Urban & Regional Planning Recommended Readings

illustrates how European cities address different environment/social problems and offers small, medium, and large solutions.


“articulately advocates for a sustainable region through New Urbanist design and social equity”


Not so much about urban sustainability per se, but an assessment of the tendency (so Diamond argues) for human societies to over consume their resource base to the point of collapse.


“an eloquent intellectual history of three leading urban visionaries of the 20th Century”


“a very widely-read and sweeping tour of Anglo-American planning history and ideas.”

“combines a suburban history and a feminist critique of urban society to offer a more equitable alternative”


"A classic critique of planning" "a paradigm shifter"; from a student: "If you could read only one, read this."


"an important sociological case study that examines how the structure of a neighborhood is critical in averting public health disasters."


*A classic set of essays on land use and the environment; especially the chapter entitled 'A Land Ethic'.*


*40 years later, still a highly influential text that guides and inspires urban designers*


*a classic from a giant among 20th Century urbanists: an intellectual bridge between Ebenezer Howard and Patrick Geddes from the past and the modern regionalists.*

a leading voice in the call for greater regional/metropolitan equity between city and suburb.


*explores how cosmopolitan cities responds to the economic, political and cultural demands and needs of so many diverse, and sometimes opposing groups.*


a lively, accessible anthology on postmodern urban America and the privatization of public space.

a modern classic and a compelling read on the decline of Detroit and the connection between segregation, housing markets and workplaces

