
Contents

Acknowledgments vii

Introduction ix

I

Would America Produce a Civilization of Cities? 1890-1909 1

1

The Rupture of a Rural Order 3

2

The Quest for Disciplinary Control 9

3

In Search of a Spatial Order 33

II

The Disciplinary Order of Planning, 1909-1916 57

4

The Rise of the Planning Mentality 59

5

Functional Requirements of a City Plan 83

6

*The Barriers of Municipal Government and the Need for Urban
Observatories* 114

III

Superspeculation in the American City, 1916-1929 137

7

Zoning and the Single-Family Home 139

8

Traversing a Regional Domain 171

IV

Cities and Regions in Economic Crisis, 1929-1945 201

9

Must American Cities Decay? 203

10

To Reconstruct the American City 233

11

Planning for Postwar Regional Cities 261

12

An Architecture of Complexity 268

13

The City of Collective Memory 282

Notes 291

Bibliography 297

Index 323