

### Local Climate Action Planning

by Michael Boswell, Adrienne Greve, and Tammy Seale

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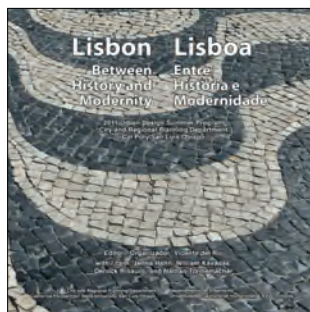
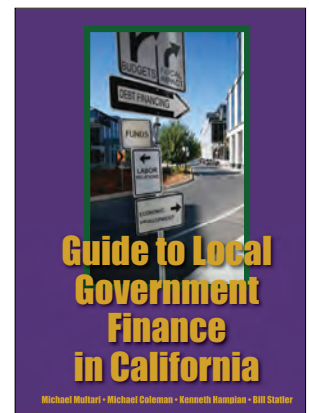
This is the first book designed to help planners, municipal staff, officials, and citizens working at local levels to develop Climate Action Plans. CAPs are strategic plans that establish policies and programs for mitigating a community's greenhouse gas (GHGs) emissions. They typically focus on transportation, energy use, and solid waste, and often differentiate between community-wide actions and municipal agency actions. CAPs are usually based on GHG emissions inventories, which identify the sources of emissions from the community and quantify the amounts. Additionally, many CAPs include a section addressing how the community will respond to the impacts of climate change, such as increased flooding, extended drought, or sea level rise. With examples drawn from actual plans, this book guides planners through the entire CAP development process, identifying the key considerations and choices that must be made in order to assure that a plan is both workable and effective.

### Guide to Local Government Finance in California

by Michael Coleman, Kenneth Hampian, Michael Multari, and Bill Statler

336 pages. Solano Press, 2012. ISBN: 978-1-938166-00-6.

This book provides a unique look at local government finance that covers not only the fundamentals – like budgeting, accounting, and investing – but also lesser known yet equally powerful forces that affect the ability of cities, counties, and special districts to deliver essential services. Focusing on the unique and complex nature of finance in California, the *Guide to Local Government Finance in California* discusses issues such as the best practices in budgeting, how developers and cities size up the economics of potential projects, what pressures often push government costs beyond the annual inflation rate, why labor force costs consume a big piece of the budget, and what is the outlook for reform in California and what principles should guide it. Appendices offer a step-by-step process for preparing, reviewing, and adopting a city budget and tips for presenting financial information. This book is an essential resource for public agency managers and staff, planners, policy analysts, public officials, teachers, students, and citizens at large who want to understand and improve California's complex system of local government finance.



### Lisbon: Between History and Modernity

Edited by Vicente del Rio

with Jenna Hahn, William Kavadas, Derrick Rinauro, and Note Tonnemacher.  
CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform, 2012. In English and Portuguese.  
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This book showcases the work produced by CAED students during the 2011 Urban Design Summer Program in Lisbon, organized by the CRP Department and the Universidade Lusofona. Essays by students discuss the urban design qualities found in Lisbons and towns visited -such as Sintra, Obidos, Porto, and Cascais- as well as five urban design mixed-use development projects for a 12-acre vacant site in central Lisbon.

### Making Community Design Work

by Umut Toker

American Planning Association (Planners Press), 2012.

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Since the earliest settlements, people have deliberated the issues that affect their future together. *Making Community Design Work* shows how planners can guide the process toward effective decision making and beneficial community design. This well-crafted book distills decades of community design experience into a sound conceptual framework of value to practicing planners as well as planning students. Umut Toker covers a broad range of planning scales and introduces field-tested tools for participatory decision making at regional, city, community, and site-specific levels. To succeed, any planning project must address both the physical space and its users. From setting goals to evaluating results, this book helps planners navigate the process of creating environments that meet the needs of the people they serve.

