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March/April 2003

1. ACCOUNTING-GOVERNMENT

035484923

"Evaluating Fund Classifications in Preparation for GASB 34." Heather Acker.
(*The Municipality*, February 2003, p. 50+.)

2. ACCOUNTING-GOVERNMENT

030629266

GAAFR Update Supplement: Using the GASB 34 Model. Stephen J. Gauthier.
Chicago, IL, Government Finance Officers Association, 2002. 184p.
Offers a fully integrated approach to recent developments affecting public sector accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards by presenting information in the form of specific amendments to the text of the GAAFR.
R350.723 G746 2002

3. AFRO AMERICANS-CHURCHES

036197698

Prelude to Struggle: African American Clergy and Community Organizing for Economic Development in the 1990's. Kathie Day.
Lanham, MD, University Press of America, 2002. 228p.
R361.75 D332p

4. ARTS-CHICAGO

035484048

"Neo-Bohemia: Art and Neighborhood Redevelopment in Chicago." Richard Lloyd.
(*Journal of Urban Affairs*, v. 24, no. 5, 2002, pages 517-532).
Neo-bohemia supports both residential gentrification and the concentration of entertainment and new media enterprise, creating the context for the redevelopment of former industrial spaces in Chicago.

5. ARTS-ECONOMIC ASPECTS

032624166

"Arts and Entertainment Districts." Carol Vitale and Betty Carlson-Jameson.
(*Municipal Maryland*, December 2002, p. 12+.)
Examines Arts and Entertainment Districts and how cities and towns could encourage economic development through their use.

6. BROWNFIELDS

035484790

"Brownfield Redevelopment: Laws and Cases Governing the Clean Up and Associated Cost Recovery of Contaminated Properties, Part I and II." Linda C. Beresford and Scott I. Steady.

(*The Urban Lawyer*, v. 34, no. 4, Fall 2002, p. 873+.)

7. BROWNFIELDS

035903518

Getting the Job Done: Strategies and Lessons Learned in Facilitating Brownfields Job Training. Elizabeth Stasiak and David Borak.

A publication of the Superfund/Brownfield Research Institute, Washington, D.C., ICMA, 2002. 84p.

These findings are intended to provide resources and guidance to local governments and other entities seeking to initiate support or participate in brownfields job training in their community.

R363.7287 G335

8. BUSINESS DISTRICTS

032623960

"Tourism, Sports and the Centrality of Cities." Robyne S. Turner and Mark S. Rosentraub.

(*Journal of Urban Affairs*, v. 24, no. 5, 2002, pages 487-492).

9. CITY COUNCILS

036302603

Elected Municipal Councils. Kimberly L. Nelson.

Washington, D.C., International City/Council Management Association, 2002. 86p. (Special data issue 2002, no. 3).

Examines general characteristics-including size and diversity of the typical council in the U.S. Also addresses election methods, specifically whether council members are elected by district or at large and whether elections are partisan or non-partisan.

VF City Councils

10. CITY PLANNING

035942581

Cities in the 21st Century. Robert Fishman and others.

Washington, D.C., Urban Land Institute, 2000. 61p. (ULI on the future).

Examines the social, economic and political forces most likely to influence American cities over the next 50 years and explains the dynamics necessary to turn around deteriorated urban areas. Includes segregation index in 60 large metro areas including Detroit.

R711.4 C4975

11. CLIMATE

035905315

Climate Change: Local Government Leadership Using Technology: A White Paper.

Michael Wood-Lewis and Luisa M. Freeman.

Washington, D.C., Public Technology, Inc. 1998. 11p.

Examines why global climate change is important to local governments and how they are doing their part to control it.

R363.73874 W858c

12. COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

033599904

Emerging Infectious Diseases: Consensus on Needed Laboratory Capacity Could Strengthen Surveillance: Report to the Chairman Subcommittee on Public Health, Committee on Health, Education and Labor and Pensions, U.S. Senate.

United States General Accounting Office, Washington, D.C., The Office, 1999. 80p.

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13. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

036036144

Making a Place for Community: Local Democracy in a Global Era. Thad Williamson and others.

New York, NY, Routledge, 2002. 412p.

Presents an extraordinary array of local, national and international community-building strategies. It offers a vivid blueprint for rebuilding the heart of American democratic life-its towns and cities.

R307.1416 W676m

14. CULTURAL CENTERS

033601064

A Cultural District For Downtown Atlanta.

Atlanta, GA, Research Atlanta, 2000. 70p.

www.researchatlanta.org/FullReports/00_CultDistrict.pdf

VF Cultural Centers

15. DETROIT-CHILDREN-CARE AND HYGIENE

037465136

Head Start Strategic Facility Plan.

Detroit. Department of Human Services. Prepared by SmithGroup Consulting.

Detroit, MI, SmithGroup Consulting, 2000. (vp).

This report outlines the national head start facilities guidelines and measures them against existing conditions and practices in Detroit.

R372.21 D484h

16. DETROIT-CITY PLANNING

037465144

Grand River Charette 2001

University of Michigan, Taubman College of Architecture & Urban Planning. Ann Arbor, MI, University of Michigan, A. Alfred Taubman College of Architecture & Urban Planning, 2001. 39p.

Looks at Grand River from its downtown origin near the People Mover stop out to Warren Avenue.

R307.1216 G762

17. DETROIT-IMAGE

035483958

"New Leadership New Development New Vision New Excitement Detroit." (*Forbes*, Special Advertising Section, October 14, 2002). 38p. Overview of changes and new developments in Detroit.

VF Detroit- Miscellaneous DESK

18. DETROIT-METROPOLITAN AREA-REGIONAL PLANNING
037465151

Cooperation: A Regional Reality. Metropolitan Affairs Coalition.

Detroit, MI, Metropolitan Affairs Coalition, 2002. 10p.

Discusses the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition role in providing regional public service delivery through such programs as SpeedLink and the Greater Detroit American Heritage River Initiative.

R307.12 C788

19. DETROIT-WATERFRONT

035483941

Detroit's Riverfront Vision.

Detroit, MI, Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, Inc., v.p. 2002.

The vision includes an extended riverwalk, new Port Authority terminal, GM plaza and promenade, Tricentennial state park, enhanced north south access, and a conservancy to oversee the total development.

VF Detroit- Waterfront

20. E GOVERNMENT

035483966

E Government: What Citizens Want, What Local Government Provides.

Washington, D.C., ICMA, 2002. 34p.

VF E Government

21. EMINENT DOMAIN

032623945

"Excess Condemnation: Condemnor Beware." Robert Ivan Bland.

(*Municipal Lawyer*, November/December 2002, p. 13+.)

Avoid problems by reviewing this primer on public use condemnation, the theories justifying the process, and some of the existing case law.

22. FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

033600983

"Defending Reverse Discrimination Cases." William V. Hoch.

(*Municipal Lawyer*, November/December 2002, p. 6+.)

This article will review some of the defenses available in so-called "reverse discrimination" cases—challenges to race-conscious hiring and promotion policies—and offer tips on successfully dealing with such litigation.

23. HAZARDOUS WASTES-MANAGEMENT

029577682

Hazardous Materials and Hazardous Waste Management. Gayle Woodside.

Second Edition. New York, NY, John Wiley & Sons Inc., 1999. 477p.

Comprehensive and convenient guide on the management, storage and disposal of hazardous materials and waste.

R604.7 W868h 1999

24. HAZARDOUS WASTES-WOBURN, MASSACHUSETTS

017218950

No Safe Place: Toxic Waste, Leukemia, and Community Action. Phil Brown and Edwin J. Mikkelsen.

Berkeley, CA, University of California Press, 1997. 260p.

Recounts the toxic waste crisis in Woburn, Massachusetts and the courageous efforts of its citizens to protect their community.

R618.92994 B814n 1997

25. INTERNET-CREDIT CARDS

035484642

"Online Transactions and Credit Cards." Douglas Rooks.

(*Maine Townsman*, January 2003, p. 5+.)

For a variety of reasons, most municipalities have avoided credit cards in conducting government business. . . but that may be changing.

26. LOCAL ELECTIONS

035991885

The Campaign Manager: Running and Winning Local Elections. Catherine M. Shaw.

2nd Edition. Boulder, CO, Westview Press, 2000. 284p.

Covers every aspect of a well-managed local campaign: choosing a staff, laying-out advertising, organizing volunteers, fund raising and precinct analysis.

R324.70973 S534c

27. MICHIGAN-AFRICAN AMERICANS-HISTORY

036054493

African Americans in Michigan. Lewis Walker and others.

East Lansing, MI, Michigan State University Press, 2001. 63p. (Discovering the Peoples of Michigan Series).

Recounts the long history of African American communities in Michigan delineating their change over time, as migrants from the South, East and oversea made their home in the state.

R977.40049 W152a

28. MICHIGAN-AGED

035484592

Changes and Choices: Legal Rights of Senior Adults.

Lansing, MI, Michigan Legislative Service Bureau, 1999. 80p.

Covers a wide range of topics of special interest to seniors. Uses a question and answer format to help clarify issues and ideas.

R346.013 C362

29. MICHIGAN-NEW URBANISM

033600991

New Urbanism and Traditional Neighborhood Development.

(*Planning & Zoning News*, June 2002, entire issue).

Several articles deal with New Urbanism Project in Michigan.

30. MICHIGAN-POPULATION

036043819

Population and Households in Southeast Michigan 1990-2001.

Detroit, MI, SEMCOG, 2001. 14p.

Contains population and households counts from 1990 and 2000 censuses and July 1, 2001 estimates for every county and community in the seven county region of Southeast Michigan.

R307.76 N973p 2001

31. MICHIGAN-TAXATION-2000

035484824

Michigan's Sales and Use Taxes.

Lansing, MI, Office of Revenue and Tax Analysis, Department of Treasury, 2001.

38p.

Provides a brief history of the Michigan sales and use taxes and examines data on sales and use tax revenue.

R336.271 M5825

32. MICHIGAN-TRAFFIC CONGESTION

035484709

Reducing Traffic Congestion and Improving Traffic Safety in Michigan Communities. The Access Management Guidebook.

Prepared by the Planning and Zoning Center, Inc. Under Contract to the Michigan Department of Transportation. Farmington Hills, MI, Michigan Society of Planning 2001. Looseleaf. vp.

Presents and explains how and when to use a wide-range of access management techniques to address common traffic problems.

R625.794 R249

33. MUNICIPAL BONDS-RATINGS

036164003

An Elected Official's Guide to Rating Agency Presentations. Jennifer Ritter Douglas and Rowan Miranda.

Chicago, IL, Government Finance Officers Association, 2000. 88p.

Provides a concise treatment of the main questions regarding the rating process. It also provides guidance on ways to improve the effectiveness of rating agency presentations.

R332.63233 D747e

34. MUNICIPAL FINANCE

033598005

"Increasing Urban Government Financial Accountability: The Role of Multiple Stakeholders." Jonathan P. West and Evan M. Berman.

(*Journal of Public Budgeting, Accounting & Financial Management*, v. 14, no. 4, Winter 2002, p. 497+.)

How many actors are presently involved in financial management? What are the perceived roles of actors in providing financial accountability? What qualifications does each possess? What is the role of the finance director? These questions are addressed in this study.

35. MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

036302611

Structure of American Municipal Government. Kimberly L. Nelson.

Washington, D.C., International City/County Management Association, 2002. 96p.

(Special data issue 2002, no. 4).

Arranged alphabetically by state then by city, includes information on the five forms of municipal government, the number of terms allowed and the year limit enacted plus much more.

R320.85 N334s

36. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

032848674

"Evolving Roles for Auditors in Government Performance Measurement." Stuart S. Grifel and others.

(*Journal of Government Financial Management*, Winter 2002, p. 26+.)

This article examines eight traditional and new roles that state and local government auditors are playing, or may play in the future, in performance measurement activities.

37. PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT

035481770

"A Multiple-Indicator Approach to Municipal Service Evaluation: Correlating Performance Measurement and Citizen Satisfaction Across Jurisdictions." Janet M. Kelly and David Swindell.

(*Public Administration Review(PAR)*, September/October 2002, p. 610+.)

This analysis suggests citizen satisfaction survey results are useful to managers in conjunction with performance-measurement programs.

38. PLAZAS

032624158

"Ten Ways to Get Back to the Plaza." Ken Hughes.

(*Planning*, December 2002, p. 10+.)

Includes 10 ways to get back to a plaza that every community deserves, along with a selection of physical planning rules from the Laws of the Indies.

39. POLITICAL ETHICS

035484931

"Ethics." Candace L. Donoho.

(*Municipal Maryland*, January 2003, p. 12+.)

If you have a local ethics ordinance in place, you should revisit the ordinance from time to time to be sure it meets the needs of your community and is kept up-to-date.

40. POVERTY

036161421

Growing up Empty: the Hunger Epidemic in America. Loretta Schwartz-Nobel.

1st Edition. New York, NY, HarperCollins, 2002, 252p.

Uncovers hunger in rural, urban, and suburban neighborhoods, among the working poor and immigrants, even within the military and the middle class.

R363.82 S411g

41. PRIVATIZATION-WATER

035991588

Privatization of Water Services in the United States: an Assessment of Issues and Experience.

Committee on Privatization of Water in the United States, Water Science and Technology Board Division on Life and Earth Studies, Natural Research Council.

Washington, D.C., National Academy Press, 2002. 145p.

R363.61 P939

42. PUBLIC INVESTMENT

036164870

Consideration For Governments in Developing a Master Repurchase Agreement.

3rd Edition. Chicago, IL, Government Finance Officers Association, 2001. 92p.

The purpose of this booklet is to provide public cash managers with the documents and information needed to construct sound and informed master repurchase agreements.

R336.15 C765

43. RETIREMENT-PLANNING

035265561

Innovations in Retirement Financing. Edited by Olivia S. Mitchell and others.

Philadelphia, PA, University of Pennsylvania Press, 2002. 32p.

This book outlines key problems in reducing financial risks in retirement and proposes fresh solutions.

R332.02401 I58

44. RETIREMENT-PLANNING

036164011

A Public Employee's Guide to Retirement Planning. Kathleen Jenks Harm.

2nd Edition. Chicago, IL, Government Finance Officers Association and the ICMA Retirement Cooperation 2002. 70p.

Written for the state and local government employee who wants to understand how public-sector retirement programs work and how they can be used to create a more financially secure retirement.

R331.252 H272p 2002

45. SHOPPING CENTERS

035484238

"Making Great Strips Happen." George Homsy.

(*Planning*, December 2002, p. 24+.)

How to revamp a strip mall, or build on from scratch.

46. SPORTS

035483933

"Cities, Sports, and Economic Change: A Retrospective Assessment." Ziona Austrian and Mark S. Rosentraub.

(*Journal of Urban Affairs*, v. 24, no. 5, 2002, pages 549-563).

Cities rely on sports facilities for redevelopment strategies even though numerous independent analyses indicated that these structures and teams are not correlated with regional economic development.

47. STADIUMS

032963960

Developing Sports, Convention, and Performing Arts Centers. David C. Petersen.
3rd Edition. Washington, D.C., Urban Land Institute. 2001. 267p.

Discusses the best practice for each stage of development, critical factors that can make or break the project innovative financing and the latest trends. Includes a picture and description of Comerica Park.

R725.80973 P442d

48. STATE GOVERNMENT

035775676

State and Local Government 2002-2003. Thad L. Beyle, Editor.

Washington, D.C., CQ Press, 2002. 224p.

Examines the unique challenges facing state governments these days including trends in higher education, prisons and Medicaid.

R320.973 S797

49. SUBURBS

033601023

"The Changing Suburbs-New Patterns of Development."

(*Greater Philadelphia Regional Review*, Summer 2002, Entire Issue).

5 articles discuss Edgeless cities, Metropolitics, older suburbs, and economic development.

50. TRANSPORTATION-HANDICAPPED

032623937

"Balancing Act: Stabilizing Paratransit Costs." Donna Rogers.

(*American City & County*, December 2002, p. 22+.)

How can transit agencies provide transportation for disabled residents without going broke?

51. URBAN REDEVELOPMENT-PHILADELPHIA

033601015

"Out of Obsolescence: Idea for Reuse and Renewal."

(*Greater Philadelphia Regional Review*, Fall, 2002, Entire Issue).

Several articles discuss finding new uses for old buildings, housing, industries, neighborhoods and power stations.

52. VIDEO SURVEILLANCE

035483784

"Here's Looking at You." Anya Sostek.

(*Governing*, August 2002, p. 44+.)

Electronic surveillance systems make some law-abiding citizens feel safer. They make others very nervous.