

MIT OpenCourseWare
<http://ocw.mit.edu>

11.337J / 4.247J Urban Design Policy and Action
Spring 2007

For information about citing these materials or our Terms of Use, visit: <http://ocw.mit.edu/terms>.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Department of Urban Studies and Planning
11.337J Urban Design Policy and Action

Exercise #1: “Thinking about Ownership and Operation: An Example”

Objectives: This exercise is intended to get you to think about the tool *ownership and operation* by providing a concise account of an example of its use by government to achieve an urban design policy. The exercise is to be done while you are doing the reading and before the classroom discussion on this tool.

Assignment: From the literature or your experience, select as clear—and as ‘pure’—an example as you can find of government use of ownership and operation as a tool to implement an urban design policy or plan. Describe this example very concisely in a way that makes clear the government's role in implementation, and appraise the evident match between the policy/plan and the outcome in terms of both the ‘fit’ of outcome to policy and the apparent contribution that ownership and operation as the tool of choice has made to achieving this outcome (or to the failure to realize the intended outcome).

As you do this exercise, please also keep in mind the ideas presented in the readings about this tool.

Be very brief in your description; our emphasis is to build as wide a dossier of good examples rather than to dig deeply. Two pages should be more than enough.