**Urban Renewal: The Remaking of Society Hill**

**GATHERING THE INFO:** *As you watch the webisode, complete this sheet.*

1. *Urban renewal* money came from the **federal** government, but decisions on how to spend it were made at the **local** level.

2. Fill in the chart below with information about the type of people, businesses, and buildings that were found in Society Hill before and after urban renewal.

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| Before Urban Renewal | After Urban Renewal |
| * **Working class "backbone of city's port"**
* **Main produce market**
* **African American and Irish laborers**
* **Deteriorated**
* **Blue Anchor Inn attracted foreign sailors and prostitutes**
 | * **Combination of old and new structures**
* **Dock Street market demolished🡺Society Hill Towers designed by famous architect I.M. Pei**
* **Mayor Dilworth bought home on Washington Square**
* **Network of greenways, pedestrian pathways**
* **"restored colonial village"**
* **Old Philadelphia families**
* **Young people who wanted to rebuild ("a Vermont village")**
* **Stratified**
* **White, wealthy residents**
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3. Society Hill became a national model of how to revive a neighborhood through **preservation** rather than **demolition** .

**ANALYZING THE INFO:**

1.Was the renewal of Society Hill a good idea? Who were the biggest winners and losers? Did the local government misuse its authority in the development of Society Hill?

**Answers will vary.**

2. Edmund Bacon, Director of the City Planning Commission, is quoted as saying, "I know what ought to be". Was this an accurate statement in terms of Society Hill? **Answers will vary.**