Scholarly Literature on the Topic of *NIMBY*ism

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This list contains references to 172 articles of scholarly literature on the topic of *NIMBY*ism. The list is not meant to be exhaustive, but instead aims to illustrate the broad range of opinions and disagreements related to use of the term. The list was assembled in 2013 by Lisa Richardson and James Beaudreau. Lisa Richardson is an undergraduate student at Griffith University in Queensland. James Beaudreau is a graduate student in the University of British Columbia’s School of Community and Regional Planning.

The list is divided into four categories: (1) historic articles that defined *NIMBY*ism and described the rise of the so-called *NIMBY* ‘phenomenon’ and ‘syndrome’; (2) articles providing a critique of the use of the term *NIMBY*; (3) articles exploring the psychological and sociological roots of the social and emotional dimensions of *NIMBY* behaviour; and (4) articles that apply new methods to understanding and addressing *NIMBY* issues.

**Defining *NIMBY*ism:** These articles describe the emergence of the so-called *NIMBY* ‘phenomenon’ and ‘syndrome’. The articles define the term *NIMBY* and describe the broad range of contexts for *NIMBY* behaviour.


**Criticisms of the Use of the NIMBY Terminology:** Articles in the section provide a critique of the use of the term NIMBY, as well as provide evidence that the widespread use of the term is inherently counterproductive to understanding the dynamics of local land-use conflicts.


**Psychological and Sociological Basis for NIMBY Behaviour:** The list also provides references to articles from psychological and sociological publication that can inform our understandings of so-called NIMBY behaviour. This literature investigates concepts of place attachment, place identity, and place disruption, as well as a place-protective behaviour.


**New Methods to Understanding and Addressing NIMBY Issues:** Articles in this section explore how new methods of understanding NIMBY issues, such as those described in the psychological and sociological literature, may be applied to address NIMBY opposition. It describes explores how novel public engagement processes and improved urban design may be used to minimize local land-use conflicts.


