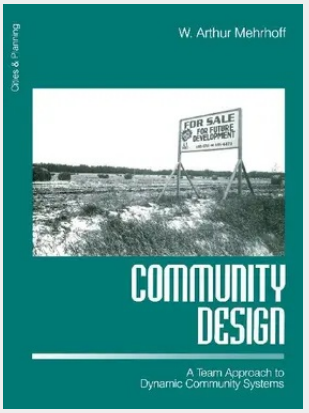
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Community Design

A Team Approach to Dynamic Community Systems



Arthur Mehrhoff's Community Design represents a unique way of analyzing a community and the steps needed to help design a sustainable community. In this important contribution, Mehrhoff, through his work with the Minnesota Design Team, seeks to "help communities take control of shaping a sustainable future of their own by means of information, insight, and civic dialogue." He urges readers to rethink the shape and shaping of their communities by looking at "community" in a more holistic and multidisciplinary manner. Mehrhoff tackles such topics as defining community, understanding the history of a community, understanding the issues and problems affecting a community, examining the visual aspects of a community, and obtaining citizen opinion throughout the process of becoming a sustainable community. Small communities everywhere can replicate the process discussed in this book. Community Design is well written and thought-provoking and provides a nice blend of theory and practice. This book should be useful to all students, academics, local policy makers, and citizens who are interested in creating a common sustainable vision for their communities.

Community design has grown in importance in the public policy agenda over the past decade. This book focuses on the author's experience and work in Minnesota where a design team of architects, planners, and economic and community development practitioners provided planning and design assistance to local communities. The book explores the advantages of a systems approach to community design and uses the work of the Minnesota team to consider the issues involved in the implementation of successful community design.

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