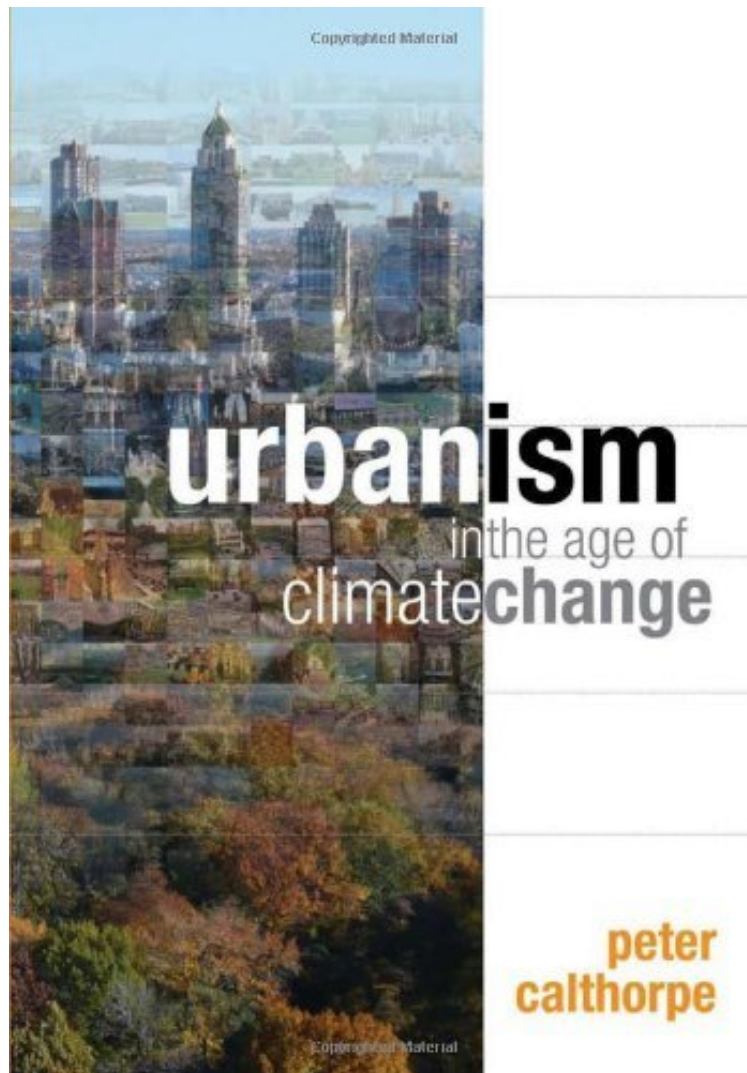


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8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. A compelling case for urbanism By E. McNulty Calthorpe's book is an engaging read that makes a compelling case for urbanism as a connecting concept that can unite specialties from environmentalism to urban planning in the quest to create cities that are sustainable economically, socially, and environmentally. He lays out clear choices and consequences. He also provides ammunition for those who need to make these arguments without using the phrase "climate change." The book could use a few more photographs or illustrations in its center section. Calthorpe describes various "place types" and it would be clearer if there were visuals to accompany the text. This was the only part of the book that dragged a bit. The data visuals in the front and back of

the book are stunning so it is not a lack of resources or imagination. As with any true believer, Calthorpe occasionally comes under the spell of his own utopian vision. The challenges to achieving the urban future Calthorpe envisions are immense but the conceptual framework he lays out will be helpful for viewing any number of decisions from lot size restrictions to transit investments. As I read, I wanted to move to a place that Calthorpe designed. Thinking of how to make my city more like his urbanist ideal brought back the reality of dealing with multiple agencies, jurisdictions, and interests. The journey is not easy though Calthorpe makes a strong case that it is one we must make. If you are at all interested in issues of our urban future, this book is a worthy addition to your collection. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Good Book By Mike Joe I bought this for a class I was taking. It's a very good book and I enjoyed it a lot. The content is about the same as other books but the thing that sets it apart from others is its images, charts and diagrams. Would recommend this to any architecture student, landscape student and urban planners. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Nice try! By Ralph Desmarais Good overview of the problem with urbanism - sadly, no one has a solution - Naomi Klein comes closest, but as Liz Kolbert has put it - "we're just too selfish" to do what is necessary to save future generations

"Cities are green" is becoming a common refrain. But Calthorpe argues that a more comprehensive understanding of urbanism at the regional scale provides a better platform to address climate change. In this groundbreaking new work, he shows how such regionally scaled urbanism can be combined with green technology to achieve not only needed reductions in carbon emissions but other critical economies and lifestyle benefits. Rather than just providing another checklist of new energy sources or one dimensional land use alternatives, he combines them into comprehensive national growth scenarios for 2050 and documents their potential impacts. In so doing he powerfully demonstrates that it will take an integrated approach of land use transformation, policy changes, and innovative technology to transition to a low carbon economy. To accomplish this Calthorpe synthesizes thirty years of experience, starting with his ground breaking work in sustainable community design in the 1980s following through to his current leadership in transit-oriented design, regional planning, and land use policy. Peter Calthorpe shows us what is possible using real world examples of innovative design strategies and forward-thinking policies that are already changing the way we live. This provocative and engaging work emerges from Calthorpe's belief that, just as the last fifty years produced massive changes in our culture, economy and environment, the next fifty will generate changes of an even more profound nature. The book, enhanced by its superb four-color graphics, is a call to action and a road map for moving forward.

"Peter Calthorpe provides a distinctive framework in which effective design can channel future development to grow a dynamic, healthy, and low-carbon society. Yet again, Peter adds a critical dimension for moving us forward intelligently."