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Urban history as it is practised today is much more than the local study of past events. Rather, it is concerned with the understanding of the broader historical context in which local events occurred. In this paper, I will discuss the use of maps in urban history, focusing on the Irish Historic Towns Atlas

This is a report on the publication of the Irish Historic Towns Atlas. The Atlas is a comprehensive guide to the urban history of Ireland, covering a wide range of topics such as the layout of streets, the history of town planning, and the development of urban areas.

The Atlas is divided into fascicles, each covering a different town or region. The first fascicle, covering the town of Dublin, was published in 1988, with subsequent fascicles being released at regular intervals.

The Atlas is a joint project between the Royal Irish Academy and the Ordnance Survey Ireland. It has been funded by a number of other organizations, including the Fitch Fund and the Luther I. Replogle Foundation.

The Atlas includes a wide range of resources, including maps, historical documents, and photographs. It is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the urban history of Ireland, and it is available for purchase through the Royal Irish Academy.