The opportunity to make comprehensive master plans and to develop entire new cities from scratch remains a planning ideal. From garden cities to science cities, new capitals to large military towns, hundreds of new towns were built in the twentieth century. Their development is currently on an upswing with major initiatives in East Asia, South Asia, and Africa.

Toward 21st Century New Towns, provides an updated view about the potential for new towns. It looks at the ideals behind new towns, the practice of building them, and their outcomes. It examines their design, planning, finances, management, governance, quality of life, and sustainability. It shows how they have taken form globally. It traces their past to understand their accomplishments and to frame challenges and lessons for developing new towns. And it looks to the future—how might they evolve in coming years?

To address the array and complexity of these questions, the book combines insights from both academics and practitioners.

- Part 1 provides an overview of how to define new towns, their history over the past century, and arguments for and against the type.
- Part 2 examines new towns in major parts of the world—the United States where the private-sector new-town has been a key type; Asia that has recently had a great deal of new town building activity; and other parts of the world.
- Part 3 focuses on key practical issues in developing new towns, particularly looking at finance and organization. A key component of this section involves lessons from leading practitioners.
- Part 4 looks to the future, focusing on challenges of environmental sustainability and resilience and how the new town movement will evolve in the twenty-first century.
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