

Bibliography

Asphalt Nation, 1997, by Jane Holtz Kay

A thorough look at the effects of the automobile on American cities. Our world seems to revolve around the car and this book helps us see ways to reverse our dependency on autos.

A Better Place to Live, 1995, by Philip Langdon

The book explains how we have gotten so many "collar counties" and how zoning by local governments contributes to our traffic problems in the suburbs.

Car Free in Cleveland, 2000, edited by Alt-Trans Cleveland Project

Car Free... tells how to do everything you want to do in Northeast Ohio without being dependent on a car.

Carchitecture, When the Car and the City Collide, 2001, by Jonathan Bell

A worldwide look at how car-building techniques and use have opened up new possibilities for architectural design.

City Life, 1995, by Witold Rybczynski

The history and evolution of American cities is traced from colonial settlements to our skyscraper dominated modern cities today. The effects of the transportation available at different times are interwoven throughout the tale.

Collapse, How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed, 2005, by Jared Diamond

The U.S. has higher impact per person than an African nation because of consumption. Sprawl of societies told in historical context.

The Death and Life of Great American Cities, 1961, by Jane Jacobs

The "bible" of city planners that foresaw what is happening and would happen to our cities. This book was written over forty years ago but is used as reference in nearly every modern book about cities and suburbs today.

Edge City, 1992, by Joel Garreau

Extensive background on cities from early times and how we have arrived at the state we're in with the apparent decline of the core cities.

The Geography of Nowhere, 1994, by James Howard Kunstler

Kunstler, as a novelist and journalist, mixes memoir, historical essay and reporting to condemn the car-dependent suburbanization of America.

The Greater Cleveland Environment Book: Caring for Home and Bioregion, 1998, principal writer and editor, David Beach, EcoCity Cleveland

This book is an introduction for the environmental novice, and an inspirational guide for everyone who cares about the future of Northeast Ohio.

Home from Nowhere, 1996, by James Howard Kunstler

Kunstler locates in our national psychology the origin of Americans' traditional dislike for city life, and what this implies about our ability to get along with one another.

House Thinking – A Room-by-Room Look At How We Live, 2006, by Winifred Gallagher

The last chapter is about sprawl—both good and bad.

The Hungry Gene, 2003, by Ellen Puppell Shell

The final chapter connects the United States' number two public health risk, obesity, with the car culture and sprawl.

The New Geography, 2000, by Joel Kotkin

The transition from small stores to malls that serve populations that depend on cars is explained. This book points out that over one half of the vacant retail space in the Kansas City area is from mass-discount chains.

The New Urbanism: Toward an Architecture of Community, 1993, edited by Peter Katz

A group of architects present designs for new communities based on New Urbanists' concepts. Articles by the architects are included.

The Old Neighborhood – What We Lost in the Great Suburban Migration: 1966-1999, 1999, by Ray Suarez

Suarez writes about what we have lost when we leave 'the old neighborhood' behind. There's an entire chapter on Cleveland.

Slam-Dunking Wal-Mart!, 1999, by Al Norman

Those gigantic box stores on the outskirts of town are a threat to smaller hometown businesses and local jobs. This book explains the economic displacement that stores such as Wal-Mart and Home Depot cause on small towns and what can be done to stop them.

Suburban Nation, 2000, by Andres Duany, Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk and Jeff Speck

The architect authors are community designers and proponents of smart growth principles. The book has many examples of their work including Seaside, Florida and Kentlands, Maryland.

League of Women Voters--Cuyahoga County 2004; updated in October 2007
High school study unit, "Sprawl Gets Personal"