Retrofitting Suburbia: Urban Design Solutions for Redesigning Suburbs
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DESCRIPTION

Updated with a new Introduction by the authors and a foreword by Richard Florida, this book is a comprehensive guide book for urban designers, planners, architects, developers, environmentalists, and community leaders that illustrates how existing suburban developments can be redesigned into more urban and more sustainable places. While there has been considerable attention by practitioners and academics to development in urban cores and new neighborhoods on the periphery of cities, there has been little attention to the redesign and redevelopment of existing suburbs. The authors, both architects and noted experts on the subject, show how development in existing suburbs can absorb new growth and evolve in relation to changed demographic, technological, and economic conditions.

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**FEATURES**

With hands-on lessons for architects and planners, this guide to redesigning suburbs provides those interested in sustainability and smart growth with alternatives to the norms of sprawl. The book:

- Documents innovative case studies of prototypical American suburban developments (malls, commercial strips, office parks, cul-de-sac subdivisions) that have been retrofitted to new uses and forms.

- Provides examples of how a dead mall can be transformed into a thriving mall and office park with transit-oriented downtown, how malls can incorporate housing and other mixed uses, and how a failed mall can be converted to wetland or public park.

- Covers retrofits of office and industrial parks, residential subdivisions, and suburban apartment complexes.

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