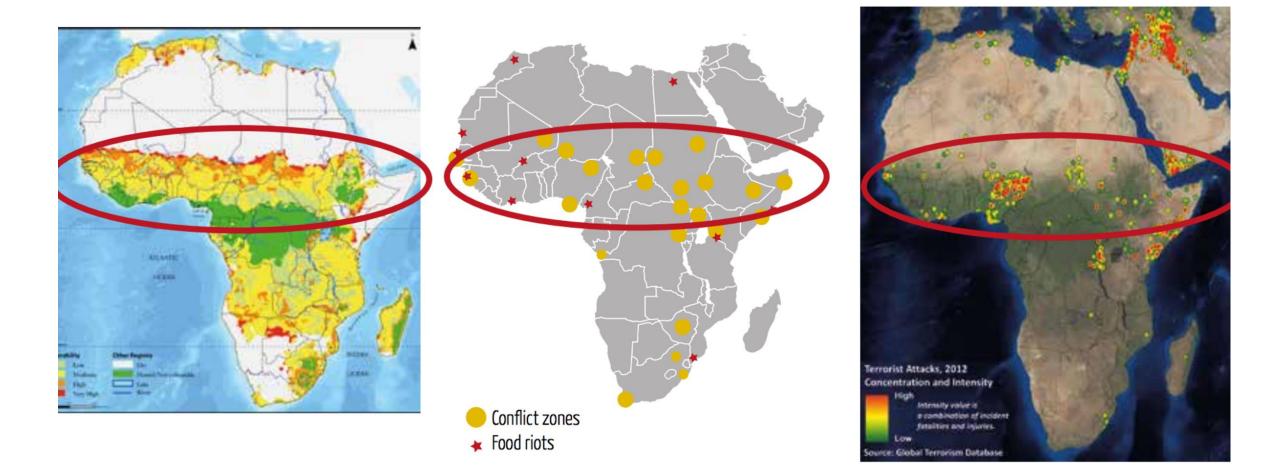




## Desertification vulnerability in Africa (2008)

Conflicts and food riots in Africa 2007-2008

#### Terrorist Attacks 2012



### A moment in time...

...to work together for change

- Wellbeing and Future Generations (Wales) Act timely opportunity for PBs and other agencies to contribute to achieving national Well being goals
- `Landscape' has changed Planning Policy Wales, Public Health Act, Environment Act, Planning Act
- Fundamental shift in the way we all work 5 ways of working
- We all have a role to play and have the opportunity today to start to scope our future work together



#### THE 30-YEAR PLAN FOR GREATER ADELAIDE

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