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Let's Build a Town - Notes

Presentation designed for appx 1 hour, 20-30 middle school students

Schedule:

- 10 minutes – Powerpoint Presentation
- 25 minutes – Students design and build individual buildings
- 25 minutes – Everyone works together to build a town

Materials

- (1) 36" x 48" printed town map
- (30) 8-1/2" x 11" handouts printed on card stock, each building covers half a block – Everything designed for 3/32" = 1'-0"
- Prebuilt full block models: Office Building, Apartments, Hotel, Hospital, Parking Deck, School, Town Hall, Bus Station, Warehouse, Recycling Center, Wastewater Treatment Plant, Doctors Office, Cemetery, (3) parks and (2) Bridges. See images below for pictures of models.

Learning Objectives:

- Basic introduction of what architects are and that anyone can become one
- Introduction of concepts of elevations and scale so that students can design individual buildings
- Introduction to basic planning ideas, students think about building adjacencies when assembling town, interacting with the instructor (architect) and each other

