

Reading List  
 Urbanism and  
 Neighborhood Making

Owner n/a

Project n/a

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Title	Info	Remarks
<b>Background</b>		
The Death and Life of Great American Cities	Jane Jacobs Random House 1961	Start here. This is probably one of the most important books to read if you want to understand cities and break the suburban mindset.
The Closing Circle	Barry Commoner Knopf 1971	
The Image of the City	Kevin Lynch MIT Press 1960	
The Last Landscape	William H. Whyte Doubleday 1968	
Community and Privacy	Serge Chermayeff / Christopher Alexander Doubleday 1963	
Blue Sky Dream	Doubleday 1996 David Beers	A great local story describing the way suburbia was “commanded” into existence by particular government policies and goals.
Suburban Nation: The Rise of Sprawl and the Decline of the American Dream	Andres Duany, Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, and Jeff Speck North Point Press 2000	

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<b>Commentary</b>		
Bowling Alone	Robert D. Putnam Simon & Schuster 2000	Commentary about the decline of community and the separation of individuals.
City Life	Witold Rybczynski Scribner 1995	
Country of Exiles	William R. Leach Vintage Books 1999	
The Regional City	Peter Calthorpe/William Fulton Island Press 2001	
How Cities Work	Alex Marshall University of Texas Press 2002	
The Great Good Place	Ray Oldenburg Marlowe & Company 1998, 1999	
Geography of Nowhere: The Rise and Decline of America's Man-Made Landscape	James Howard Kunstler Simon & Schuster 1993	Kunstler ranting. But a useful view of what we have built and how it has failed.
Home From Nowhere : Remaking Our Everyday World For The 21st Century	James Howard Kunstler Simon & Schuster 1996	Equally useful view of the ways we can recover community
The Wealth of Cities	John O. Norquist Perseus Publishing 1998	

## Patterns / Images

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A Pattern Language	Christopher Alexander et. al. Oxford University Press 1977	Basics of understanding the components of place beyond what the realtors think is important. This is a dated book but still useful in deconstructing the built “product”.
Common Place: Toward Neighborhood and Regional Design	Douglas Kelbaugh University of Washington Press 1997	
The Architectural Pattern Book	Urban Design Associates W.W. Norton & Company 2004	
The Urban Design Book	Urban Design Associates W.W. Norton & Company 2003	
Towns and Town-Making Principles	Andres Duany/Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk Rizzolli 1991 Harvard University Graduate School of Design	

## Details

The High Cost of Free Parking	Donald C. Shoup American Planning Association 2005	Probably the most important issue that shapes cities (and prevents good urbanism) is our obsession with parking.  This book addresses the myth of free parking and demonstrates that it is not only very expensive but that the ongoing provision of parking is actually destroying cities, not helping them.
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Great Streets	Allan B. Jacobs MIT Press 1995	Anthology of great streets as places, anchors and destinations.
Defensible Space	Oscar Newman Macmillan Publishing Co 1973	
The Not So Big House: A Blueprint for the Way We Really Live	Sarah Susanka Susanka Studios, 1998-2005	<a href="http://www.ntsobighouse.com/">http://www.ntsobighouse.com/</a>
In Praise of Slowness : How A Worldwide Movement Is Challenging the Cult of Speed	Carl Honore Harper / San Francisco 2004	
Celebrating the Third Place: Inspiring Stories About the "Great Good Places" at the Heart of Our Communities	Ray Oldenburg Marlowe & Company 2002	