

# Recreating Historical Environments: A Guide for Local Governments



## Spaces that Tell Stories: Recreating Historical Environments (American Association for State and Local History)

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Historical environments are a valuable part of our communities. They connect us to our past and provide a sense of place. They can also be a source of economic development and tourism. However, historical environments are often threatened by development, neglect, and natural disasters.

This book provides a comprehensive guide for local governments on how to recreate historical environments. It covers topics such as planning, design, and construction, and includes case studies of successful projects.

## Planning

The first step in recreating a historical environment is to develop a plan. This plan should identify the goals of the project, the scope of work, and the

budget. It should also include a timeline for the project and a list of potential partners.

When developing a plan, it is important to involve the community. The community can provide valuable input on the project and help to ensure that it is successful.

## **Design**

Once the plan is complete, the next step is to design the historical environment. This involves creating a master plan for the site and designing individual buildings and structures.

When designing a historical environment, it is important to use materials and techniques that are appropriate for the period. It is also important to pay attention to the details, such as the type of windows and doors, the color of the paint, and the landscaping.

## **Construction**

Once the design is complete, the next step is to construct the historical environment. This involves hiring contractors and overseeing the construction process.

It is important to ensure that the construction process is carried out in a way that preserves the historical integrity of the site. This means using materials and techniques that are appropriate for the period and paying attention to the details.

## **Case Studies**

This book includes case studies of successful historical environment recreation projects. These case studies provide valuable insights into the planning, design, and construction process.

The case studies include projects from all over the United States, including the restoration of a historic downtown, the reconstruction of a Civil War battlefield, and the creation of a new living history museum.

Recreating historical environments is a challenging but rewarding undertaking. By following the steps outlined in this book, local governments can create historical environments that are both authentic and engaging.

Historical environments are a valuable part of our communities. They connect us to our past, provide a sense of place, and can be a source of economic development and tourism. By recreating historical environments, we can preserve our heritage and create a better future for our communities.

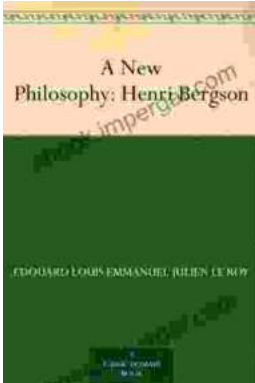


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