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## INTRODUCTION

I first became acquainted with Greenleaf in the Fall of 1977, when Professor Ray Weisenburger suggested researching the history of the Greenleaf Center shopping mall as a project for his Planning Principles class. Tom Burdett and I agreed to work jointly on this project.

As our familiarity with Greenleaf increased, our initial curiosity deepened to a genuine interest in delving deeper into the community's evolvement. We decided to continue our research as independent study with Professor Weisenburger, in the Spring of 1978.

These findings were compiled into a paper by Weisenburger, Burdett, and myself, entitled, "Rebuilding the Small Town After a Disaster: Recommendations for Integrating Disaster Relief Planning and the Continuing Planning Program." It was presented in an "Idea Market" session at the 1978 American Institute of Planners conference, held in New Orleans.

The information on the Greenleaf Center referred to in Chapter VI herein, was gathered by Tom Burdett and myself during the Spring of 1978, as a project for Professor C. A. Keithley's Research Methods class. This research study was entitled, "The Impact of the Greenleaf, Kansas, Shopping Center."

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