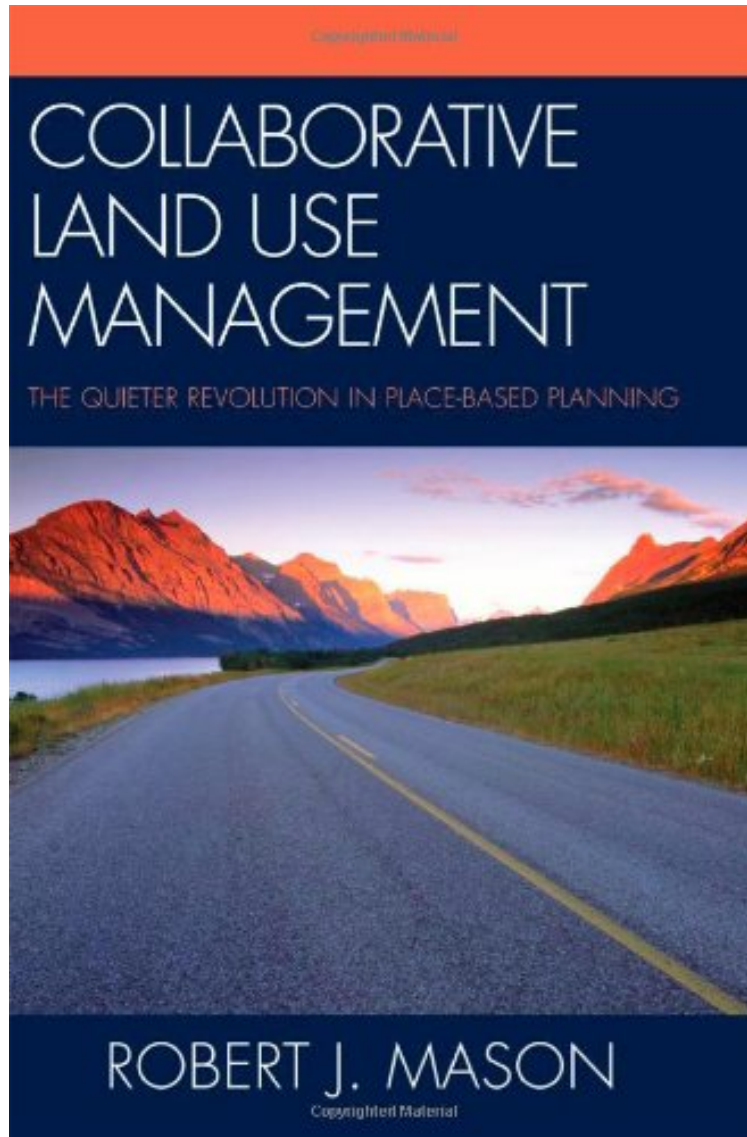


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together a tremendous amount of information and resources on the topic of place based planning into one book. 3 Stars for the thoroughness of the research. The bibliography and references are clear, complete, and ubiquitous throughout the book. If I ever need information on any place based effort, this is my first stop. That said, don't try to read the entire book over a short period of time, or stop when the details get too confusing and just get the main concepts. It is packed with facts like an encyclopedia, and might be better used as one than as a text on the topic. I bought it for a class, and will keep it as a reference of good and bad examples of place based planning. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Review of Collaborative Land Use Management By R. Chalfen Review of Collaborative Land Use Management: The Quieter Revolution in Place-Based Planning. Robert J. Mason. Rowman and Littlefield 2007. What is the Quieter Revolution in land use management? It is a softer version of the 1970s Quiet Revolution, which emphasized broad regulatory schemes. Quieter programs, by contrast, tend to be collaborative, involving government agencies, individuals, and non-government and quasi-government organizations, such as land trusts and watershed conservancies. Mason has convinced me that this multi-scalar mix of approaches will define America's land-use future. Yet there are many cautionary notes--regarding social equity, confrontations with property-rights and wise use groups, and fiscal issues--that are constraining and directing this quieter revolution. I come to this book as something of an interested and concerned outsider to this field. I am especially curious about the future look of the land--and this is where the case studies, as well as the chapters addressing local, regional, and national-scale efforts, provide insight. One can imagine an evolving quiltwork of American landscapes: complex, highly variegated, overlapping, with each being richly textured and distinct in its own right. Mason's book gives us much to think about in this regard. Overall, I found this book compelling. It is highly readable, cautious yet optimistic, and provides forward-looking advice for land-use planners and landscape consumers. It should be read by scholars, planners, politicians, citizen activists, and indeed anyone with a serious interest in the future of the American landscape.

Collaborative Land Use Management: The Quieter Revolution in Place-Based Planning discusses the less-regulatory approaches to land use management that have emerged over the past 35 years, analyzing the collective value of such place-based planning approaches as land trusts, open-space ballot measures, watershed conservancies, ecoregional plans, and smart-growth initiatives. Collaborative Land Use Management appraises these trends from physical, social, economic, civic, and environmental justice perspectives. Mason seeks to answer such questions as: What are the environmental justice implications of smart-growth efforts? How is the property-rights movement affecting collaborative planning? What is the significance of newly created planning regions? What do these approaches mean in the larger context of the future of the American landscape? How do we begin to evaluate and assess these efforts? Robert Mason pulls together a wide array of land-use planning initiatives into a synthetic and critical story. Incorporating many insightful case studies, Collaborative Land-Use Management is intended for planners, practitioners, policy-makers, geographers, and students with interests in environment and landscape.