Curitiba Resources

1. **Urban Renewal, Municipal Revitalization: The Case of Curitiba, Brazil** by Hugh Schwartz (book)

Schwartz provides a thorough account of Curitiba’s urban renewal through extensive examination of the city’s innovations. The specially highlighted developments are: public transit, downtown rejuvenation, recreational and floor control facilities, ecological endeavors, industrial infrastructure, and a socioeconomic safety net.


2. **Natural Capitalism** by Paul Hawken, Amory Lovins, and L. Hunter Lovins (book)

Natural Capitalism describes a future in which business and environmental interests increasingly overlap, and in which companies can improve their bottom lines, help solve environmental problems and feel better about what they do all at the same time. Citing hundreds of compelling stories from a wide array of sectors, one of the featured examples is a look at the practices of Curitiba.


3. **Alternative Routes to the Sustainable City: Austin, Curitiba, and Frankfurt** by Steven A. Moore (book)

This book offers a thorough analysis of three cities’ individual processes towards sustainable development. The author examines how each of the cities has approached and maintained sustainability and thus stimulated economic growth, preserved threatened ecosystems, and improved social equity.


4. **Jaime Lerner sings of the city** (TED talk)- Jaime Lerner reinvented urban space in his native Curitiba, Brazil. Along the way, he changed the way city planners worldwide see what’s possible in the metropolitan landscape.


5. **A Convenient Truth: Urban Solutions from Curitiba, Brazil** (movie)

is an informative, inspirational documentary aimed at sharing ideas to provoke environment-friendly and cost-effective changes in cities worldwide. The documentary focuses on innovations in transportation, recycling, social benefits including affordable housing, seasonal parks, and the processes that transformed Curitiba into one of the most livable cities in the world.

Del Bello, G. V. (Director), & Vaz, M. T. (Producer) (2007). *A Convenient Truth: Urban Solutions from Curitiba, Brazil* [DVD]