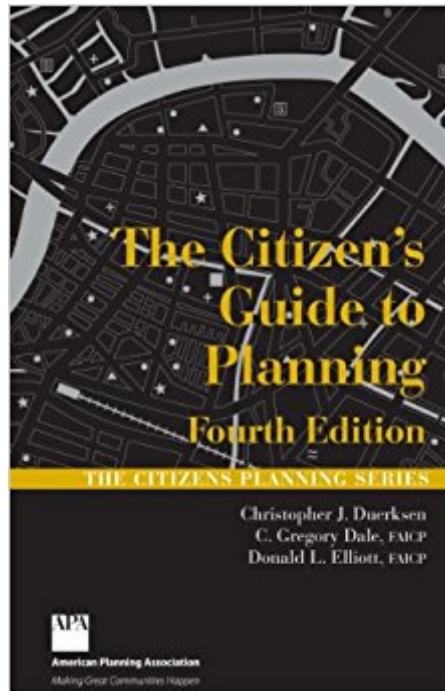




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APA's popular primer for citizens is all new! For decades, planning officials and engaged citizens have relied on The Citizen's Guide to Planning for a better understanding of the basics of planning. Now, Duerksen, Dale, and Elliott have remade this perennial bestseller into a 21st-century guide for anyone who wants to make his or her community a better place. This book describes the land-use planning process, the key players in that process, and the legal framework in which decisions are made. The authors advocate principles and disciplines that will help those involved in the process make good decisions. In easy-to-understand language, they offer nuts-and-bolts information about different types of plans and how they are implemented. Chapters cover the goals and values of planning, the history of planning, the different people and organizations involved, the creation and implementation of a comprehensive plan, sustainability, the application review process, and legal and ethical questions. This is a must-read book for any planning commissioner, official, or engaged citizen.

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I took a chance on this book. I am currently heavily involved in local zoning issues and needed a book to fill in some of the gaps in my knowledge. This book is very well-written. I thought it would be very dry, but it is actually quite interesting. I think the information is accurate, as what I have read so far comports with my experience in zoning. This book has been around for over 50 years and this is the 4th edition, so that is indicative of its value.

A really good book that provides a great refresher on planning concepts. I highly recommend for new and experienced planners.

A clear, concise, and well organized primer.

Good!

Required for class

I have a master's degree in urban planning and over 13 years of public and private sector experience. This book reminds me that I still have much to learn. It also makes me wish that I could afford to give copies to local elected officials, planning commissioners, vocal citizens, etc, so that they can have a better idea of what planning is all about (assuming, of course, that they would read the book). The easily readable book is updated to address newer concepts, including form-based codes and sustainability. These topics are not new in the more progressive communities around the US, but they have not received much public attention in the majority of US communities.

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