

CNU Accreditation Exam Preparation

Required Reading Materials

Downloadable Materials

- ***The Charter of the New Urbanism*** is the foundational document of the Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU), finalized and adopted in 1996. It lays out a set of guiding principles for how cities, towns, and neighborhoods should be designed to create more livable, walkable, sustainable, and equitable communities. In 2024, the CNU Board and Membership embarked on a process to add to the Charter. The Charter's original 27 principles and the 7 amendments can be viewed online on the CNU website, and as a 1-page [printable PDF document](#).
- ***New Urbanism: Best Practices Guide***, 4th Edition, by Robert Steuteville, Philip Langdon, et al. (Ithaca, NY: New Urban Publications, 2009). This book is out of print, but can be [purchased and downloaded as a PDF from the CNU](#)
- ***The Lexicon of the New Urbanism, 2014*** DPZ CoDesign [Free download](#)
- ***25 Great Ideas of New Urbanism, 2017***, by Robert Steuteville. Available as a [PDF document on the CNU website](#)

Books

- ***Suburban Nation: The Rise of Sprawl and the Decline of the American Dream*** by Andres Duany, Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, and Jeff Speck (New York: North Point Press, a division of Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2000) [Buy now](#) from [Amazon.com](#).
- ***The Climate Action Handbook for Urbanists*** (Andelani Press, 2026) [Buy now](#) from CNU.
- ***Missing Middle Housing*** by Daniel Parolek (Island Press, 2020) [Buy now](#) from [Princeton University Press](#) or [Amazon.com](#).

