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John Leaning is an Ottawa architect and urban design consultant who was former chief architect of the National Capital Commission, and recently involved in the rehabilitation of the La Salle Academy as the Ottawa headquarters of the Ministry of State for Urban Affairs.

The Revitalization of Older Residential Districts, in keeping with much of Leaning's work, "is to set out a technique of revitalization which ... may help to gain some of the quality of environment so needed if we are able to live in our cities in the future".

Though the purpose is broadly framed and some of the problems set in wider context, the study, in effect, is a "case" study (with recommendations) of a residential area of Ottawa known as "The Glebe". "The Glebe" is one of Ottawa's WASPish and relatively wealthy enclaves, but one which in recent years has been under considerable pressure from automobile traffic and other uses that tend to undermine the viability of a residential neighborhood.

Leaning's aim is to set out the corrosive factors, check them and possibly repair the damage already done. To this point, some of Leaning's recommendations with respect to traffic have been implemented on an experimental basis. This practical demonstration, as well as the political activity surrounding its implementation, give Leaning's study added dimension and interest. [John H. Taylor, Carleton University].

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Slack, Brian. Harbour Redevelopment in Canada. Ottawa, Ministry of State for Urban Affairs, 1974. (Urban Paper #A.75.2) Pp. viii, 46. Tables. Maps. Illustrations.

Most large Canadian cities sprang up on waterways and although the relationship between the city and its port has continuously evolved