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This book is recommended reading for planners preparing to take the AICP exam.

Successful urban planning is a collaborative effort that involves many disciplines. In this book, Larz Anderson acquaints readers with some of the basic procedures employed by professionals in related fields. Practicing planners will find it helpful to know the essentials of water and sewer systems, traffic generation, and site planning, so they can work more compatibly with civil engineers, traffic engineers, and landscape architects. Understanding their vocabulary and design constraints will foster better communication and more effective planning practice.

Planning the Built Environment takes a systematic, technical approach to describing how urban infrastructures work. Accompanied by detailed diagrams, illustrations, tables, and reference lists, the book begins with landforms and progresses to essential utilities that manage drainage, wastewater, power, and water supply. A section on streets, highways, and transit systems is highly detailed and practical.

Once firmly grounded in these "macro" systems, Planning the Built Environment examines the physical environments of cities and suburbs, including a discussion of critical elements such as street and subdivision planning, density, and siting of community facilities.

Each chapter includes essential definitions, illustrations and diagrams, and an annotated list of references. This timely book explains new physical planning methods and current thinking on cluster development, new urbanism, and innovative transit planning and development.

Planners, architects, engineers, and anyone who designs or manages the physical components of urban areas will find this book both an authoritative reference and an exhaustive, understandable technical manual of facts and best practices. Instructors in planning and allied fields will appreciate the practical exercises that conclude each chapter: valuable learning tools for students and professionals alike.

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