

BC 4735/6175-T: REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION

School of Building Construction, College of Architecture

Georgia Institute of Technology

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Summer Semester 2011 – Tuesday – 6:05 to 8:55 pm – 3 credit hours

Course Objectives

To investigate the history, pressures, people and process of preparing land for human habitat. The course will explore land development as a means to subdivide land into fee simple parcels to create a community. Students will leave with an overview of the pressures that must be balanced in the land development business to create successful places for us to live. Work will include practical case studies that demonstrate the transformation process on a real parcel of land.

Instructor

Rick Porter has spent over 30 years as an owner of an Atlanta based residential development and homebuilding company that was started after his graduation from the undergraduate Architecture program at Georgia Tech. He will bring 30 years of land development experience into the classroom to lead students through practical, real world examples of community development.

Course Procedure and Organization

The course will include class discussions, lectures and case studies base upon readings and outside research. Topics include the role of various modes of transportation on the history of land development, federal regulations covering such activities as storm water management, state planning requirements for community development, local land use controls such as zoning, and basic land development finance.

Required Textbooks

Kone, Linda – *Land Development, 10th Edition*

BuilderBooks

Miles, Berens, Weiss -

Real Estate Development, Principles and Process, 3rd or 4th Edition

Urban Land Institute

Course Requirements

Case Study 1: 20%

Case Study 2: 25%

Midterm: 20%

Final: 25%

Homework: 10%

