Sustainable Nation: Urban Design Patterns for the Future

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Given the urgency of the many challenges that society now faces, the core strategy of Sustainable Nation is to focus on how long change takes and the many ways to drive change faster than ever before. The book posits that society can overcome our major challenges around decarbonisation in four generations: the lifetime of a child born today.

As a follow up to his widely acclaimed Sustainable Urbanism, this new book from architect, urbanist and author Douglas Farr is divided into four parts - Our Default World: an infographic snapshot of today; Our Preferred Future: fictional short stories and timelines that evoke a preferred future; Theory of Change: a deep dive into how long change takes and an ultimately hopeful cataloguing of how to speed it up; and The Practice of Change: immediately actionable guidance from development experts on how groups of people, not affiliated with government, can accelerate desired neighbourhood and professional change.

As an urgent call to action and a guidebook for change, Sustainable Nation is an essential resource for urban designers, planners, policymakers, architects, engaged stakeholders, and anyone who is eager to make a positive impact on buildings, cities, and lives.

Sustainable Nation will be available wherever books and ebooks are sold.

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