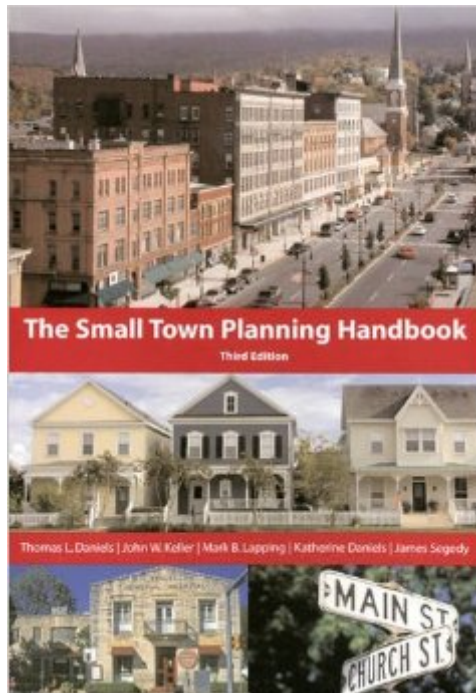


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# The Small Town Planning Handbook, 3rd Edition



## Synopsis

This is the go-to guide for planners in small towns. For decades, *The Small Town Planning Handbook* has helped small towns and rural communities plan for change. It is a step-by-step guide to drafting and implementing a comprehensive plan through zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, and capital improvements programs, with sensitivity to local character and limited resources. The third edition shows how technologies such as GIS and the Internet can improve the planning process. This edition contains a wealth of information on ways to maintain or improve the design of small towns and explains how to create a small town economic development plan. The authors emphasize strategic planning for economic, social, and environmental sustainability both in remote towns and in towns on the edge of metropolitan regions. The authors are planners with more than six decades of experience in small towns, rural counties, and planning departmentsâincluding hundreds of evenings before rural planning commissions.

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I think this is something that every planning and zoning officer of a small community needs. This book is an excellent reference. It gives step by step directions for conducting surveys, writing a mini plan, special ordinance for special issues (such as signs) and more. There are charts and graphs and pictures that help clarify the text. I am sure that by the size of it and the way it reads this is a text book for a college class somewhere. IT does read a little bit dry, but I'm not sure how much more

exciting you can get with law, legalities, procedures and such. Good information.

This book (purchased as a text for a graduate level planning class) provides a thorough but relatively superficial guide to creating development plans in a rural context. Although those completely new to community planning or rural areas may find it helpful, as someone who is familiar with both I did not particularly enjoy this book.

Authors use straightforward language and concepts that any aspiring planner or student can find useful.

great resource.

Books is in good condition. The 4 star rating isn't due to but the book is overall boring and not intriguing.

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