



Joan Roelofs is one of the few persons to see that the dream of the Green City is an attainable reality. She has brought together for us many of the most inspiring projects that are creating more sustainable communities in all corners of the globe. *Greening Cities* is a very welcome source of information and an inspiration for this process.

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**--Nicholas L. Henry, President,
Georgia Southern University**

This book is a treasure trove of practical ideas that embody Green values of social and environmental justice and are actually working on the ground in small, medium, and large cities, as well as some rural communities, all around the world. It shows how these values can and are being incorporated into local government policy and how they shape voluntary efforts by community groups.

Topics covered in separate chapters range from urban design, democracy, and culture, to energy, water, transportation, food, waste, health, economy and recreation.

Originally conceived as a workbook for students in urban and environmental studies, public administration, geography, and planning, *Greening Cities* is also must reading for community leaders, activists, and indeed anyone concerned about and committed to building a more just and sustainable society.

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