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Lesson 3: Is my metropolitan area contributing to Urban Sprawl?

Directions: You must determine the trend in your city towards or away from urban sprawl. Using internet sources to do your research, answer the guiding questions below and then make a final claim about what has happened to the population density of your city over the past 20 years and why you think this trend has occurred.

- How the population of the metropolitan area has changed over the past 20 years.

What was the population of the area 20 years ago? _____

What was the population of the area 10 years ago? _____

What is the population of the area now? _____

- How the size of the metropolitan area has changed over the past 20 years.

What was the size of the area 20 years ago? _____

What was the size of the area 10 years ago? _____

What is the size of the are now? _____

- What current land use policies exist with regards to the development of homes, such as how much land is required to build, what type of homes are allowed to be built or have been built, what type of transportation exists, etc.?

What is the trend of your metropolitan area for the past 20 years in terms of urban sprawl? Why do you think this trend has occurred?