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practices and defining and encouraging state of the art initiatives for our often beleaguered rural, hamlet, and suburban communities. Ernest Watson Hutton Jr. FAICP Assoc AIA Hutton Associates Inc/ Planning Interaction One Union Square West Suite 813 New York NY 10003 ehutton@huttonassociates.com

For America's suburbs, small cities, and rural areas, new challenges demand new solutions. Author Randall Arendt meets them in an entirely new edition of *Rural by Design*. With 80 percent new material, the second edition of this planning classic shifts the focus to infilling neighborhoods, strengthening town centers, and moving development closer to schools, shops, and jobs. New chapters cover form-based codes, visioning, sustainability, low-impact development, green infrastructure, and more, while 70 case studies show how these ideas play out in the real world. Readers -- rural or not -- will find practical advice about planning for the way we live now. "It has been a decade since I read the first edition, and I was struck by how useful the information is to rural and urban alike. In many ways the title of the book is a misnomer, because this book is a great tool for new urbanists, small town enthusiasts and those that want to preserve and enhance the open space we all need." n Christopher Parker, Assistant City Manager: Director of Planning and Strategic Initiatives, City of Dover, NH "The second edition of *Rural by Design* is worth the 20 years necessary for its update. Arendt's latest work is thorough and well researched.. This is a must-have book for every planner's library. The concepts are transferable and clear, and the rationale is directly on point and understandable to all audiences." Rick Bernhardt, FAICP, Executive Director, Metropolitan Nashville-Davidson County Planning Department "Randall Arendt has managed to take a great book and make it even better. This newest version has been expanded to make it even richer in content, including nearly doubling the number of case studies and graphics. It has also evolved to remain relevant to current planning philosophies." Philip Walker, AICP, Principal, The Walker Collaborative, Nashville, TN See all reviews in their entirety elsewhere on the amazon website.

"*Rural by Design* is not just for practitioners in small cities and suburbanizing towns. New Urbanists will also profit from an array of strategies and examples for concentrating development and minimizing impacts. Most of all, it provides professors in planning and landscape architecture a text for their most important task: training students to apply ideals and principles in practice." -- Bruce Stephenson, Professor of Environmental Studies, Rollins College, Winter Park, FL

From the Author

From the Introduction

When writing the original edition of *Rural by Design* my goal was to create the kind of resource book I wish had been available when I was a graduate student and young planner, forty years ago. The topics it addressed were those I felt would be of the greatest value and interest to people interested in and concerned about land-use planning, including students in degree courses, those teaching them, those working in the profession, and those preparing for professional exams, in addition to the unsung heroes in our communities who donate their time to serve as members of local boards and commissions. All of these people need relevant information, and my goal then, as now, was to create a comprehensive resource filled with useful material and examples they could easily access, understand, and apply in their work. As the world of planning has evolved over the past two decades, this new edition has been re-tooled and largely rewritten to reflect those changes, providing a greater amount of information on a wider range of topics. For example, it expands coverage of town centers, commercial corridors, housing options, village and hamlet planning, and individual case studies. It also contains entirely new chapters on subjects not addressed in 1994: form-based coding, visioning, sustainability, low-impact development, green infrastructure networks, and transfers of development rights. Additional new topics addressed include complete streets, pocket neighborhoods, official mapping, gateway planning, redeveloping commercial corridors, mitigation banking, vernal pool protection, waterway daylighting, and restoring wetlands, grasslands, woodlands, and floodplains. Seventy new case studies, photos, and drawings have been also added to enrich the learning experience, including ten on greenways and greenway development. The focus of this edition has changed somewhat to reflect shifting development trends, hence its greater emphasis on infilling neighborhoods, strengthening town centers, and transferring development from outlying areas to locations closer to schools, shops, and jobs. A chapter on blending the new urbanism with greenway planning has been provided to fill a significant hiatus in the literature. However, recognizing the inevitability of further greenfield development in unserved areas, it provides guidance on a range of techniques to deal with those challenges as well. New planning approaches and more sophisticated or effective versions of older techniques have substantially improved the results that communities are able to achieve, compared with twenty years ago. As noted in Chapter 19, an estimated 180,000 acres of land have been preserved through conservation subdivision design, one of the techniques advocated in both the earlier and current edition. Sprawl has been curtailed in some jurisdictions through downzoning (noted in Chapter 6) and by innovative TDR programs (Chapter 18). Public resistance to increasing density and mixing uses has generally lessened due to the influence of improved physical design, as detailed in the chapters on form-based coding, town centers, and highway corridors, and in many of the case studies. As a result, the semi-rural parts of most metropolitan regions (the focus of both editions) are in better shape today, although planning is always a "work in progress", and much remains to be done.

Foreword: Broadly Defining "Rural" When this book was first written twenty years ago its focus was not on truly rural areas where there was typically little growth and change, but rather on the suburbanizing edges of metropolitan regions

where farm and forests were being replaced by subdivisions, shopping centers, and office parks. Its main premise was that elements of rural character could be retained through insightful planning and progressive regulations to create places where the old and new could gracefully co-exist. In this modified landscape, various natural features can be designed around and maintained while inevitable growth is ideally accommodated in more compact building patterns reminiscent of the ways traditional towns evolved prior to World War Two, with walkable neighborhoods and mixed uses, in contrast to the conventional postwar model of suburban sprawl with excessively separated land uses. Many of these places are no longer rural by most objective measures. Wildlife and livestock no longer outnumber the human inhabitants, and fields and woodlands no longer dominate the landscape. Many of these communities have become increasingly developed, although pockets with rural character - typically family farms and woodlands with wetter soils or steeper slopes - have survived until the present. In such situations the concept of rurality is partly a state of mind, and partly an attitude that can inform local planning processes to help communities maintain elements of their natural and cultural landscape as they cope with the challenges of dealing with changes caused by growth pressures. In dealing with such challenges, many residents and officials look for ways to combine the best of both worlds, as they try to shape growth so it does not obliterate their natural heritage and replace what is left of their once-rural character with generic suburban sprawl. This 20th anniversary edition of *Rural by Design* acknowledges the continuing applicability of the original book's core message: that the broad concept of "rural" lies largely in the eyes of the beholders, and that rural elements are not only appropriate, but indeed necessary, for the healthy functioning of the more densely developing communities of the 21st century. This volume therefore pays special attention to various planning techniques for producing a more livable future, answering fundamental human needs for greenspace and parkland (described by E.O. Wilson as biophilia), while at the same time building more responsibly, efficiently, and sustainably where urban services exist or can be easily extended. Possibly the most promising avenue for exploration is the basic greenway concept, which can be adapted to areas as different as rural hinterlands and urban cores. Greenways provide connectivity within ecological systems and provide linkages within and among human settlements. The best land-use plans are therefore based on greenways, with communities designed with nature and for people. Greenway planning, in its broadest sense, is therefore a recurring theme of this new edition. As noted in chapter 8, this enlightened approach can be easily integrated into both new urban planning and conservation design.

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