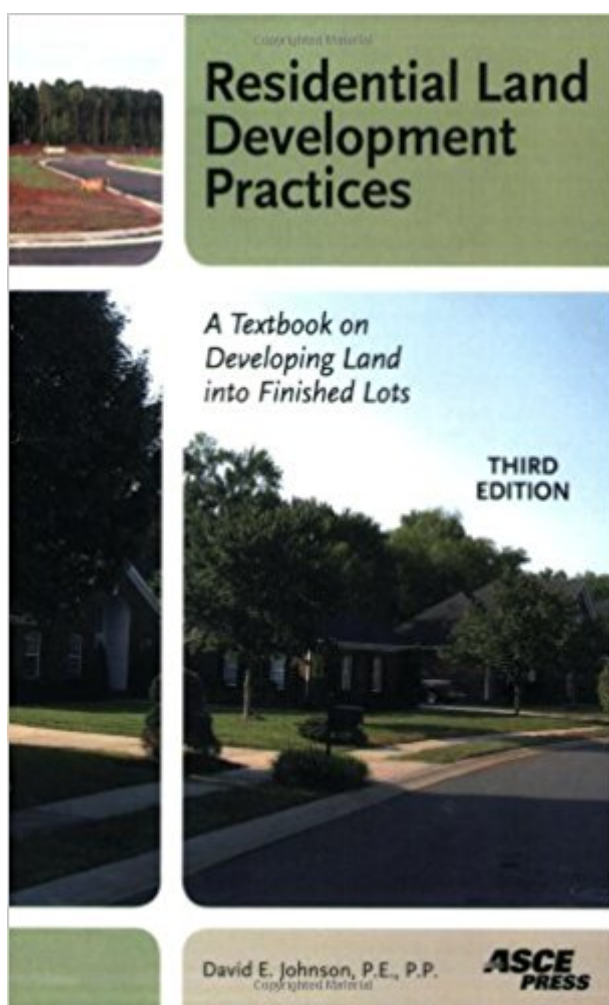


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Synopsis

Long before the first house in a new subdivision can be built, planners, developers, and engineers embark upon the complex process of transforming raw land into marketable lots and homes. The process involves myriad long-range decisions connected with evaluating, purchasing, and developing property. For more than 10 years, "Residential Land Development Practices" has been the favorite resource of owners, local officials, and real estate industry professionals threading their way through the opportunities and pitfalls that accompany residential development projects. Reorganized to enhance clarity and usefulness, "Residential Land Development Practices, Third Edition", presents practical and proven techniques and tools for developing land on time and within budget. David Johnson draws on nearly 30 years of experience as an engineer, consultant, and lecturer to prepare an easy-to-use guide to basic concepts of land planning, subdivision design, and residential standards. He discusses practical aspects of real estate development, such as financing, scheduling, marketing, project approval, and permits. He completes the picture of a successful and sustainable development project by reviewing important issues connected with the bid process, project management, operations, and business practice. This third edition updates an ASCE Press classic with new illustrations, additional forms and checklists, and two entirely new chapters - one on types of residential land use and another on storm water management and best management practices - ensuring that "Residential Land Development Practices" continues to be the best resource of its kind.

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Customer Reviews

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The book is well written. It is good for class and the couple of projects I have in that same class. I believe I will keep this one. It is worth having around if you are in any form of Land development type work. I would say Civil Engineers, Surveyors, Construction Groups and maybe even Land Scapers would get use out of it.

I have been in this industry for more than six years before I received this book at an ASCE seminar. The book is an asset that I plan to use in training fresh out of school engineer due to the broad and general information. Every project is different and local complexities always come into play so it would be very difficult, if not impossible, to write a book that would substitute for experience in a given market.

Almost half of the book is devoted to the appendices, which contain numerous useful checklists, forms, financial spreadsheets and sample agreements. Since this is an easy introductory text, the book does not delve into the difficult (but much more interesting) topics such as feasibility analysis, community opposition to development, and equity financing.

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