

Abstract

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Design and Neighborhood Sense of Community: An Integrative and Cross-Culturally Valid Theoretical Framework

This paper proposes a much-needed integrative and cross-culturally valid theoretical framework for the study and better understanding of the potential impact of environmental design on neighborhood sense of community. It is specifically formulated to address the major problems impeding the progress of this area of research. These problems are first identified. The proposed framework is then outlined. Subsequently, support for the framework is provided through an analysis of the relevant theoretical and research literature.