
2. Case study of debate over redesigning Washington Square Park
   a. Redesign
      i. Check out the proposed redesign of the park as described at the website of a community group opposed to the redesign: http://www.savewashingtonsquarepark.org/redesign.html.
   b. Recent update on the controversy: Lincoln Anderson, Redesign needs to ‘urn’ approval; Parks pulls out of square hearing, The Villager, August 3-9, 2005, at http://www.thevillager.com/villager_118/redesignneedstourn.html
   c. Lawsuit filed by community group in July 2005, but then withdrawn (attached & on Blackboard)
   d. Naming the fountain: Timothy Williams, Dropping $2.5 Million, And Name, Into Fountain, N.Y. Times, July 14, 2005 (attached & on Blackboard)
   g. Profile of architect: Robin Finn, The Designer Who Would Change the Village Eden, N.Y Times, May 13, 2005 (attached & on Blackboard)
   h. Mounds: Dan Barry, Defending the Hills of the Village, N.Y. Times, March 5, 2005 (attached & on Blackboard)
   i. Walk through Washington Square Park

3. Discussion questions
   a. What is a natural resource? Is Washington Square Park a natural resource?
   b. Is Washington Square Park similar to a national park?
c. Why are some of the residents of Greenwich Village opposed to the redesign? Do you support the redesign?

d. Should Greenwich Village residents’ views be given extra weight in the debate about the park? For example, should their views count more than the views of people living on East 75th Street? If so, why?

e. Does Carol Rose’s article help to explain (1) why Washington Square Park exists, (2) why the Parks Department is proposing several of the changes that it is, and (3) why there is controversy about renovating the park?