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Spatial patterns of urban land use growth in Beijing LIU Shenghe¹, Sylvania Prieler², LI Xiubin¹ (1. Inst. of Geographic Sciences and Natural Resources Research, CAS, Beijing 100101, China; 2. International Institute for Applied System Analysis, A-2361 Laxenburg, Austria) Abstract: By using digitized land use maps of Beijing in 1982, 1992 and 1997 and employing GIS spatial analysis techniques, this paper conducts an empirical study on the spatial differentiation and spatial patterns of urban land use growth in Beijing in the period of 1982-1997. It is observed that urban land use growth in Beijing went beyond the control of urban planning, in terms of the extraordinary high growth rate and undesired spatial pattern. The rate of urban expansion after 1982, which was predominated by growth of industrial land, was extraordinary high compared to its historical period. While its growth centers have been actively shifting toward the northern part, rather than toward the southern and eastern parts as designated by the latest General Plan (1991-2010) of Beijing, its spatial pattern of urban land use growth in general was in distinct concentric sprawl, which seriously violated the General Plan of Beijing. Key words: urban land use; spatial differentiation; growth pattern; GIS; Beijing CLC number: F299.2 1 Introduction Urban land use expansion is driven by population growth, social and economic development. It has always been the focus of academic research as well as social and economic debates because land use growth entails high profitability and risk in economic aspect, impacts and conflicts in social and political aspect, and huge consumption of cultivated land with serious negative externalities on environmental sustainability (Bourne, 1996; Fischel, 1982; Peiser, 1989). The spatial patterns and dynamic mechanisms of urban land use growth in the western industrialized countries have been well explored and documented in multi-disciplinary schools such as human ecology, spatial economics, social behavior and political economics (Liu et al., 2001). China has experienced rapid urban growth since its economic reforms. From 1980 to 1998, the number of designed cities in China increased from 23 to 668 and urban population from 191 million to 379 million (NBS, 2000). Correspondingly, land area occupied by urban development has been expanding significantly (Shi, 2000; Yeh and Li, 1998). Considering that China is among the nations with the lowest per capita land resources in the world, severe agricultural land loss caused by unplanned rapid urban growth would certainly bring about significant impacts on its future sustainable development and food security (Hong and Li, 2000). There have been extensive discussions in and outside China regarding the potential of the country to feed its growing population (Brown, 1995; Heilig, 1997). The contradiction between urban land use growth and the conservation of agricultural land is bound to become more and more intensive. In order to keep the balance and to realize sustainable development, urban land use growth has to be controlled and managed smartly. Apparently, studies on monitoring and modeling urban growth are urgently needed in the Chinese context. But due to the lack of data availability and the complexity of its dynamic system, the spatial patterns and dynamic mechanisms of urban growth in China

a are still rarely documented and understood. By using detailed land use maps of Beijing in 1982, 1992 and 1997 and employing GIS-based spatial analysis techniques, this paper conducts historical-morphological and spatial clustering analyses on urban land use changes in Beijing, aiming to explore the spatial-temporal regularities and patterns of urban land use growth in Beijing and to make several contributions to fill this knowledge gap. The rest of the paper is organized as follows. After a brief introduction of the study area and data sources, the quantity and rate of urban land use growth are presented. Further we conduct detailed analyses on the spatial differentiation of urban land use growth in the periods of 1982-1992 and 1992-1997, and then summarize the spatial patterns of urban land use growth. Concluding remarks form the final section.

2 Study area and data sources

Beijing is the national political capital with a total population of more than 12 million. Between 1982 and 1997, the average annual growth rate of the total population and GDP (Gross Domestic Product) for the whole Beijing Municipalized area (16,800 km²) is 1.1% and 10.7% respectively. In this 15-year period the per capita living floor space in Beijing increased from 5.38 m² to 9.49 m². Our case study area in Beijing municipality extends from 39°40'–40°20' N and 116°00'–117°00' E, including the whole areas of the Central Urban District, four suburban districts and one rural county (Shunyi County) and parts of other eight suburban districts and counties. The case study region covers in total an area of 5752 km², this is approximately 34% of the whole Beijing Municipalized area. It has been the main target area of urban land use growth due to its advantageous location and plain landscape. In the period of 1982-1992, about 92% of new urban land use development of the whole Beijing Municipalized area was allocated in this area. Digital land use data for the Beijing case are derived from land use maps of Beijing for the years 1982, 1992 and 1997 with a scale of 1:100,000, produced by the Beijing Municipal Land Resources Management Bureau. They were respectively mapped in the first land use survey in 1982, the detailed land use survey in 1992 and the renewed land use survey in 1997. Urban land use in this paper is defined as the total built-up area for urban use, excluding rural resettlements. Urban land use is subdivided into three categories: the residential and commercial land, industrial land and other urban land.

3 Quantity and rate of urban land use growth

Tables 1 and 2 summarize urban land use statistics and their growth characteristics derived from the three digitized land use maps for the years 1982, 1992 and 1997. First, the expansion of urban land use was extraordinary high, especially in the period of 1982-1992. Over the 15-year period 1982-1997, the total urban land use more than doubled from 384 km² in 1982 to 1000 km² in 1997. The average annual growth rate was 38.35 km² between the first 10 years and then slowed down to 29.84 km² for the last five-year period 1992 to 1997. In percentage terms this means an average annual growth rate of 8% for the first period and 3% for the second. They were extraordinary high in comparison with the historical growth rates of urban land use in planned urban area (The planned urban area designated by the Master General Plan of Beijing, is a bit smaller than our study area. However, considering that the majority of urban development was concentrated in the planned urban area before 1982, we think the annual growth rate of urban land use in the planned urban area before 1982 is still comparable with that in our study area), which was 1.43 km² per year in the period of 1949-1951, 13.62 km² per year in the period of 1951-1959 and 6.26 km² per year in the period of 1959-1983 (Gan, 1990; Yu, 1986) (Figure 1). The urban land expansion (Liu et al., 2000) is apparently mostly driven by growth in industrial land area especially in the last five years, which is quite different from the general Western urban growth model driven by residential expansion. Between 1982 and 1992 some 65% of the overall urban land use growth was due to expansion of industrial land compared to 22% residential and 13% other urban land. During the five years 1992 to 1997 as much as 80% of the urban land expansion was due to growth in industrial land areas (Table 2). While the share of industrial land in total urban land was 27% in 1982, it increased steadily to 50% in 1997, becoming the most important element in urban land use structure (Table 1). The rapid expansion of industrial land in Beijing is primarily driven by the growth of land development for TVEs (township and village enterprises), establishment of EIDZs (Economic and Industrial Development Zones) and outer-shift relocation of industrial enterprises jointly. The outer-shift relocation of industrial enterprises from the central urban district has been encouraged by the Beijing Municipal Government since the 1980s and has been accelerated after the introduction of the paid-fee land use system. Because it is consistent with the locational law of urban land economy and would promote the urban industrial structure transformation. Up to the end of 1995, there were 201 established or planned Economic Development Zones (EDZ) or Industrial Development Zones (IDE). According to their development plans, a total of 213 km² land would be occupied. However, a large portion of those EDZs or IDEs did not experience substantial development and were left idle (BLRMB, 1997). Further, TVE developments on collectively-owned land have kept expanding rapidly and are very important. According to the detailed land use investigation data conducted by the Beijing Municipal Land Management Bureau in 1992, the total area of land development for TVEs is 244 km², accounting for 44% of the total industrial land in the whole municipal region (BLRMB, 1997). Further, it is identified that the industrial land growth did not significantly respond to the centra

government's control policies as effective as residential land development. In the first growth period of 1982-1992, the average annual growth rate was 8.28 km² for residential land development and 24.90 km² for industrial land. Since 1993 a series of growth control and cultivated land conservation policies has been continuously issued and adopted by China's government agencies, therefore, the average annual growth rate for residential land development declined by 59% to 3.4 km² per year in the second growth period of 1992-1997. However, the average annual growth rate for industrial land development in the second growth period of 1992-1997 was 24.08 km², showing the same growth trend as in the first period. The constant rapid expansion of industrial land demonstrates that its dynamic mechanisms are not yet properly conceptualized and managed by current growth control policies because land development on rural collectively-owned land was excluded.

4 Spatial differentiation and spatial patterns of urban land use growth

4.1 Measuring the spatial differentiation of urban growth

In order to explore and understand the spatial features and trends of urban land use growth among different urban environments in multiply temporal periods, it is essential to develop some kinds of comparable and comprehensive indicators of development (Murbandy, 2001). The most commonly-used indicator for describing the spatial differentiation of urban growth in current literatures in China is to compare the annual urban growth area, i.e., the area of new urban development divided by the temporal units, among different orientation sectors (Fan and Cheng, 1997; Yu, 1986; Zong and Tang, 1999). This indicator is straightforward and simple but is strictly speaking not comparable due to the unequal areas of different orientation sectors. Shi and He (2001) proposed a new indicator of intensity index, which is the average annual proportion of new urban development to the area of non-urban land in the initial year. However, the disadvantages of this indicator are overestimates in the suburbs where the areas of non-urban land in the initial year are very small, and of underestimates where the areas of non-urban land in the initial year are rather big. The indicator we propose for our case study of Beijing is the Average Annual Growth Index (AAGI). It does not show any of the shortcomings mentioned above. AAGI of a spatial unit is defined as the average annual proportion of new urban development to its total area. In fact, it is the average annual growth area standardized by the total area of the specific spatial unit.

$$AAGI(i, (t, t+n)) = (U_{i, t+n} - U_{i, t}) * 100 / A_i / n$$

AAGI(i, (t, t+n)) -- the average annual growth index of spatial unit i at the growth period of t to t+n year. U_{i, t}, U_{i, t+n} -- the areas of urban land use at the starting year t and end year of t+n of the growth period A_i -- the total area of spatial unit i Using the township-level boundary polygons of Beijing as basic spatial units (155 in total), we calculate for each of the two growth periods, 1982-1992 and 1992-1997, the AAGIs of urban land use and its two main components, residential land and industrial land. Further we classify the resulting 155 AAGIs in the period 1982-1992 into five types of spatial differentiation characteristics using the "natural breaks" classification method provided with a GIS. This method identifies breakpoints between classes using a statistical formula (Jenks optimization). Basically the Jenks method minimizes the sum of variance within each of the classes. After that, the same classification standards for urban land use, residential land and industrial land, are respectively applied to the period 1992-1997.

4.2 Spatial pattern of urban land use growth in Beijing

First we present results for urban land use growth as a whole, thus the sum of all increases in built up land in Beijing including residential and industrial land as the most important components. Table 3 presents statistics of the AAGI calculated for the 155 townships while Figure 2 shows the respective maps. For the period 1982-1992 the overall AAGI of urban land use based on the total area of our Beijing case study is 0.67. The average AAGI of all the 155 townships is 0.78 and the maximum is 3.99. Compared to the previous period AAGI decreases between 1992 and 1997, indicating that urban land use growth had become slower. The overall AAGI is now 0.52 and the average of all townships is 0.63 and the maximum is 3.85. In the period 1982-1992 the distribution of the spatial differentiation types obviously takes a concentric pattern with the grade of spatial differentiation decreasing from the central urban districts to the outer. Urban land use growth here is quite agglomerative and centripetal. More than half (57% or 219 km²) of the new urban development is concentrated in 44 township units, occupying only 21% of the total area. Most of those strong growth centers with spatial differentiation type 1 or type 2, are situated in the suburban circle with a distance of less than 20 km to the central urban district. In the second period 1992 to 1997, the most active urban growth centers are located in the northern suburbs. For instance, 8 out of the 9 township units of spatial differentiation type 1 are situated in the northern suburbs. The majority of the new urban development takes place in the northern triangle sector and the southern converse-triangle sector while the eastern and western parts are mainly slower growth types. The northern triangle sector comprises 40 township units located between Beijing-Changping Highway and Beijing-Huairou Highway. Its share in the new urban development is as high as 45% while its share in total area is only 23%. The southern converse-triangle sector includes 25 township units contributing 23% to the new urban development while occupying an area of only 12%. The remaining areas as a whole, mainly in the eastern and western parts, contribute only 31% to the new urban development but occupy 65% of

of the area. Figure 3 illustrates urban land use in the base year of 1982, and new development in the first growth period of 1982-1992, and new development in the second growth period of 1992-1997. The spatial pattern of urban land use growth shows the following characteristics: First, urban land use in Beijing is sprawling outward concentrically, and has seriously encroached the planned green belt. In the 1st General Plan of Beijing drafted in 1958, a large circular sector with a total area of 314 km² between the central urban mass and its surrounding satellite towns has been planned as green belt and reserved for agricultural use. But from 1982 to 1992, the area of the planned green belt decreased by 38% from 260 km² to 160 km² (Zhao, 1996). Second, the growth centers of urban land use are actively shifting toward the northern part. The comparative analysis on spatial differentiation in Beijing in the period of 1982-1992 (a) to that in the period of 1992-1997 (b) shows that, the spatial distribution of the most rapid growth units (Type 1) has shifted from the concentric and symmetric pattern in the first growth period to the agglomerative pattern in the northern part in the second growth period.

4.3 Spatial pattern of residential land development in Beijing

New residential development is spatially highly congregated and shows a concentric spatial pattern with the northern suburban locations being the most active areas while the residential land development and its growth center is gradually shifting to the outer. In the period 1982-1992, the growth centers of residential land development are located at Dongcheng, Chaoyang and Nanyuan townships. Their average distance to the urban center is about 7.5 km and their average AAGI is 2.08, nearly 15 times of the overall level. In the second period the growth centers remain in the northern suburbs, but have moved a bit further outward. They are situated in Datun, Laiguangying, Jiangtai and Nanmofang townships (Figure 4 and Table 4). Their average distance to urban center is about 10.8 km while its average AAGI is 0.28, almost 24 times of the overall level in this period. This is quite similar to the static urban residential growth model (Anas, 1978). Urban development is an incremental. In each period a developed ring is added to the existing urban periphery to accommodate population growth.

4.4 Spatial pattern of industrial land development in Beijing

Industrial growth centers tend to cluster around major highways and form several growth axes (Figure 5). This becomes especially visible in the period 1992 to 1997. In general the growth axes are shifting toward the northern and northeastern parts of Beijing (Table 5). This means a restructuring of the cities traditional industrial land distribution. Industrial land development used to be allocated in the southern parts, while development in northern areas was quite slow. Before 1992 there are two growth axes situated in the south. The faster and more agglomerative one is the Gaobeidian-Tongzhou growth axis, with a length of 20 km, along the Beijing-Tongzhou highway eastwards. The AAGI there is 1.62, nearly four times higher than the overall AAGI of 0.43. The other one is the Lugouqiao-Doudian growth axis, with a length of 33 km, down the Beijing-Shenzhen highway southwestwards. Industrial land development in this period is rather small in the northeastern part. After 1992, the growth axes are shifting towards the northern and northeastern parts. The two southern growth axes from the previous period virtually stopped extending further. They are now classified into the low development type 4 with their AAGIs decreasing significantly. Most of the new development in the southern parts now occurs in between the former growth axes. In the northern part three distinct growth axes advanced, the Beijing-Changping growth axis, the Beijing-Xiaotangshan growth axis and the Beijing-Huairou growth axis, all belonging to the fast development type 2.

5 Concluding remarks

(1) The rapid expansion of urban land use in Beijing was predominated by the continuous growth of industrial land in the period of 1982-1997. The average annual growth rate of urban land use was 38.35 and 29.84 km² in the first period of 1982-1992 and the second period of 1992-1997, which were extraordinarily high compared to its historical growth rates before 1982. The contribution share of industrial land to urban land use growth was 64.91% in the first period and increased to 80.67% in the second. Industrial land had been expanding at the astonishing high rate of 24-25 km² per year, and did not respond to the central government's growth control policies as effective as residential land development.

(2) The spatial pattern of urban land use growth in Beijing was in distinct concentric sprawl, and seriously violated the General Plan of Beijing. With the growth centers' gradual shift from the inner to outside, the new-added urban developments were increased in distinct concentric zones and continually encroached upon the green spaces among the central mass and those "dispersed constellations". The total area of green spaces for isolating built-up areas in General Plan of Beijing was 314 km² in 1958, reduced to 260 km² in 1983 and 160 km² in 1993.

(3) The growth centers of urban land use in Beijing are actively shifting toward the northern part, rather than toward the southern and eastern parts as designated by the latest General Plan (1991-2010) of Beijing. Due to their advantages in abundant development space, high accessibility of economic and transport communication, etc., the southern and eastern parts of Beijing, located in the North China Plain, have been selected and designated as the main urban development areas and directions in the future. However, our empirical analysis showed that, the two major urban growth axes along the Beijing-Tianjin and Beijing-Shenzhen highways in the southern and eastern parts of Beijing had stepped into their decline period during 1992-1997 and the spatial distribution of the most r

apid growth units had shifted from the concentric and symmetric pattern in the first growth period to the agglomerative pattern in the northern part in the second growth period. (4) The growth axes of industrial land are shifting from the former eastern and southern parts toward the northern and northeastern parts of Beijing and would result in restructuring of the traditional industrial spatial pattern. Industrial land development used to be planned and concentrated in the southern and eastern parts, while quite slow in the northern part. In the period of 1992 to 1997, plenty of new industrial land development, especially the new and high technological enterprises were situated in northern part and formed three visible industrial land growth axes, the Beijing-Changping growth axis.

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