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Sprawling from Grace

Edwards, David M. *Sprawling From Grace.* Burlington: eMotion Pictures Productions, 2008. HD, 82 min. https://youtu.be/Povsoq-28Tk.

> This documentary explores the ravages of American suburban sprawl, what America has lost as a result, and the perils we face if we don't change the way in which we build our cities. Americans have been lulled into a false sense of security by cheap energy that has allowed us to spread endlessly into our landscape. We are trapped behind the wheels of our automobiles and with the demand for oil outpacing the Earth's ability to supply it, this suburban living arrangement will fail. Our love affair with the automobile is unsustainable...the wake up call is coming. (Source: Cinema Libre Studio)

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This film is available at the Rachel Carson Center Library (RCC, 4th floor, Leopoldstrasse 11a, 80802 Munich) for on-site viewing only. For more information, please contact library@rcc.lmu.de.

About the Environmental Film Profiles collection

Further readings:

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Related links:

- Suburban Sprawl - Sustainable Prosperity (Educational Resource)
  http://thecostofsprawl.com/
- Jeff Speck on "The Walkable City" (TED Talk)
  https://www.ted.com/talks/jeff_speck_the_walkable_city
- How Suburban Sprawl is Killing Us (Inhabitat)
  http://inhabitat.com/how-american-urban-sprawl-causes-problems-from-obesity-to-climate-change/
- Christoph Gielen: Ciphers (Photographs of Urban Sprawl)
  http://www.christophgielen.com/newsite/category/work/

Websites linked in this text:

- http://www.cinemalibrestore.com/edu/sprawling-from-grace.html
- http://www.carsoncenter.uni-muenchen.de/index.html
- https://www.environmentandsociety.org/multimedia/collection/environmental-films-project