



Affordable Housing for Livable Cities

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Explores innovative planning and design strategies to tackle housing affordability, offering case studies and solutions that enhance livability, community resilience, and opportunity, from urban scale to home design

The book addresses current housing affordability challenges and presents innovative planning and design strategies for contemporary communities and homes that are both livable and affordable. Written by a team of a planner and an architect, each of the book's chapters stands for a subject in the design process moving from urban scale to that of a home and includes richly illustrated case studies that inspire and inform the design. By exploring the role of livability in the design process, the book presents methods of fostering community resilience and opportunity.

Readership

Academic readership is expected to be the main market group of the book. The text would be of interest to instructors who teach courses in the areas of residential design, construction methods, building economy, and architecture, who would adopt it as a textbook. It would appeal to instructors who teach sustainable residential development in a studio setting, where a combination of principles and their illustrated application can be of advantage. The writing would target senior undergraduate and graduate students, in compulsory or elective courses and can be part of required or optional reading. The international nature of the chosen example will make the book relevant to universities on several continents and especially North America, Australia, Europe, and Asia, including China.

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