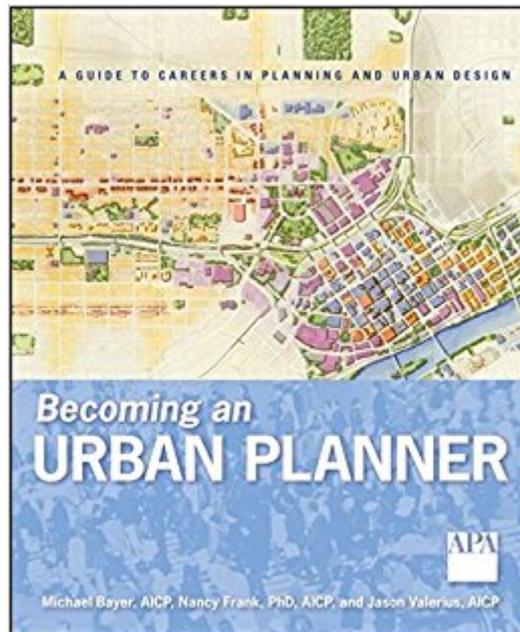# Becoming An Urban Planner: A Guide To Careers In Planning And Urban Design

Synopsis

Becoming an Urban Planner answers these key questions: What do urban planners do? What are the educational requirements? How do I enter the field? How do I choose between the different types of planning, from land use planning to policy planning? What is the future of the urban planning profession? Here is a completely up-to-date guide to today's careers in urban planning—a clear and concise survey of the urban planning field and advice for navigating a successful career. Filled with interviews and guidance from leading urban planners, it covers everything from educational requirements to planning specialties and the many directions in which a career in urban planning can go.

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This compilation of interviews, resources, and plain language explanation of what planners do and what one can do with a planning degree is a great introduction for anyone interested in the planning profession or even someone who interacts often with planners. The authors take the time to explore the various paths a planner can take from government employee, private sector consultant, academic, and even non-planner positions using a planner's expertise. I enjoyed reading this excellent summary of my own choosen profession.

I read this book a year or so ago as I contemplated making a career change. After reading it I decided to look into planning in more detail, and now I'm applying to grad school for masters in

urban planning. The book gives a great overview of the different types of work within the field and highlights the skills needed for various jobs. It is very positive about the profession, of course, but also does a good job balancing that with the frustrations that can come with working on projects with a long time horizon, with facing a lot of NIMBYism, and things of that sort. The interviews with planners about their career paths and jobs are great, too.

The best thing about this book is that it draws from the experiences of lots of people well-established in the field of urban planning. It identifies specific individuals, the organizations for which they work, and the route their careers have taken. The information provided in this book is highly valuable for those starting off in the field and wondering what path to take.

This book contains interviews with dozens of different types of urban (and not-so-urban) planners, asking them about their career paths, what they like about their jobs, and what they don't like. It is so comprehensive that I cannot think of anything that I wish it had covered.This book does tend to be a little slanted to the left (in the sense that it takes for granted the sort of concerns that tend to be more common among liberals, such as various environmental concerns and the belief that energy supplies are dwindling). On the other hand, I suspect most of this book's intended audience probably leans in that direction as well.

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