Index to Current Urban Documents

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About ICUD

ICUD provides information for all urban-related issues inc. landscape architecture, gardens & gardening, horticulture, parks, and trees, hazardous waste disposal, and community arts. Contains over 31,000 reports and research generated by local government agencies, civic organizations, academic and research organizations, public libraries, and metropolitan and regional planning agencies from more than 500 selected cities in the United States and Canada. Includes fiscal (budgets and financial reports) and architecture & planning documents (city, county and regional plans). 1995 - present online. Also have Print: 1972 – 2006 -- 016.30136 In3 -- reference index only. See librarian for help.

Dates of Coverage: 1995—present; updated every 6 to 8 weeks

Access:
1) From the CPLA homepage (http://www.library.illinois.edu/cpla) under Key Databases.
2) From the Library homepage (http://www.library.illinois.edu), search for “Index to Current Urban Documents” and click on the direct link at the top of the search results.
3) Through the Online Journals & Databases link on the Library homepage, search for “Index to Current Urban Documents” and follow the link.

** When off campus, log in with your UIUC NetID and password.

Types of searches:

New Search: Search by keyword or topic. Click “Select a topic” to see a list of topics. Limit to municipality, state, and year of publication.
Browse topics: To view all documents on a specific topic, select “Browse Topics.” Choose a topic from the alphabetized list.
Browse Municipalities: To view all documents from a specific municipality, select “Browse Municipalities.” Choose a municipality from the alphabetized list.

Truncation / Boolean Operators: ICUD does not support Boolean operators. The keyword search is an implicit AND search, which means that the database automatically interprets “pothole street” as “pothole AND street.”

Wildcard symbols: ICUD does not support wildcard symbols. Do not use symbols in the ICUD search.

Limits: Limit by municipality, state, and year.

Phrase searching: ICUD does not support phrase searching. Adding quotes will not affect the results of the search.

Search Results: Results are organized alphabetically by municipality. There is no option to change how results are sorted or to limit results from the results list. Click on a municipality or state to see more results for that location.

To find full text: PDFs are located in the document record in the results list. Look for the “PDF” link above the Index topics.

Choosing search terms
1. Choose specific terms closely related to your research topic.
2. Use the suggested topics available.
3. Choose terms that you might use when discussing your topic with a colleague, including current jargon and technical terms.
4. Repeat searches with synonyms.
5. This search is not case sensitive.

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