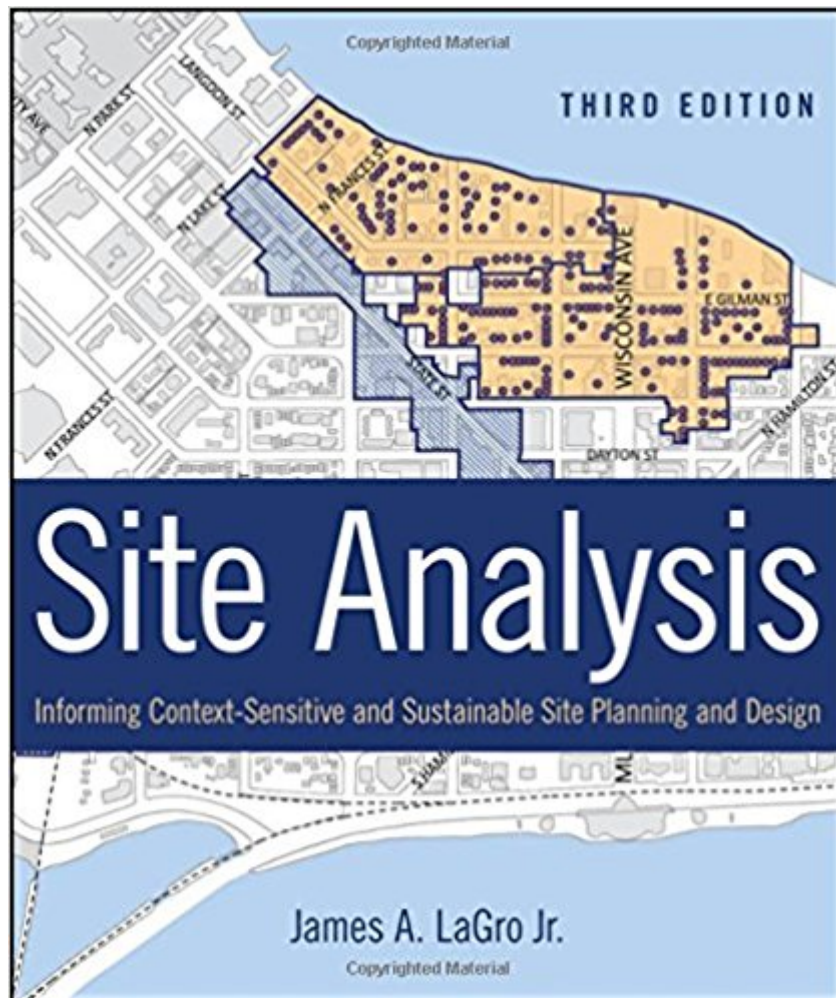




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The process-oriented guide to context-sensitive site selection, planning, and design Sustainable design is responsive to context. And each site has a unique set of physical, biological, cultural, and legal attributes that presents different opportunities and constraints for alternative uses of the site. Site analysis systematically evaluates these on-site and off-site factors to inform the design of places—including neighborhoods and communities—that are attractive, walkable, and climate-resilient. This Third Edition of Site Analysis is fully updated to cover the latest topics in low-impact, location-efficient design and development. This complete, user-friendly guide: Blends theory and practice from the fields of landscape architecture, urban planning, architecture, geography, and urban design Addresses important sustainability topics, including LEED-ND, Sustainable Sites, STAR community index, and climate adaptation Details the objectives and visualization methods used in each phase of the site planning and design process Explains the influence of codes, ordinances, and site plan approval processes on the design of the built environment Includes more than 200 illustrations and eight case studies of projects completed by leading planning and design firms Site Analysis, Third Edition is the ideal guide for students taking courses in site analysis, site planning, and environmental design. New material includes review questions at the end of each chapter for students as well as early-career professionals preparing for the ARE, LARE, or AICP exams.

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Text is not helpful, graphics are low quality, blurry, and unreadable, and when they are higher quality the black and white images and cheap book materials render them indecipherable. Would not recommend,

Great read and easy to understand

I haven't finished reading the book (only covered the first two chapters), so I'll try to give an updated review once I'm done with it and have taken the Section B of the exam. I got this book because a lot of people said this is a must-read in preparation of the LARE. It reads like a textbook, so it's dry and not exactly an exciting reading material. The pages I've read also covered quite a bit on buildings/structures, so it's not only on Landscape Architecture, but covers materials on a broader planning level too. IMO, if you've been practicing for a few years professionally, nothing really comes as a surprise to you, but it's a good way to retrain yourself to learn to read a textbook again. The sample LARE questions I took/read would require you to know how to read the text in a very academic way. Echoing off another comment, the supporting images were next to impossible to read. There were several presentation style boards that were shrunk down to fit onto the page, but you'd need to read the text to know what the boards are about. The quality of the images were blurry, very pixelated and grey scaled. The pixelation made the grey scaling limited in contrast, and sadly, I can't decipher the information on these images. Maybe the digital version of the book would be easier to read, but it really was disappointing to have to skip over the supporting images simply because you simply can't read the information.

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