



Spatio-Temporal Analysis of Urban Sprawl in Greater Hyderabad Region and Its Impacts on Rural Urban Fringe Areas Using Geoinformatics Technology.

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Urbanization is an index of transformation from traditional rural economies to modern industrial one. It is a progressive concentration of population in an urban unit. It takes place either in radial direction around a well-established city or linearly along the highways. This dispersed development along highways or surrounding the city and in rural countryside is generally referred as sprawl.

Sprawl is a term that is often used to describe perceived inefficiencies of development, including disproportionate growth of urban areas and excessive leapfrog development. Sprawl is a cumulative result of many individual decisions and it requires not only an understanding of the factors that motivate an individual landowner to convert land, but also an understanding of how these factors and individual land-use decisions aggregate over space. Some of the causes of the sprawl include - population growth, economy and proximity to resources and basic amenities.

The measurement and monitoring of land-use change are crucial to government officials and planners who urgently need updated information and proper planning tools. The entropy method is most popularly used method for the measurement and monitoring of urban sprawl by the integration of remote sensing and GIS. The advantages of the entropy method are its simplicity and easy integration with GIS.

GIS and remote sensing data along with collateral data help in analyzing the growth, pattern and extent of sprawl. With the spatial and temporal analyses it is possible to identify the pattern of sprawl and subsequently predict the nature of future sprawl. This project brings out the extent of sprawl taking place over a period of six years using GIS and Remote Sensing. An attempt was made to study the implications of urban sprawl on land-use & land-cover pattern of a typical regions located in Greater Hyderabad city & its surround rural-urban fringe areas in the state of Andhra Pradesh.

KeyWords-- Land Use Planning, classification, NDVI, Change Detection, Shanons Entropy, Compactness Index etc.

I. INTRODUCTION

Urbanization is a process that always initiates the continual transformation of land from one use to the other. Land transformation is presently being experienced in and around fast growing towns.

It is also firmly stated that spatial and temporal changes in the unplanned growth of the built up area is impacting negatively on the environment. The process of urbanization is one of the most important drivers of economic, social and physical change in developing countries. Rapid urban population growth leads not only to an increasing demand for urban land, particularly for housing but also for various other uses. Increasing demand for land is affecting peri urban areas where urban expansion is already encroaching into the agriculture lands and small villages. Rural -urban fringes are characterized by diverse land uses which often vary in relation to their functional linkages to urban and to rural sectors.

Patterns of infrastructure initiatives like the construction of roads and service facilities (such as hotels, etc.) also often encourage the regional development, which eventually lead to urbanization. The direct implication of such urban sprawl is the change in land use and land cover of the region. The ability to service and develop land heavily influences the economic and environmental quality of life in towns (Turkstra, 1996). Identification of the patterns of sprawl and analyses of spatial and temporal changes would help immensely in the planning for proper infrastructure facilities. Patterns of sprawl and analyses of spatial and temporal changes could be done cost effectively and efficiently with the help of spatial and temporal technologies such as Geographic Information System (GIS) and Remote Sensing (RS) along with collateral data (such as Survey of India maps, etc.).

The spatial patterns of urban sprawl over different time periods, can be systematically mapped, monitored and accurately assessed from satellite data (remotely sensed data) along with conventional ground data (Lata et al., 2001). Mapping urban sprawl provides a "picture" of where this type of growth is occurring, helps to identify the environmental and natural resources threatened by such sprawls, and to suggest the likely future directions and patterns of sprawling growth.

Remote sensing applications are growing very rapidly with the availability of high-resolution data from the state of the art satellites like IRS-1C/1D/P4, LANDSAT, CARTOSAT and QUICKBIRD.



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The remote sensing satellites with high-resolution sensors and wide coverage capabilities provide data with better resolution, coverage and revisit to meet the growing applications needs. The advancement in computer hardware and software in the area of remote sensing also enhances the remote sensing applications. The image processing techniques are also quite effective in identifying the urban growth pattern from the spatial and temporal data captured by the remote sensing techniques. These aids in delineating the specific growth patterns of sprawl which could be linear, radial or both.

II. LOCATION AND EXTENT

Hyderabad is the capital of the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh. It is the sixth largest city of India and a sprawling metropolis. To analyze the urban sprawl the study area encircling Hyderabad metropolitan region and its surrounding rural area extends, from $17^{\circ}12'00''$ N to $17^{\circ}37'00''$ N and $78^{\circ}16'00''$ E to $78^{\circ}42'00''$ E covering an area of approximately 1500 sq km was taken. The study area was divided into five zones namely East zone, West zone, North zone, South zone and Central zone which includes the entire area of GHMC and Parts of Ranga Reddy district.

III. THE OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY ARE

- To identify and delineate different land use/ land cover categories using high resolution remote sensing data.
- To spatially map the built-up areas and identify the patterns of urban sprawl for Hyderabad region.
- To generate the statistics of the changes that occur in the areas of various land use/ land cover categories during the period 2005 to 2011
- To study the pattern of urban growth and measure the land use changes using Shannon's Entropy and Compactness index indicators.

Methodology and Analytical Framework:

- The following methodology is adopted in the present study to meet the above mentioned objectives. The base map is generated at 1:25,000 scale from the SOI Toposheet.
- The base layers like administrative boundaries, road network, mapping of water bodies, etc. were created from the SOI Toposheets.
- Cropping and mosaicing of data corresponding to the study area.
- Classification of remote sensing data (2005&2011): Land cover and land use analyses.
- Change detection analysis using different techniques (Image differencing, Image ratioing, etc.).

- Detection, visualization and assessment of change analysis.
- Computation of Shannon's entropy to detect the urban sprawl phenomenon.

Land Use/Land Cover Classification:

Thematic land classes were derived digitally by grouping pixels that have similar spectral signatures from the measurements of individual bands throughout the spectrum. Usually this classification is made with visible, near-infrared, and middle infrared part of the spectrum. Image interpretation was carried out with the help of nine elements of interpretation key.

Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI):

$$\text{NDVI} = \frac{\text{NIR} - \text{Red}}{\text{NIR} + \text{Red}}$$

NDVI values lies between -1 and +1. Vegetation in good condition shows higher NDVI values. This is used to eliminate the seasonal sun angle difference and minimize atmospheric effects. Higher values indicate more density and vigor of the vegetation. NDVI is extensively used to detect seasonal variations among vegetation.

Change Detection

Change detection analysis was carried out with the help of Change Detection Matrix provided with ERDAS imagine. By giving classified image of two different periods as input, the model automatically generates the area where changes are happened. For knowing changes happened in which type of land use classes statistical analysis were also carried out.

Shannon's Entropy Analysis

Quantifying the urban growth is not difficult from remote sensing data. However, quantifying the sprawl is challenging. The most efficient and commonly used approach in urban sprawl studies is to integrate Shannon's Entropy with GIS tools. In this study, in order to examine the spatial expansion of the built-up areas during the three time periods, the LULC maps were reclassified into built-up and non-built-up area. Shannon's entropy along with GIS tools was applied to measure the sprawl during the study periods.

Shannon's entropy was used to measure the degree of spatial concentration or dispersion of the geographical features on the surface of area of study (Theil, 1967; Thomas, 1981). The entropy space can be conveniently used to differentiate various kinds of urban growth patterns. The Shannon entropy (H) is computed by:

$$H = -\sum_{i=1}^n P_i \times \ln(P_i)$$

Where, H is the value of Shannon's entropy, Pi the ratio of constructed zones area (total housing density) to the total sum of zones area and n the total sum of zones.

Compactness Index

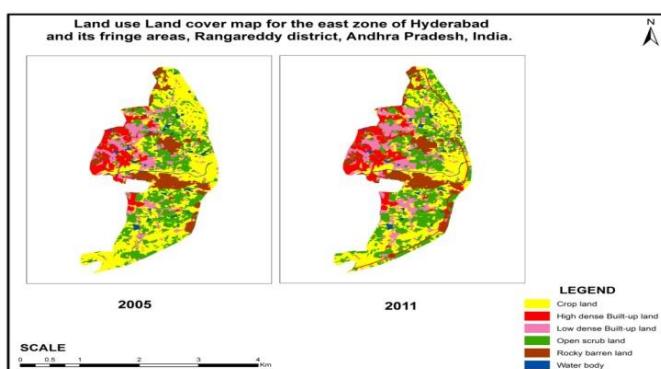
Urban land use per capita is a primary indicator of urban form, which distinguishes low density and high density settlement (CST, 2002a). Consumption of land describes that how is a city spatially spreading. It is well understood that riders from low density settlements or suburban areas need to travel great distance to achieve their travel goals. These also make public transportation less feasible and stimulate private vehicle use (CST, 2002a; Zhang and Guindon, 2006).

Compactness measure incorporates urban form and defined the intensity of density of urban concentration of the city. Compactness indicates the complexity of urban structure and design. If compactness is high it indicates regular shape (such as rectangle, square) of urban patch, which create better street and neighborhood design and this shape enhance the access to transit services. Low compactness indicates the zigzag pattern of urban patch and increase the access distance to transit services.

IV. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

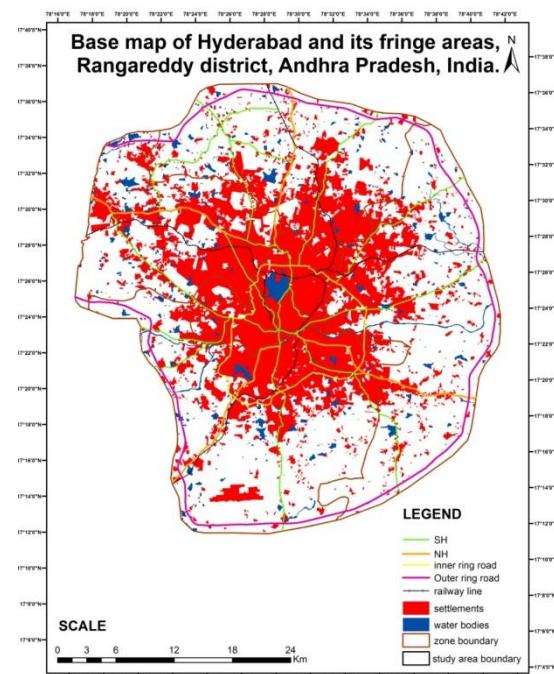
Base Map Of The Study Area

A base map is the frame to which all the ancillary data will be registered. Base map is prepared from Survey of India Topo-sheets on 1:25,000 scale and is updated with the help of satellite imagery to a scale of 1:4000. In the base map five zone boundaries, settlements, Water bodies, National highways(NH 9 & 7), State highways and other major roads(Outer & inner ring roads) in the city were identified.



Land Use Land Cover:

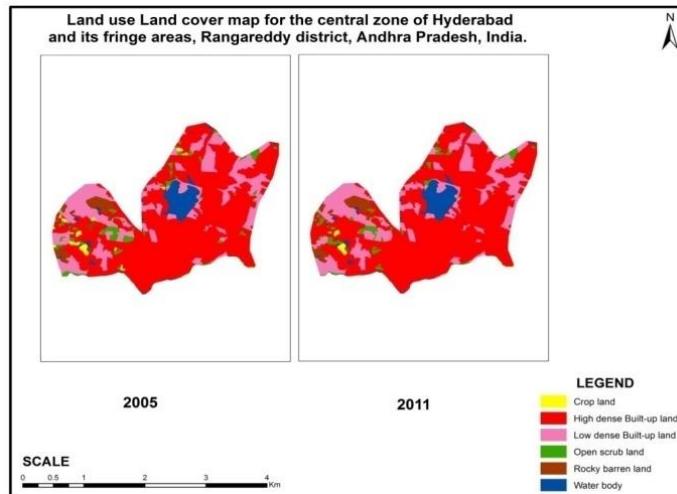
The knowledge of spatial distribution of land cover/land use of large area is of great importance to regional planners and administrators. Conventional ground methods are time consuming and no uniform classification system was used in the preparation of maps with the advent of remote sensing technology the above problems have been solved to quite some extent. Satellite data can provide information on large areas and the temporal data can be utilized for change detection and updating old data.





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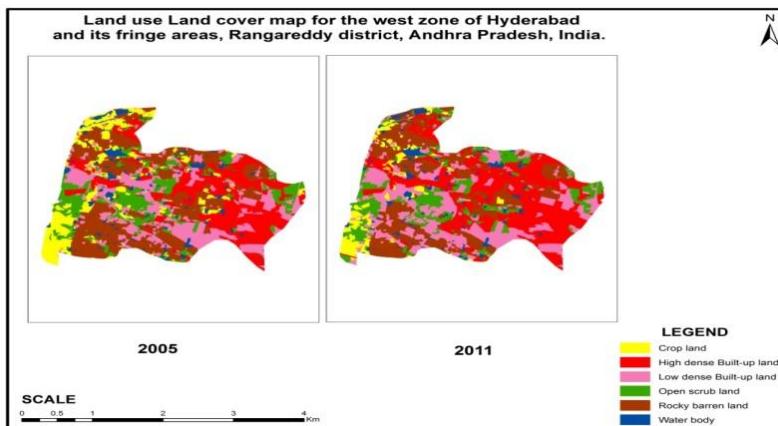
Land Use Land Cover Map Of 2005 And 2011 Image For East Zone:



Land use Land cover 2005-2011 for Central Zone:

| Central zone | 2005 | | 2011 | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------------------|------------|
| Class name | Area(Km ²) | Area (%) | Area(Km ²) | Area (%) |
| Crop land | 1.332 | 1.17 | 0.554 | 0.48 |
| Low dense Built-up land | 25.293 | 22.21 | 25.325 | 22.24 |
| Open scrub land | 4.175 | 3.66 | 3.579 | 3.14 |
| Water body | 5.871 | 5.15 | 5.829 | 5.12 |
| High dense Built-up land | 73.971 | 64.97 | 75.637 | 66.43 |
| Rocky barren land | 3.204 | 2.81 | 2.923 | 2.56 |
| Total | 113.846 | 100 | 113.847 | 100 |

Land use Land cover 2005-2011 for West zone:

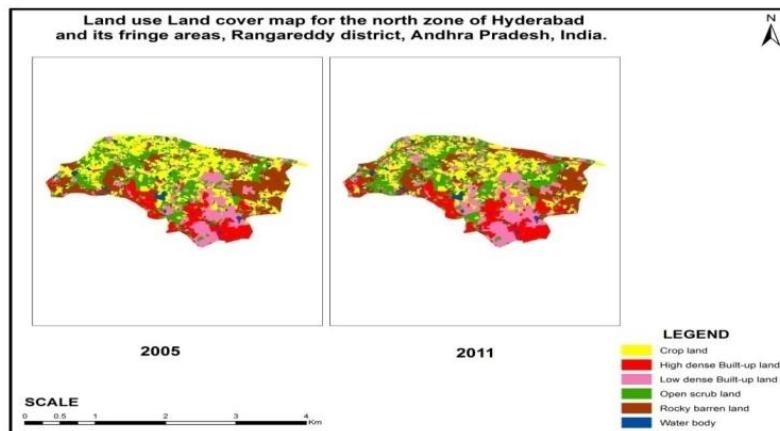




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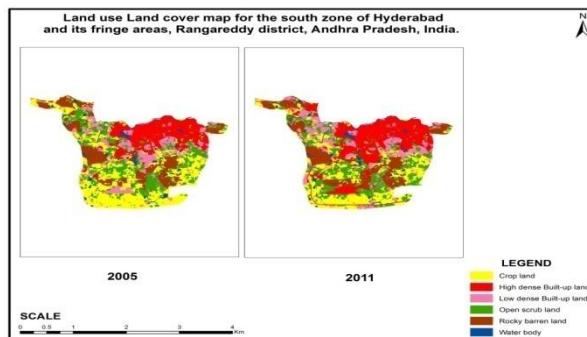
| West zone | 2005 | | 2011 | |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| Class name | Area (Km2) | Area (%) | Area (Km2) | Area (%) |
| Crop land | 27.991 | 11.58 | 13.41 | 5.55 |
| Low dense Built-up land | 47.972 | 19.85 | 56.897 | 23.55 |
| Open scrub land | 33.855 | 14.01 | 33.283 | 13.77 |
| Water body | 10.358 | 4.28 | 9.665 | 4.00 |
| High dense Built-up land | 53.774 | 22.25 | 72.832 | 30.14 |
| Rocky barren land | 67.629 | 27.99 | 55.492 | 22.97 |
| Total | 241.579 | 100 | 241.579 | 100 |

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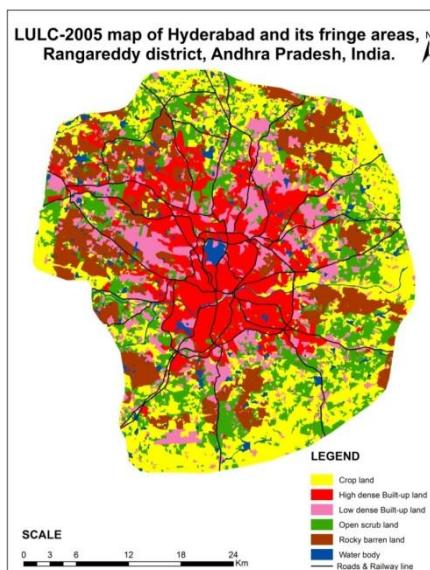
| West zone | 2005 | | 2011 | |
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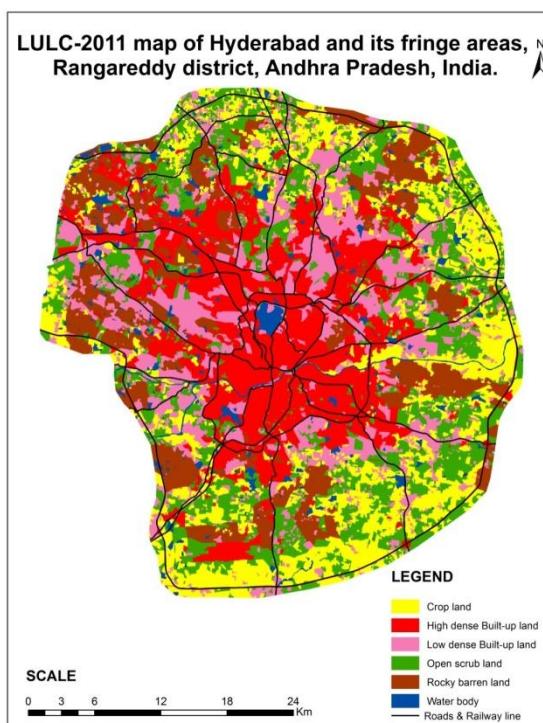
| South zone | 2005 | | 2011 | |
|--------------------------|----------------|------------|----------------|------------|
| | Area (Km2) | Area (%) | Area (Km2) | Area (%) |
| Crop land | 127.92 | 29.77 | 91.753 | 21.35 |
| Low dense Built-up land | 62.449 | 14.53 | 66.296 | 15.43 |
| Open scrub land | 83.755 | 19.49 | 82.482 | 19.20 |
| Water body | 16.31 | 3.79 | 14.959 | 3.48 |
| High dense Built-up land | 76.456 | 17.79 | 112.493 | 26.18 |
| Rocky barren land | 62.684 | 14.59 | 61.591 | 14.33 |
| Total | 429.574 | 100 | 429.574 | 100 |

Land use Land cover map- 2005, of Hyderabad and its fringe areas:



| 2005 Class Name | Area (Km ²) | Area (%) |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Crop land | 404.55 | 27.17 |
| Low dense Built-up land | 236.01 | 15.85 |
| Open scrub land | 291.16 | 19.55 |
| Water body | 55.28 | 3.71 |
| High dense Built-up land | 275.31 | 18.49 |
| Rocky barren land | 226.57 | 15.21 |
| Total | 1488.88 | 100 |

Land use Land cover map- 2011, of Hyderabad and its fringe areas:

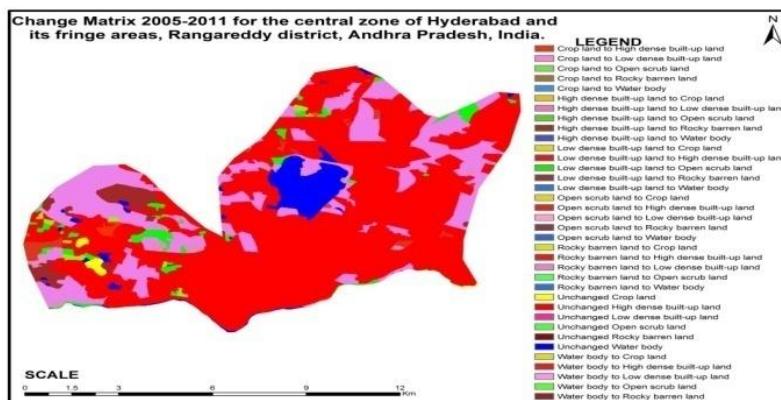


| 2011 Class Name | Area (km ²) | Area (%) |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| Crop land | 296.22 | 19.89552 |
| Low dense Built-up land | 280.028 | 18.80799 |
| Open scrub land | 303.49 | 20.38381 |
| Water body | 49.28 | 3.309875 |
| High dense Built-up land | 359.19 | 24.12488 |
| Rocky barren land | 200.67 | 13.47793 |
| Total | 1488.878 | 100 |



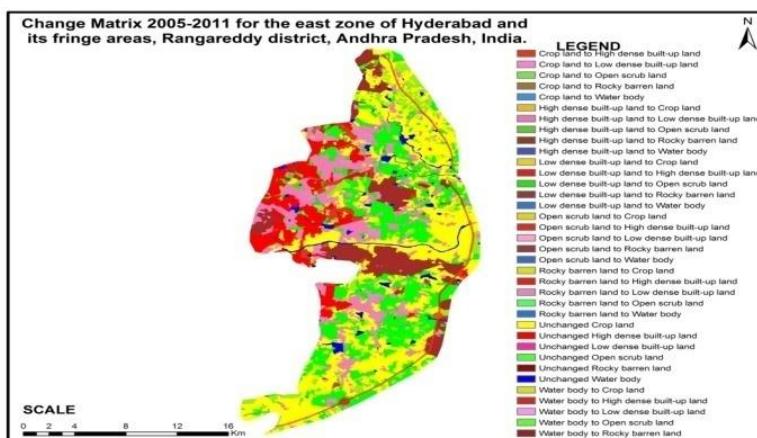
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Change matrix between 2005 &2011 in Central zone of Hyderabad:



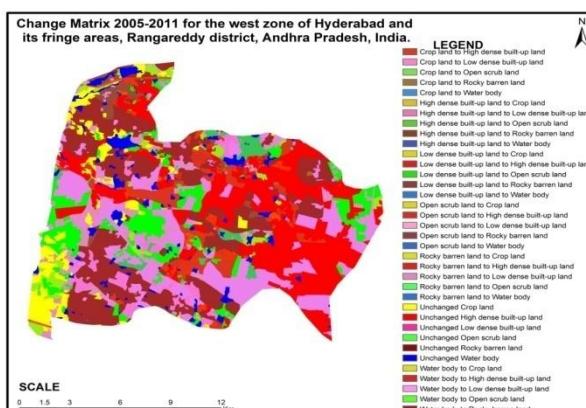
| 2005/2011 Class name | Crop land | Low dense Built-up land | Open scrub land | Water body | High dense Built-up land | Rocky barren land | Total |
|-----------------------------|--------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Crop land | 0.551 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.551 |
| Low dense Built-up land | 0.100 | 24.225 | 0.941 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25.267 |
| Open scrub land | 0.619 | 0.001 | 2.951 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3.572 |
| Water body | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5.830 | 0 | 0 | 5.830 |
| High dense Built-up land | 0.051 | 1.010 | 0.279 | 0.033 | 74.054 | 0.291 | 75.720 |
| Rocky barren land | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.008 | 0 | 2.924 | 2.932 |
| Total | 1.323 | 25.237 | 4.171 | 5.871 | 74.054 | 3.215 | 113.875 |

Change matrix between 2005 &2011 in East zone of Hyderabad:

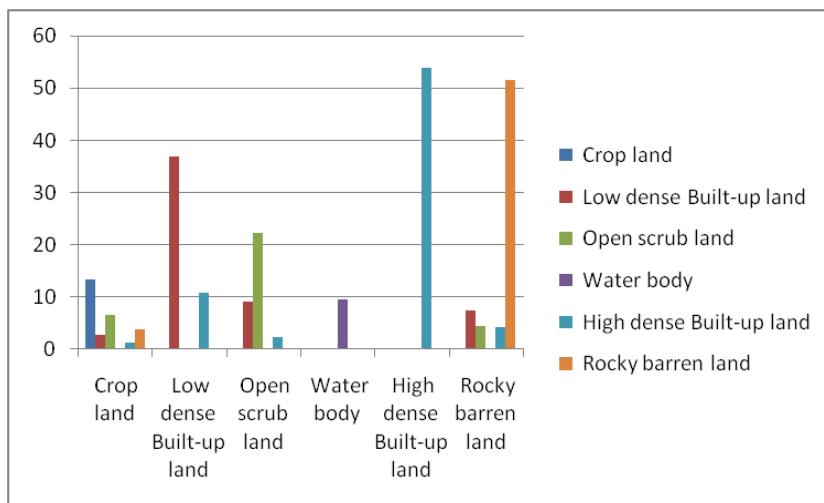


| 2005/2011 Class name | Crop land | Low dense Built-up land | Open scrub land | Water body | High dense Built-up land | Rocky barren land | Total |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Crop land | 129.726 | 0.000 | 0.043 | 0.955 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 130.725 |
| Low dense Built-up land | 6.287 | 47.207 | 12.284 | 0.115 | 0.000 | 0.884 | 66.779 |
| Open scrub land | 24.898 | 0.032 | 85.291 | 2.240 | 0.000 | 0.293 | 112.756 |
| Water body | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 10.213 | 0 | 0.000 | 10.214 |
| High dense Built-up land | 5.746 | 5.342 | 3.734 | 0.134 | 36.196 | 0.959 | 52.114 |
| Rocky barren land | 0.385 | 0.000 | 0.318 | 0.030 | 0.000 | 39.417 | 40.152 |
| Total | 167.045 | 52.584 | 101.672 | 13.689 | 36.197 | 41.554 | 412.743 |

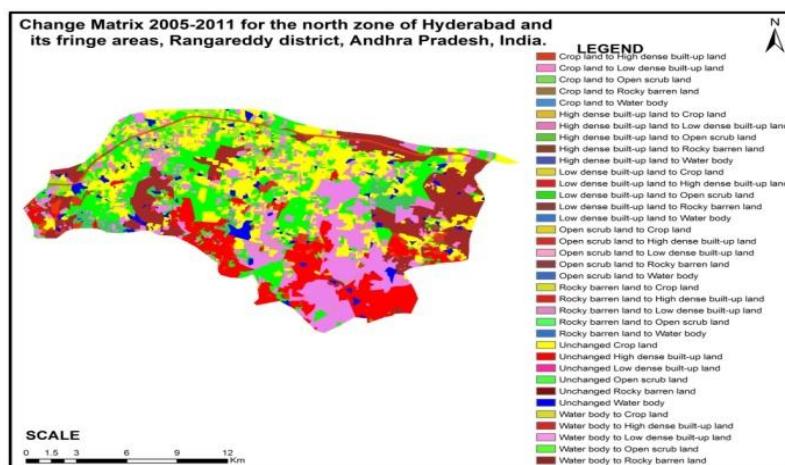
Change matrix between 2005 &2011 in West zone of Hyderabad:



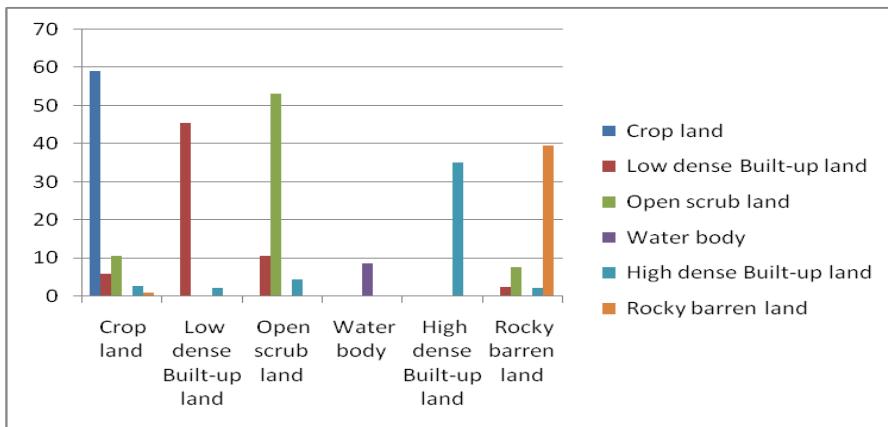
| 2005/2011 Class name | Crop land | Low dense Built-up land | Open scrub land | Water body | High dense Built-up land | Rocky barren land | Total |
|-----------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|
| Crop land | 13.311 | 0.000 | 0.044 | 0 | 0 | 0.000 | 13.357 |
| Low dense Built-up land | 2.810 | 36.962 | 9.203 | 0.255 | 0.000 | 7.526 | 56.759 |
| Open scrub land | 6.470 | 0.005 | 22.161 | 0.200 | 0.000 | 4.466 | 33.305 |
| Water body | 0.000 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 9.640 | 0.000 | 0.023 | 9.664 |
| High dense Built-up land | 1.424 | 10.866 | 2.427 | 0.102 | 53.832 | 4.244 | 72.898 |
| Rocky barren land | 3.884 | 0.005 | 0.049 | 0.167 | 0.005 | 51.521 | 55.634 |
| Total | 27.901 | 47.840 | 33.886 | 10.366 | 53.838 | 67.783 | 241.62 |



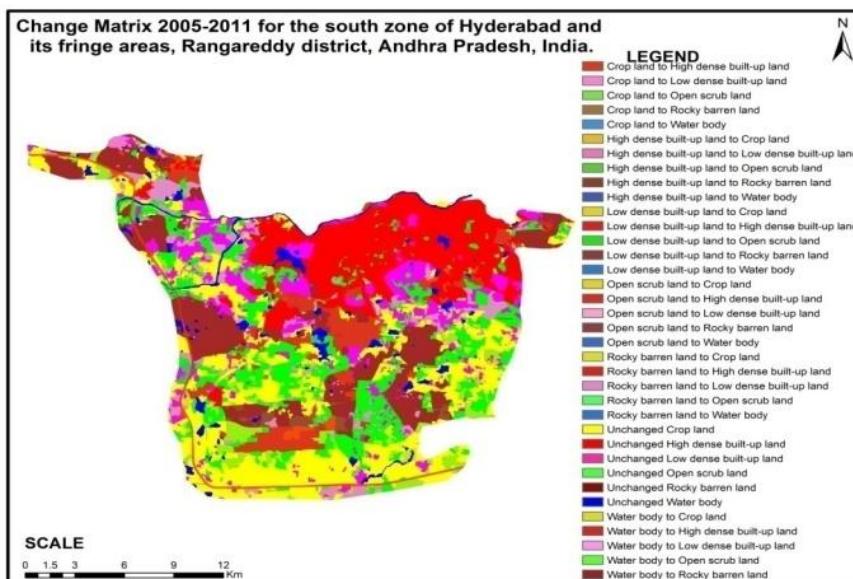
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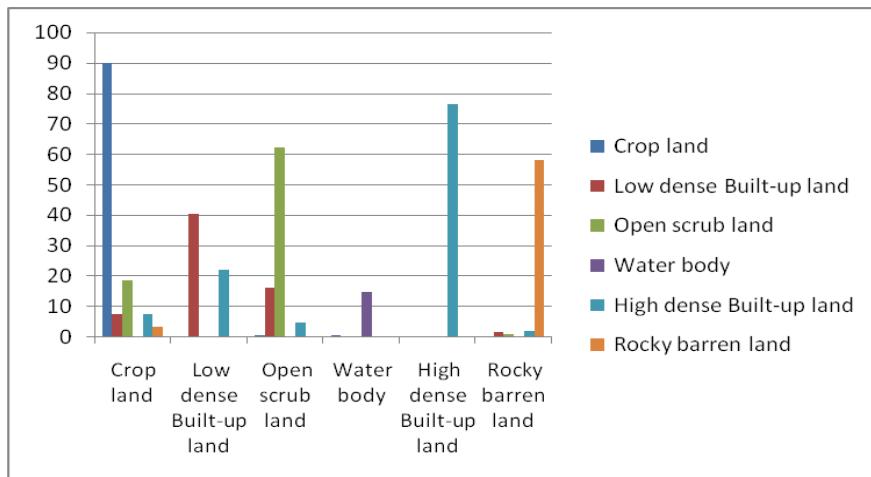
| 2005/2011 Class name | Crop land | Low dense Built-up land | Open scrub land | Water body | High dense Built-up land | Rocky barren land | Total |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Crop land | 59.098 | 0.000 | 0.013 | 0 | 0.00 | 0.000 | 59.112 |
| Low dense Built-up land | 6.058 | 45.464 | 10.562 | 0.026 | 0.00 | 2.473 | 64.585 |
| Open scrub land | 10.752 | 0.016 | 53.219 | 0.252 | 0.000 | 7.552 | 71.792 |
| Water body | 0.000 | 0 | 0 | 8.674 | 0.000 | 0.006 | 8.681 |
| High dense Built-up land | 2.707 | 2.139 | 4.266 | 0.127 | 35.063 | 2.045 | 46.349 |
| Rocky barren land | 0.944 | 0.000 | 0.075 | 0.052 | 0.000 | 39.605 | 40.679 |
| Total | 79.560 | 47.621 | 68.138 | 9.133 | 35.064 | 51.684 | 291.201 |



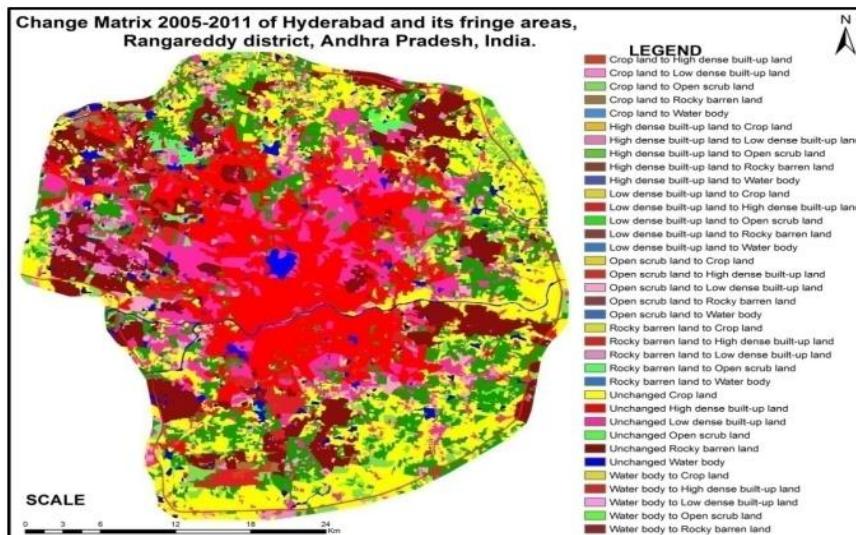
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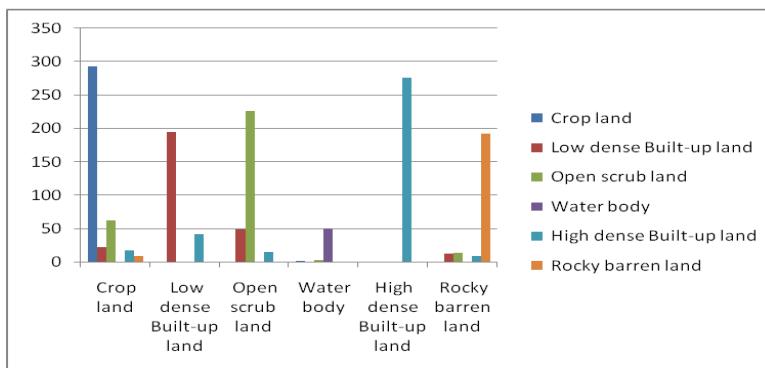
| 2005/2011 Class name | Crop land | Low dense Built-up land | Open scrub land | Water body | High dense Built-up land | Rocky barren land | Total |
|-----------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Crop land | 90.020 | 0.000 | 0.605 | 0.836 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 91.462 |
| Low dense Built-up land | 7.600 | 40.400 | 16.287 | 0.100 | 0.000 | 1.820 | 66.208 |
| Open scrub land | 18.725 | 0.012 | 62.398 | 0.370 | 0.000 | 1.083 | 82.591 |
| Water body | 0.089 | 0.000 | 0.000 | 14.909 | 0 | 0.002 | 15.001 |
| High dense Built-up land | 7.532 | 21.971 | 4.624 | 0.085 | 76.553 | 1.876 | 112.64 3 |
| Rocky barren land | 3.618 | 0.000 | 0.001 | 0.061 | 0.000 | 58.026 | 61.708 |
| Total | 127.586 | 62.386 | 83.918 | 16.362 | 76.553 | 62.808 | 429.61 5 |



Change matrix between 2005 &2011 in Hyderabad & its fringe areas:



| 2005/2011 Class name | Crop land | Low dense Built-up land | Open scrub land | Water body | High dense Built-up land | Rocky barren land | TOTAL |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| Crop land | 292.687 | 0 | 0.707 | 1.79 | 0 | 0 | 295.184 |
| Low dense Built-up land | 22.855 | 194.244 | 49.277 | 0.496 | 0 | 12.703 | 279.575 |
| Open scrub land | 61.457 | 0.068 | 226.022 | 3.064 | 0 | 13.394 | 304.005 |
| Water body | 0.089 | 0 | 0 | 49.276 | 0 | 0.033 | 49.398 |
| High dense Built-up land | 17.464 | 41.324 | 15.334 | 0.482 | 275.667 | 9.417 | 359.688 |
| Rocky barren land | 8.831 | 0.007 | 0.444 | 0.319 | 0.007 | 191.485 | 201.093 |
| TOTAL | 403.383 | 235.643 | 291.784 | 55.427 | 275.674 | 227.032 | 1488.94 |



V. SHANNON'S ENTROPY ANALYSIS

Shannon's entropy analysis is computed for Hyderabad and its fringes areas. The study area is divided into five zones viz., Central zone, East zone, West zone, North zone, and South zone. This sets us the number of zones n is 5, Hence the maximum value of Entropy is now $\ln(5)$ is 1.6094.

Considering these five zones, the shannon's entropy is calculated for both the years 2005 and 2011 respectively. The independent entropy value so obtained for both the years are then compared with the $\ln(5)$ value 1.6094, which gives us the urban growth pattern of that particular year.

| 2005 | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Zone | Area | Pi | Ln(Pi) | PiXLn(Pi) |
| Central | 99.264 | 0.1941 | -1.6394 | -0.3182 |
| East | 88.729 | 0.1735 | -1.7516 | -0.3039 |
| West | 101.746 | 0.1990 | -1.6145 | -0.3212 |
| North | 82.674 | 0.1617 | -1.822 | -0.2946 |
| South | 138.905 | 0.2717 | -1.3031 | -0.3540 |
| Total | 511.318 | 1.0000 | -8.1306 | -1.5920 |



| 2011 | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| Zone | Area | Pi | Ln(Pi) | Pi×Ln(Pi) |
| Central | 100.962 | 0.1592 | -1.8376 | -0.2925 |
| East | 118.81 | 0.1873 | -1.675 | -0.3137 |
| West | 129.729 | 0.2046 | -1.5867 | -0.3246 |
| North | 110.916 | 0.1749 | -1.7435 | -0.3049 |
| South | 173.789 | 0.274 | -1.2946 | -0.3547 |
| Total | 634.206 | 1.0000 | -8.1374 | -1.5905 |

Table (b): Shannon's entropy of Hyderabad & its fringe areas in 2011.

The Shannon entropy (H) is computed by:

$$H = -\sum_{i=1}^n P_i \times \ln(P_i).$$

Therefore Shannon entropy (H) for 2005 is **1.5920** and for 2011 is **1.5905**.

These values are closer to the upper limit of $\ln(5)$, i.e **1.6094**, showing the higher degree of dispersion of built up in the city. This means that, over a period of six years the urban growth has been taken place in an ‘incompact’ form.

| Study area | Year | Shannon's Entropy (H) | Ln(5) |
|--------------------------------|------|-----------------------|--------|
| Hyderabad and its fringe areas | 2005 | 1.5920 | 1.6094 |
| | 2011 | 1.5905 | 1.6094 |

The measurement of the difference on entropy between time (t) and t +1 was also obtained by using the formula:

$$\Delta H = H(t+1) - H(t).$$

The difference on the entropy between 2005 and 2011 was 0.09%, which is quite negligible, revealing the fact that the city is in consistent sprawl through those years.

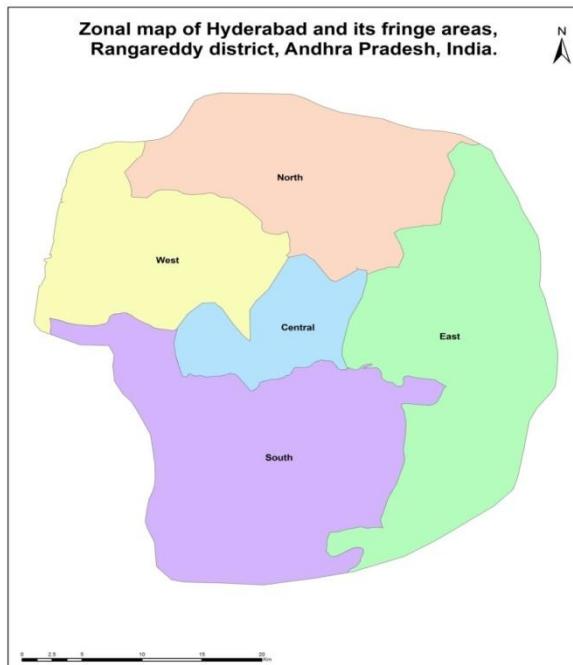
Polsby-Pooper Compactness Measure:

The compactness of land development is estimated according to the average comparison between the perimeter of each developed cluster/zone and that of a circle which has the same area.

This comparison is useful for standardizing the data. The compactness index (CI) is calculated by using ‘Polsby-Pooper compactness measure’, which is given by:

$$CI = (4\pi * \text{Area}) / \text{Perimeter}^2$$

It is convenient to calculate the index because the total area and perimeter of developed clusters/zones can be automatically obtained by using GIS functions.



| Zone Name | Area (Km ²) | Perimeter (Km) | Compactness Index (CI) |
|-----------|-------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| East | 412.687 | 122.934 | 0.3432 |
| West | 241.581 | 80.933 | 0.4635 |
| North | 291.162 | 84.001 | 0.5185 |
| South | 429.617 | 120.068 | 0.3745 |
| Central | 113.849 | 57.244 | 0.4366 |

The compactness index can determine whether land development is compact or not. The larger the value of CI is, the more compact the development. A perusal of the above table reveals that the North zone of Hyderabad and its fringe areas has the maximum compactness index (CI) of 0.5185 and the East zone being the less compactness zone with the CI of 0.3432. and the next less compactness zone to the East zone was the South zone having the CI value 0.3745. The compactness index (CI) of West and central zones were found to be close to each other recording 0.4635 and 0.4366 respectively.

As stated above, the compactness index can determine whether land development is compact or not. But more sophisticated indicator to measure urban morphology is based on the concept of entropy. Entropy can be related to the concentration or dispersion of a phenomenon.

The method has advantages in reflecting the orientation and configuration of spatial patterns because it is easily incorporate spatial variables from GIS in the calculation. The measurement is directly carried out within GIS to facilitate the convenient access to GIS spatial databases.

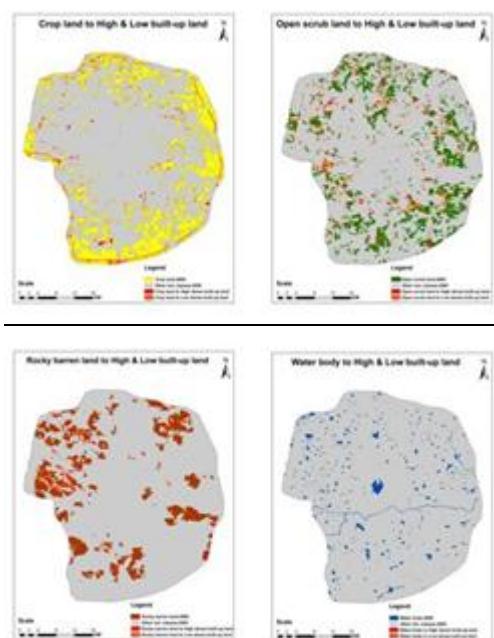
VI. CONCLUSIONS

Urban sprawl has increasingly become a major issue in the global trend towards urbanization. Faced not only by developed countries but also by developing countries, and by large urban centers and medium and small cities alike, urban sprawl raises social and environmental concerns at the same time that shows a multiplicity of divergent trajectories that somehow defy the dominance of homogeneous characteristics around the world.

With the population of India increasing as ever, the pressures on land and resources are also increasing. The urban sprawl is seen as one of the potential threats to sustainable development where urban planning with effective resource utilization and allocation of infrastructure initiatives are key concerns. This study attempts to identify such a sprawl and quantify it by few metrics. The study was carried out along the Hyderabad city and its fringe areas. Using the techniques of GIS and remote sensing the sprawl is identified from the merged images of PAN and LISS IV images of the study area. The processed spatial data along, aided to analyze statistically few urban sprawl metrics. Further, the statistical analyses helped in quantifying the same.

Change Detection of urban sprawl

By examining the land use land cover changes, it was found that the percentage change in built-up area over the period of six years increased by 24.03%. The percentage change in cropland decreased by 26.82%. The percentage change in the water bodies also decreased by 10.88%, the rocky barren land also decreased by 11.42% and finally the percentage change in the open scrub land was increased by 4.18%. From the result it can be said that all the natural resources such as water bodies, rocky barren lands and the crop land are getting degraded year after year due to the urban growth or being transformed into open scrub lands that are going to be future settlements area.



Measurement of urban Sprawl

Shannon's entropy computed for the Hyderabad and its fringe area for the years 2005 and 2011 are 1.592 and 1.5905 respectively. These values are so close to the upper limit of $\ln(5)$ that is 1.6094, showing the higher degree of dispersion of built up in the city. Compactness index computed for the Hyderabad and its fringes reveals that the North zone has the maximum compactness index (CI) of 0.5185 and the East zone being the less compactness zone with the CI of 0.3432. And the next less compactness zone to the East zone was the South zone having the CI value 0.3745, and the compactness index (CI) of West and central zones were found to be close to each other recording 0.4635 and 0.4366 respectively.

Impacts of Urban sprawl:

Encroachment of built up areas on the agricultural land rendering agricultural worker jobless or displaced to move to other areas for different occupation. The unplanned Metropolitan growth has a number of serious adverse effects. Large areas become characterized by the initial scattered land uses so that balanced planning of the areas become impossible. The lack of planning is also reflected in the high cost and poor quality of public facilities serving the urban fringe areas. Land resources are also wasted because the land is divided in small parcels which are difficult to utilize efficiently (Bosselman, 1968).

In studying interactions between human and ecological processes, considering solely the aggregated interactions cannot help explain the outcomes. A complex set of social, political, economic, and biophysical factors drive urbanization and affects when, where, how, and at what rate urban development proceeds (Alberti et al., 2005).

The table below represents the impacts of sprawl on the economic, natural, and aesthetic aspects of the region. Each aspect is divided into minor headings and the corresponding region to each of these phenomena is described.



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| Aspects | Cost of sprawl | Examples substantiating the fact |
|-----------|--|--|
| Economic | Loss of open space | 34.32% in West zone (i.e.) RC puram, Patancheru, Kukatpally and Serilingampally (North-south) |
| | Increased cost of infrastructure | Central zone (i.e.) Circles 7, 8, 9 & 10. |
| | Loss of farm and forest | Parts of south zone (Rajendranagar) and west zone (Kukatpally) |
| | Fragmentation of farms | 15.17% in West zone again |
| | Urban decay and increase in energy consumption | Places connected by city bus services at remote areas like Uppareddy etc. |
| | Higher tax burden | Conversion tax on land by HUDA & State Government |
| | Higher land prices | Along major transport arteries- Secunderabad, Ameerpet, Koti etc |
| | Higher human and wildlife conflicts | Shamshabad, Langar house, etc |
| | Adverse impact on environmental resources | Construction of built-up areas along green belts |
| | Greater fiscal disparities among localities | Comparison of Jubilee hills region Vs SR nagar etc |
| Physical | Congested roads and heavy traffic | JNTU Cross roads, Banjara hills etc |
| | Overcrowded market and lanes | Abids, Koti, Dilsukhnagar etc |
| | Longer commuting time with increased distances | ECIL, LB nagar, Patancheru etc |
| | More aggressive driving | Road crossings, Highways and Expressways. |
| Social | Decreased social interaction | Distant residential settlements- Chevella, Moinabad, parts of Bachupalli etc |
| | Limited meaningful consumer choice | About where and how to live at outer limits of Hyderabad urban region |
| Emotional | Loss of community spirit | Shift of Muslims from old city to Mehdipatnam. Shift of hindus from charminar area to other places |
| | Loss of sense of ownership and land | Multistoried regions at KPHB 6 th phase near JNT University road |
| Aesthetic | Decreased leisure time | Influx of IT corporate sector |
| | Monotonous landscape | Banjara hills, Jubilee hills etc. |



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