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**Reflection #3**

**Defining shared issues or questions to examine through reflection**

The primary goal for reflection is to use the examination of our actions, thoughts, questions, and feelings that arise in the course of our experience working on the St. Claude Avenue project to gain a deeper understanding of the nature of working as a planner and our individual development as practitioners. A first step in this process is to name and describe the specific issues or questions that we want to explore and for which we seek greater insight. Once these questions are defined, we can use them as an on-going point of reference to think about individually in the course of our work, to write about as specific ideas, insights, feeling arise and to discuss as a group to deepen our understanding of and answers to these questions through sharing and exploring different experiences and understandings.

Think about the critical issues or questions that you have about your own development as a planner that you want to explore through your experiences in this class. Consider both the importance of the issue to you and the potential for learning presented by the nature of the St. Claude project and place. Write down the 2 or 3 issues or questions that are your highest priority with a brief explanation for each one on why you think it is a good question for reflection.