Build Your Own City – Rules for Play

A group of environmental minded Jews need a new place to live. Your help is required to build us a new city in accordance with Jewish law and environmental sustainability,

1. Sit down with your group and examine the Jewish texts provided below. Use them and your groups knowledge to choose a development strategy for your new city
2. Study the city components available for purchase.
3. Your group has $5,000 to purchase city components for your new city. You must purchase at least one item from each category.
4. Compromises will be required as it may be impossible to purchase your ideal item in each category.
5. If time permits, create a drawing or model of your new city.
6. We will reconvene to share our city plans.

Jewish Texts

1. "It is forbidden to live in a city that does not have a garden or greenery."
      - Jerusalem Talmud, Kiddushin 4:12

2. A Torah scholar should not live in a city without these items:
     - Sewage disposal   - public bath   - elementary school
     - Synagogue   - tzedakah fund (to sustain the needy)
      Rabbi Akiva is quoted as adding several kinds of fruit to this list…
           -Babylonian Talmud, Sanhedrin 17b

3.   "Carcasses, cemeteries and tanneries must be kept at fifty cubits' distance from a town. A tannery can only be set up on the east side of town [because the east wind is gentle and will not carry the fumes to town]."
          -Mishna Baba Batra 2:9

OUR MONEY – Use this to keep track of how much money you have left

Item	Cost	$ Remaining	Item	Cost	$ Remaining
Free Items	$0	$5000			

City Components Available for Your New City

Food source and related industries:
[ ] Standard Farm: $700 *Huge farm, cheap food, uses pesticides and pollutes the streams.*
[ ] Organic Farm: $1100 *Medium farm, uses no pesticides, tastes great,*
[ ] Pick Your Own Organic Apples & Strawberries Farm: $500 *People come and pay to harvest your pesticide free crops. Beware, if this is your only food source, you'll only eat apples and strawberries (and only in the summer and fall)*
[ ] Herd of Dairy Cows: $500 *They wander around town, eat your grass and you can milk them*

Garbage disposal:
[ ] Dump: $300 *Throw your trash in a big fat pile and <u>MAYBE</u> it will decompose*
[ ] Incinerator: $700 *Burn your trash, nothing left but causes air pollution*
[ ] Recycling Center: $1100 *Melt down your garbage to use it again*

Transportation:
[ ] Bike Trails: $400 *No harmful pollution, great exercise*
[ ] Bus System: $800 *Less energy use and pollution per person*
[ ] Highway: $800 *Allows people to live really far from where they work, lots of pollution*
[ ] General Roads: $600 *Paved suburban roads, everyone drives everywhere*
[ ] Subway: $1200 *Runs on electricity, therefore no pollution except at your power plant*

Power supply:
[ ] Coal Power Plant: $600 *Use cheap fuel to power your city creating air pollution*
[ ] Hydroelectric Power: $900 *Dam a river to provide power, renewable and non-polluting, but tough on the river*
[ ] Nuclear Power Plant: $700 *Clean, but is a little dangerous and produces toxic wastes that last for a very long time*
[ ] Solar Paneling on Houses: $1300 *Clean and safe, a long term investment that will eventually pay for itself*
[ ] Windmills: $1100 *Harness the wind to provide power for your city*

Entertainment:
[ ] Golf Course: $800 *Good for economy, but uses lots of pesticides, water and space*
[ ] Cineplex, 18 screens and an Imax: $700 *Fun for the whole family, takes up space*
[ ] Museum of Natural History: $600 *Teaches people about how the world works*
[ ] Teva Educators Hall of Fame: $500 *Self evident*
[ ] Urban Concrete Park: $500 *Skate boarding, roller blading, and playground*
[ ] Urban Green Park: $800 *Green space in the middle of your city, lots of nice trails*
[ ] Vast State Forest: $1000 *Hiking trails, camping, boating, backcountry skiing*
[ ] Synagogue: $600 *A central location for your Jewish community*
[ ] Create your own: $1000 *It's your town, what will it be?*_____

Free:
[*] School: $0
[*] Sewage treatment: $0
[*] Private baths (in your homes): $0
[*] Tzedekah fund: $0