

# **A STUDY ON THE FUTURE OF SUBURBS AND THE MEASURES TO REALISE IT**

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## **[SYNOPSIS]**

The developed suburbs has entered a shrinking era, and areas where problems such as isolation of elderly people, vacant land and vacant house expansion are beginning to appear, and this study is not only effective for solving these problems in urban planning so far, Rather, we can not but deny that it contributes to the expansion of the problem, focusing on the newly active urban agricultural land, as well as the purposely areas to receive the versatile use set in low-rise residential areas. The first objective is to investigate and evaluate new trends occurring in the suburbs. Based on that, the second purpose is to draw out the image of the suburbs where value is maintained even by population decline and urban area reduction and its realization measures.

Following the conceptual examination of Chapter 1, Chapter 2 targets urban area in Yokohama City, where "living" and "agriculture" are mixed, relationship between production and consumption of urban farmland was investigated from the viewpoints of "living" and "agriculture". Chapter 3 also covers Azamino Minami area in Aoba Ward, which has many production green areas on the outskirts of Yokohama City, and a second class low-rise residential area is designated along major roads in the area while being a superior area of "living" ,we surveyed the actual situation where various life support functions had been located, and how various forms of "agricultural" space are developed in coexistence with "living". In Chapter 4, based on them, we discussed the urban planning system and the image of the suburbs sought by the suburbs of the mature age.