

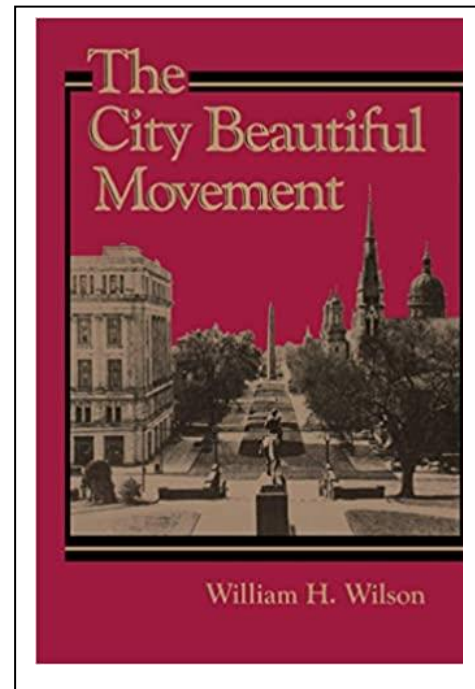
From the Planners' Bookshelf...

The City Beautiful Movement.

William H. Wilson, The Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore, 365 pages, 1989.

From CT.org...Like many movements and theories, they are forced into an all or nothing mode; often rejected because “all” is too much for even the rational thinker. The city beautiful movement is one such incidence; the ideas are great but they are only part of the urban picture, but the thoughts were rejected as too grandiose or perhaps even elitist.

However, the idea of having aesthetically pleasing roads, public buildings and infrastructure is an idea for the times. As the federal infrastructure program progresses, the re-built bridges, roads, power plants and civic structures can be, and should be, designed as community assets; community assets with the power to inspire civic pride and community spirit.



Long live “the city beautiful”.

From Amazon...“Winner of the Lewis Mumford Prize from the Society for American City and Regional Planning History and Winner of the Outstanding Book in Architecture and Urban Planning Award from the Association of American Publishers

“Critics of the turn-of-the-century's City Beautiful Movement denounced its projects—broad, tree-lined boulevards and monumental but low-lying civic buildings—as grandiose and unnecessary. In this masterful analysis, William H. Wilson sees the movement as its founders did: as an exercise in participatory politics aimed at changing the way citizens thought about cities.”

LINK: <https://www.amazon.com/Beautiful-Movement-Creating-American-Landscape/dp/0801849780>