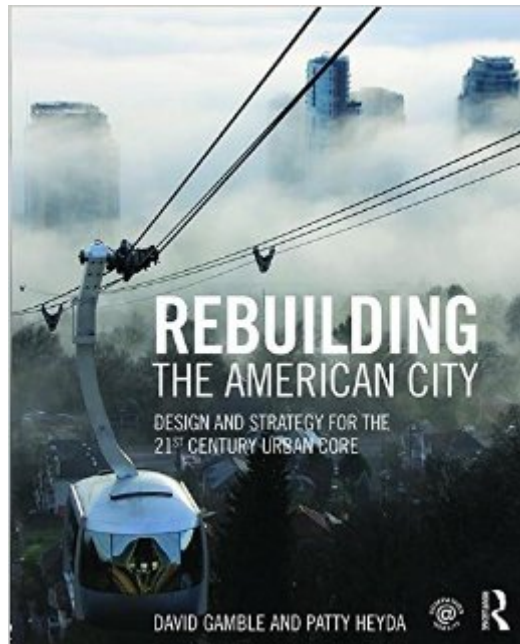


The book was found

Rebuilding The American City: Design And Strategy For The 21st Century Urban Core



Synopsis

Urban redevelopment in American cities is neither easy nor quick. It takes a delicate alignment of goals, power, leadership and sustained advocacy on the part of many. *Rebuilding the American City* highlights 15 urban design and planning projects in the U.S. that have been catalysts for their downtownsâ yet were implemented during the tumultuous start of the 21st century. The book presents five paradigms for redevelopment and a range of perspectives on the complexities, successes and challenges inherent to rebuilding American cities today. *Rebuilding the American City* is essential reading for practitioners and students in urban design, planning, and public policy looking for diverse models of urban transformation to create resilient urban cores.

Book Information

Paperback: 264 pages

Publisher: Routledge (December 23, 2015)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 1138798142

ISBN-13: 978-1138798144

Product Dimensions: 0.8 x 8 x 10 inches

Shipping Weight: 12.6 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 starsÂ Â See all reviewsÂ (7 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #228,890 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #194 inÂ Books > Arts & Photography > Architecture > Urban & Land Use Planning #203 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Social Sciences > Urban Planning & Development #203 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Public Affairs & Policy > City Planning & Urban Development

Customer Reviews

(Full disclosure: I'm a former student and friend of one author and a close friend of the woman who made the data visualizations.) That said, I think this book is incredible. As Alex Krieger points out in the introduction, most books about cities are more like sales pitches for moving downtown or theories on what cities should be. This book, however, tells 15 specific stories about how very different cities have made dramatic changes in or near their downtowns with strategic public investment and private development. Each case is described, mapped, illustrated in 3D, photographed, and enhanced by conversations with the people who made it happen. As a practicing urban planner in a city that wasn't featured, I was constantly underlining and annotating as I found details and strategies that I want to apply to my work.

Contemporary analyses of urban design often organize around high-level themes such as techno-futurist, sea level rise, or demographic friction. What's frequently missing from the current dialog are successful and replicable models for realizing catalytic projects in 21st century cities. *Rebuilding the American City* fills this critical gap with compelling cases from cities of various sizes and locations that have implemented exemplary urban projects, many despite adverse economic conditions. The authors build a uniquely rich reading of each case by bringing the voices of various stakeholders to the forefront, revealing the behind-the-scenes stories that often determine which projects succeed and which fail. In contrast to books that structure their analysis towards a specific conclusion, *Rebuilding's* open-ended form allows the reader to draw their own conclusions, and to imagine how these different models might play out in their own city. Without sweeping the challenges facing urban areas aside, the book is nonetheless firmly a cheerleader for resurgent American cities. The difference is that it includes the playbook as well. (Disclosure- I know one of the authors. However, I would feel the same regardless.)

A lot has been written on the contemporary evolution of American cities â “ but this book stands out for its readability, graphic clarity, and particularly for its unique interviews with stakeholders discussing the challenges of design and implementation of the urban environment. I especially liked the selection of places to use as case studies â “ lots of people study the parks system in New York City, but what do you know about CityDeck in Green Bay, Wisconsin? Gamble and Heyda also have the talent to draw out thematic clarity â “ even as each city teaches us a particular set of lessons, the interrelations and comparisons between the different approaches and results are dramatically evident without explicit statement. Disclosure â “ this book was assigned to me as part of my coursework, but I would have likely bought it anyway for its relevance to my field of study.

A thoroughly engaging and illuminating read! This book is not only well written but thoroughly researched and presented in a way that is accessible both to the urban planner and the layman. The revitalization of each urban resource that Gamble and Hayda have surveyed attest to the courage and steadfastness of the institutions and citizens that brought them to fruition.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Rebuilding the American City: Design and Strategy for the 21st Century Urban Core The Confessions: (Vol. I/1) Revised, (The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century) (The Works of Saint Augustine: A Translation for the 21st Century, Vol. 1) Belwin's 21st Century

Guitar Method, Bk 1: The Most Complete Guitar Course Available, Book, DVD & Online Audio, Video & Software (Belwin's 21st Century Guitar Course) Belwin's 21st Century Guitar Ensemble 1: The Most Complete Guitar Course Available (Student Book) (Belwin's 21st Century Guitar Course) Belwin's 21st Century Guitar Staff Manuscript Book (Belwin's 21st Century Guitar Library) Debunked!: Conspiracy Theories, Urban Legends, and Evil Plots of the 21st Century Reinventing the Automobile: Personal Urban Mobility for the 21st Century (MIT Press) The New Grand Strategy: Restoring America's Prosperity, Security, and Sustainability in the 21st Century Becoming an Urban Planner: A Guide to Careers in Planning and Urban Design The Urban Design Reader (Routledge Urban Reader Series) Roget's 21st Century Thesaurus: Updated and Expanded 3rd Edition, in Dictionary Form (Roget's Twentieth-First Century Thesaurus in Dictionary Form) In the Company of Rilke: Why a 20th-Century Visionary Poet Speaks So Eloquently to 21st-Century Readers Book of Extremes: Why the 21st Century Isn't Like the 20th Century How to Restore Ford Tractors: The Ultimate Guide to Rebuilding and Restoring N-Series and Later Tractors 1939-1962 How To Restore Classic Farm Tractors: The Ultimate Do-It-Yourself Guide to Rebuilding and Restoring Tractors After the Affair: Healing the Pain and Rebuilding Trust When a Partner Has Been Unfaithful, 2nd Edition Not "Just Friends": Rebuilding Trust and Recovering Your Sanity After Infidelity The Body Ecology Diet: Recovering Your Health and Rebuilding Your Immunity Rebuilding the Foodshed: How to Create Local, Sustainable, and Secure Food Systems (Community Resilience Guides) The Permaculture City: Regenerative Design for Urban, Suburban, and Town Resilience

[Dmca](#)