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A collaborative undertaking can be an exciting, but at times, uncertain and daunting journey. This book has been such a journey. I started out determined to write a practical handbook to be used by planners, open space managers, designers, administrators and advocates to provide useful information, sources, legal requirements and hundreds of ideas and case studies to help professionals and citizens protect and manage open space. Recognizing the vast landscape of the subject matter, I enlisted a series of experienced and professional “chapter authors” to focus on each topic. Without the impressive contributions and hard work of these authors and editors, this book could not have been written.

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