

GREENING THE SUBURBS:
EXPLORING THE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN SUBURBAN
DEVELOPMENT AND NATURAL PROCESSES

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Summary : Free greening the suburbs exploring the connections between suburban development and natural processes pdf download - suburban development is characterized by a low-density form reliance on automobiles and general cookie-cutter appearance that does not create an accessible inviting or sustainable landscape many suburban residents are not aware of the impact their lifestyle and built environment has on the surrounding landscape yet development causes problems with water quality and capacity with the increase in stormwater runoff and it reduces biodiversity by carving up natural habitat thereby putting the health of humans and natural communities at risk in addition suburban development has created a reliance on industrial agriculture and this system of food production is energy-intensive unsustainable and detrimental to the natural environment while academics and policy-makers have offered solutions to suburban sprawl and urban environmental degradation these solutions do not address the already-built suburban environment thus suburban residents and communities must come to understand the issues created by suburban development in order to create a landscape that functions in a pre-development state

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