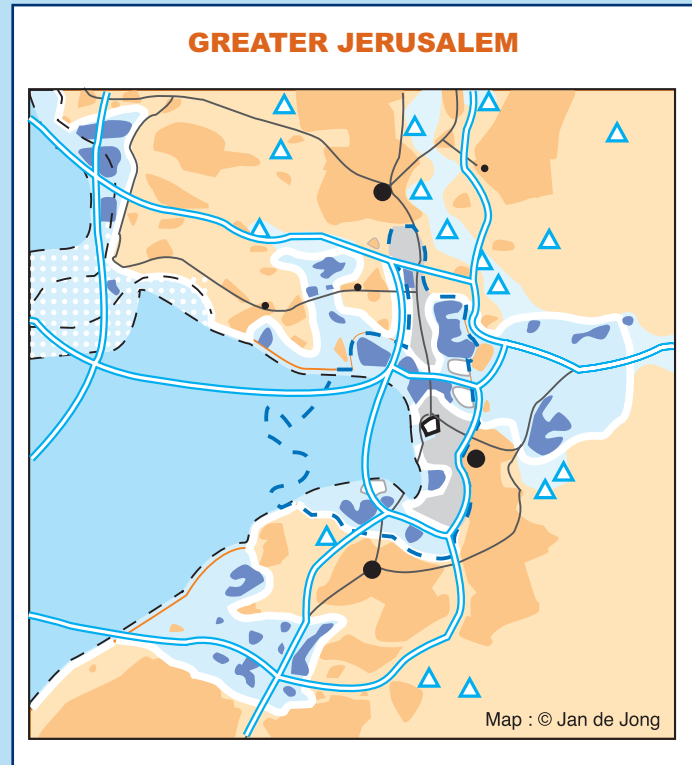




The other half of the 6% of the West Bank Israel intends to annex is made up of the extensive settlement blocs in and around Jerusalem. The same settlement-induced patterns that negatively effect the socioeconomic capacity of the northern West Bank are, to a much graver extent, ruining the potential of Arab Jerusalem to develop into the metropolitan capital that Palestine so urgently needs. The map shows wide, open spaces in the middle of the bloc areas, which, even if relatively small (1.5-3%) in the overall context of the West Bank, cannot be foregone for the urban development of Arab Jerusalem. Without this land, at least 120,000 Palestinian Jerusalemites will, in the next two decades, be forced to find alternative residences away from the city, for lack of available living space. These same bloc areas also stand to deprive Arab Jerusalem of vital space for commercial and industrial zones that are currently lacking but much needed in the light of the anticipated tripling of the city's Arab population by 2020. Above all, the bloc areas would obstruct free transport linkage between the northern and southern West Bank, as well as to the city's hinterland, across the Jordan River and toward and beyond Gaza.



**Further Research Sources:**

- <http://www.fmep.org> (Foundation for Middle East Peace; maps, photos, database, bimonthly reports)
- <http://www.arij.org> (Applied Research Institute – Jerusalem; maps, analysis, photos)
- <http://www.lawsociety.org/isrocc/setexp.html> (LAW, Jerusalem)
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