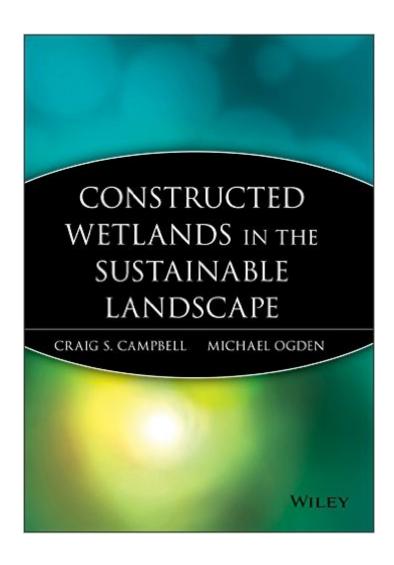
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This book has become an invaluable reference around our office...for the engineers, landscape architect and directors. The book covers a range of useful topics, from design basics (including relevant modeling formulas), pricing estimates, integration information for planners, citizens and regulators, wetland ecology background notes, landscaping ideas and wonderful examples of systems that the authors themselves have designed and installed. The book highlights the benefits of wetlands often overlooked or undervalued in other engineering-oriented texts - wildlife habitat creation, aesthetics, water recharge, etc. Since the book was writen by a landscape architect and an engineer, two visionary pioneers in their fields, it covers a lot of useful ground.

This is an in-depth analysis of the subject of waste water and storm water treatment through living wetland systems. I am a permaculture teacher and ecologically oriented land developer, not an engineer. For me, this book is sufficiently accessible that I am gaining a thorough understanding of the subject which I expect will prepare me to have intelligent discussions with engineers and government staff people and make informed decisions. I can't gauge how useful it would be for someone who is a professional in the field of water treatment, but my research did not turn up any better resources. The author is extremely knowledgeable about the state of the art when it was written. However, although it is dated 1999, most of its references are dated no later than 1993. I would dearly love to find a resource that discusses projects that have been built since then and brings this subject up to date.

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