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US is 94%* urbanized, mostly in suburbs

dynamics “driving” retrofitting

- GHG emissions and climate change
- Poverty on the rise in suburbs
- Public health, alarming rates of obesity and diabetes
- Longevity, demographic shift towards more 1- and 2- person households
- Diversity in postwar “first” suburbs; new immigrants
- Leapfrogging patterns have led to relative centrality for older suburban areas

Source: Bill Owens, Suburbia (1973)
rise of immigrant “ethno” suburbs

incremental metropolitanism

Remaking the metropolis into a sustainable polycentric system, through the systemic transformation of large prototypical single-use suburban sites through:

• Re-inhabitation,
• Re-development, and/or
• Re-greening.
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