

Fun Field Trips:

Exploring Your Community

Parents/ guardians, your children are learning about community planning at school and at the National Building Museum. Encourage them to explore their community and have them teach you about city planning.

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Ask your child about the building s/he built at the National Building Museum. Have him/her explain what happens in the building and why it looks the way it does.

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When you and your child travel around your neighborhood, look around. What other ways could you travel down the same street? Could Metro or a bus take you where you need to go? Are there sidewalks for people to walk on? Is there a place to bike? Is driving enjoyable or is there too much traffic?

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Walk around your neighborhood. What do the buildings look like? Are they tall or short, big or small, old or new? How many buildings are there, and what are their purposes? Are there parks or places to enjoy nature?

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Take a construction inventory of your community. What types of buildings, bridges, and/or parks are being built? What was there before the construction began? Were there other buildings or an empty lot? Are the new places good for your community?

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Construct, build, and create at one of the Museum's annual day-long family festivals like the *Big Build*. Visit the Museum's Web site, www.nbm.org, for information.

Visit the National Building Museum,

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