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The Chicago Central Area DeCarbonization Plan

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Chicago has long been a world leader in innovations of all kinds, and its response to the need for drastic environmental action to combat climate change is no exception. In 2008, Chicago developed the Chicago Climate Action Plan (CCAP) to begin to address these issues. This book is an examination and exploration of the issues that the CCAP deals with and how they may be implemented, focusing on the Chicago Loop area. It also examines the 2030 Challenge, which has an aggressive goal of 80 percent reduction in carbon emissions by 2030 for new and renovated buildings.

The book is divided into eight key areas: Buildings, the Urban Matrix, Smart Infrastructure, Mobility, Water, Waste, Community Engagement and Energy. Illustrated with full colour photographs, diagrams and models throughout, this wonderful book takes a clear and easy-to-understand approach to this complex topic, providing innovative and insightful strategies for efficient and effective carbon reduction.

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