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July/August 2003

1. ACCOUNTING-GOVERNMENT

036217629

"GASB 34 Infrastructure Rules May Uncover Hidden Utility Assets and Improve Bond Rating." Chuck Loy.

(*Mississippi Municipalities*, v. 52, no. 3, p. 6+.)

2. ANIMALS

036361401

Animals Control Management: A Guide For Local Governments. Geoffrey L. Handy. Washington, D.C., International City/County Management Association, 2001. 107p. Comprehensive coverage on such topics as effective animal control services, local government control, the animal control ordinance and community relations reaching out to the public and to other professionals.

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3. AUDITING-STANDARDS

036342948

Wiley Practitioners Guide To GAAS 2003: Covering All SASs, SSAEs, SSARs, and Interpretation. Dan M. Guy and others.

Hoboken, NJ, John Wiley and Sons, 2002. 832p.

Addresses the toughest part of an accountant's job – Identifying, interpreting and applying the many audit, attest, review and compilation standards relevant to a particular engagement.

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4. BROWNFIELDS

036217637

"Are Mothballed Brownfields Sites A Major Problems?" Michael Greenberg, Diana Downton, and Henry Mayer.

(*Public Management (PM)*, June 2003, p. 12+.)

When marketable property is not sold or redeveloped because the owner is trying to avoid environment cleanup costs, that owner is said to be "mothballing" the property.

5. BROWNFIELDS

028853381

Brownfield Redevelopment: A Guidebook for Local Governments and Communities.
2nd Edition.

International City/County Management Association. Washington, D.C., The Association, 2001. (vp).

Discusses the many aspects of brownfields from assessment to zoning. This guidebook also details a variety of redevelopment scenarios ranging from waterfront issues to historic redevelopment to greenspace creation.

R307.3416 B819 2001

6. BROWNFIELDS

036217520

"Brownfields: Creative Solutions. Christian Kohler.

(*IQ Report*, v. 35, no. 1, January 2003, Entire Issue).

This report pulls together in one short document some of the refinements and creativity we have seen in brownfields revitalization over the past several years.

7. BUDGET

036217561

"Counties Deal With Budgets Shortfalls In Various Ways." M. Mindy Moretti.

(*County News*, v. 35, no. 11, June 2, 2003, Special Supplement).

8. BUDGET-AUSTIN, TX

032624703

"Bridging The Gap: Budget Balancing In The City Of Austin, Texas." Rudy Garza.
(*Government Finance Review*, April 2003, p. 22+.)

Austin used the worst deficit in city's history to introduce fundamental changes in its approach to financial planning and budgeting.

9. BUDGET PRACTICES-SMOKE & MIRRORS

036217587

"CFO As Budget Magician: Fiscal Illusion in Public Finance." Rowan A. Miranda and Ronald D. Picur.

(*Government Finance Review*, April 2003, p. 29+.)

This article is about illusory fiscal practices that governments use in periods of budgetary stress-a topic that is generally referred to as "fiscal illusion".

10. BUSINESS DISTRICTS-RESIDENTIAL

036432764

Downtown Housing: Selected References. Revised Edition.

Washington, D.C., ULI-The Urban Land Institute, 2001. vp. (ULI Information Service infopacket series Infopacket No. 347).

Includes magazine articles, unpublished reports, sections from Urban Land Institute book and reports, project descriptions and Web-based sources dealing with downtown housing.

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11. CITIES-RATING

022923552

The American Tally: Statistics & Comparative Ranking For U.S. Cities With Populations over 10,000. David Garoogian, Editor. 2nd Edition.

Millerton, NY, Grey Housing Publishing 2003. 807p.

Profiles 3,761 places in America with populations of over 10,000. Includes statistics and comparative rankings in nearly 50 topics that define cities and towns.

R304.60973 A512 2003

12. CITY/COUNTY CONSOLIDATION

036217579

"Counties Find Success In Consolidation." M. Mindy Moretti.

(*County News*, v. 35, no. 11, June 2, 2003, p. 1+.)

Includes list and map of successful consolidations.

13. CITY PLANNING

036069897

Place Making: Developing Town Centers, Main Streets, and Urban Villages. Charles C. Bohl.

Washington, D.C., Urban Land Institute, 2002. 305p.

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14. CORPORATE WELFARE

036217777

"Corporate Welfare: American Style." Essay by Ernest A. Mosher.

(*Kansas Government Journal*, April 2003, p. 112+.)

Time magazine estimated in 1988 that what it called "corporate welfare" on the federal level cost \$125 billion.

15. CRIMINAL JUSTICE-STATISTICS

035857623

Crime and Justice Atlas 2000. Prepared by Justice Research and Statistics Association.

Washington, D.C., U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, 2000. 181p.

Offers both a macro and micro view of significant trends in crime and justice, and presents national crime and justice data for the last 20 to 25 years. Lastly it provides comparable data for each of the 50 states and Washington, D. C.

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16. DETROIT-ORGANIZATIONS

033601247

A Proud Past A Powerful Future: Detroit Regional Chamber Celebrates A Century Of Service.

(*Detroit*, June 2003, Whole Issue).

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17. E GOVERNMENT

036217462

"Internet Changes How Cities Serve Citizens." Lance Davis.

(*Nation's Cities Weekly*, June 9, 2003, Special Report).

18. EMPLOYEE MANUALS

036217967

"Employee Handbooks In The Municipal Workplace." Meg Vergeront and Drew J. Cochrane.

(*Municipal Lawyer*, May/June 2003, p. 18+.)

Handbooks and their impact on the employment contract, handbook drafting guidelines, and samples of handbook language, are reviewed in this article.

19. FIRE DEPARTMENTS-MANAGEMENT

037387587

Managing Fire and Rescue Services. Dennis Compton and John Granito, Editors. Washington, D.C., Published for the ICMA University by the International City/County Management Association, 2002. 538p. (Municipal Management Series).

A complete guide to fire and EMS management, it presents a detailed discussion of the management issues that affect the fire service.

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20. FRINGE BENEFITS

036217595

"Flexible Benefit Plan." Erin Rian.

(*Minnesota Cities*, March 2003, p. 8+.)

As cities struggle with rate increases to health insurance benefits, flexible benefit plans are becoming increasingly popular.

21. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

035857466

Zeroing In: Geographic Information Systems At Work In The Community. Andy Mitchell.

Redland, CA, Environmental Systems Research Institute, 1997. 114p.

People who use GIS in their daily jobs talk about how the technology helps them zero in on the information they need to work smarter and make better decisions.

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22. HEAT ISLAND

036216886

"The Urban Heat Island Phenomenon: How Its Effects Can Influence Environmental Decision Making In Your Community. Maurice Estes, Jr. and others.

(*Public Management (PM)*, April 2003, p. 8+.)

23. HUMAN RESOURCES-MANUALS

032624695

"The Hiring Process." Tracy Chamberlin.

(*Minnesota Cities*, March 2003, p. 4+.)

In an effort to provide comprehensive human resource assistance for member cities, the League is developing an online Human Resource Reference Manual.

24. LOCAL GOVERNMENT-DECISION MAKING

036347574

Tools For Decision Making: A Practical Guide For Local Government. David N. Ammons.

Washington, D.C., CQ Press, 2002. 252p.

A no-nonsense, how to book that provides the working professional with simple instructions and explanations on how to translate complex research skills into everyday work tools.

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25. MASTER SCHEDULE

036217934

"The Master Schedule: An Essential Project Planning Tool." David Provan.

(*New Hampshire Town & City*, June 2003, p. 13+.)

The master schedule is a timeline. It divides broad goals into manageable tasks.

26. MICHIGAN-PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP

036217975

Public Private Partnership For Inner City Development. Roger E. Hamlin.

East Lansing, MI, Michigan State University, Institute for Public Policy, 2002. 40p.

VF Public-Private Partnerships

27. MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

037385094

Cities, Politics, and Policy: A Comparative Analysis. Edited by John P. Pelissero.

Washington, D.C., CQ Press, 2003. 350p.

Presents current finding from the field of urban politics on each of the major topics of urban research, such as political participation, power, urban government institutions, and public policy.

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28. MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT-REFORM

032624562

"Municipal Reform in Mayor-Council Cities: A Well-Kept Secret." H. George Frederickson and others.

(*State and Local Government Review*, v. 35, no. 1, Winter 2003, p. 7+.)

Using historical and numeric data, this article traces trends in mayor-council cities, including the merit-based civil service, bid and purchase controls, auditing requirements, longer mayoral and council terms, and, most important, the rapid growth in the use and powers of chief administrative officers.

29. NEPOTISM

036217470

"Nepotism: A 'Relative' Issue In Canadian Local Government. M. Rick O'Connor and David G. White.

(*Municipal Lawyer*, May/June 2003, p. 14+.)

This article reviews some of the recent developments in this area, the legislative responses offered, and the larger issues raised when local governments try to address public concerns surrounding nepotism.

30. PARKS

032624588

"No Walk In The Park." Gary N. Bowen.
(*American City & County*, April 2003, p. 30+.)

Communities are sharing both the burden of and the pleasure from parks and recreational facilities.

31. PENSIONS

032624638

"Planning For Pension Payoff." Girard Miller.
(*American City & County*, May 2003, p. 20+.)

The looming crisis in public sector retirement finance has government officials scrambling to cover the costs of their employees' pension plans.

32. PLANNING ETHICS

036429513

Everyday Ethics For Practicing Planners. Carol D. Barrett.

Washington, D.C., American Institute of Certified Planners, 2002. 246p.

Offers planners a way to recognize the ethical conflicts that arise in everyday practice, analyzes them, applies relevant sections of the AICP Code of Ethics and the APA/AICP Ethical Principles in Planning and decides on the best course of action.

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33. POLICE-SUPERVISION

037343648

The New Age of Police Supervision and Management: A Behavioral Concept. Michael A. Petrills and Daniel R. Del Bagno.

Flushing, NY, Looseleaf Law Publications, 2001. 226p. Provides the police supervisor and manager with a basic reference for the study of individual and group behavior and the principle and techniques of applied supervision and management.

R363.2068 P448n

34. POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT

036342963

How American Governments Work: A Handbook of City, County, Regional, State and Federal Operations. Roger L. Kemp.

Jefferson, N.C., McFarland, 2002. 410p.

Documents the American system of government at all levels, as it exists today.

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35. PUBLIC UTILITIES

035905257

Why Not Do It Ourselves? A Resource Guide For Local Government Officials and Citizens Regarding Public Ownership Of Utility Systems.

Produced by Public Technology, Inc., Kansas City, MO, American Public Works Association, 2001. 74p.

Covers both traditional public utilities, such as energy and water related services as well as some of the more recent services that fall into the public ownership category.

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36. SKATE PARKS

032624737

"Skateboarding, Police and Youth Relations: One Community's Experience in Problem Solving and Establishing Partnership." Dan Maloney and Kent Williams.

(*Illinois Municipal Review*, April 2003, p. 11+.)

37. TAX COLLECTION

036217603

Wayne County Delinquent Tax Collections.

Detroit, MI, Fiscal Analyst, 2003.

3p. VF Tax Collection

38. URBAN SPRAWL

036427368

Urban Sprawl: Causes, Consequences, & Policy Responses. Edited by Gregory D. Squires.

Washington, D.C., Urban Institute Press, 2002. 364p.

Analyzes the major causes and consequences of urban sprawl and the policy initiatives that are being explored in response to these developments.

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39. WATER SUPPLY

036452523

Urban Water Supply Handbook. Larry W. Mays.

New York, NY, McGraw-Hill, 2002. vp.

Offers all-inclusive wide spectrum coverage of urban water infrastructure systems. Illustrated with charts, tables, and case studies.

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40. WATER SUPPLY-HANDBOOKS

036375583

Water Utility Capital Financing. 2nd Edition.

Denver, CO, American Water Works Association, 1998. 87p. (AWWA Manual M29).

Addresses both traditional and innovative utility financing alternatives to most short- and long-term capital requirements.

R628.1 W2956