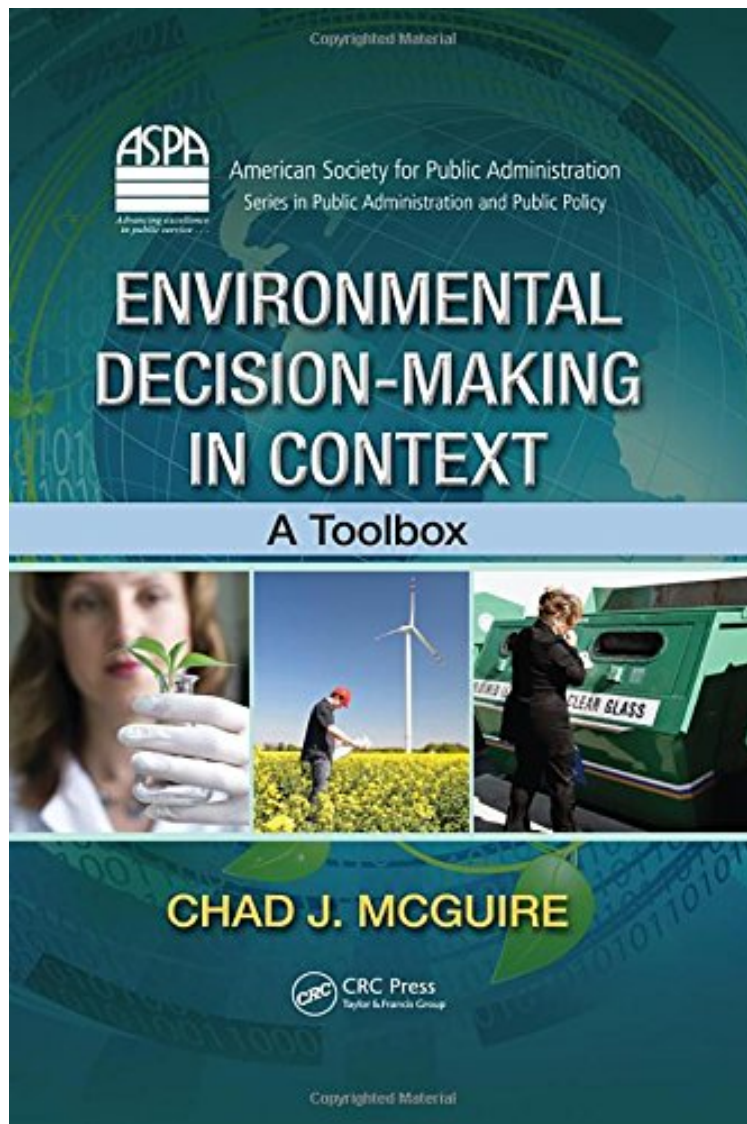


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From the Author This text was written based on my experiences teaching environmental courses at the undergraduate and graduate level in the university setting, as well as my experiences working with professionals in the environmental field. The book is meant to provide a basic yet comprehensive understanding of how environmental decisions are made. One of the difficult aspects of explaining environmental issues is the relatively high level of expertise often required with current texts on the subject. If a text is looking at the environment from a 'scientific' perspective, then there is often a presumption in those texts that readers have a strong background in the science that is not always true. In addition, the text often lacks a discussion of the other areas of society that impact environmental decisions outside of science, or otherwise makes assumptions about the reader's understanding of these subjects. Often this leads to texts on environmental decisions going into great depth on a particular subject area while providing little to no detail in other equally important subject areas. This text takes a different approach to understanding environmental decisions in a few primary ways. First, it was written making almost no assumptions about the background knowledge of the reader. Second, it provides a subject area overview of three primary topic areas that influence environmental decisions, labeled science, economics, and values. Third, it applies the subject area concepts at the end of the text by offering practical case studies that require the reader to bring together the subject content areas. I believe by structuring the text as it is, one is provided with the fundamental tools for making environmental decisions in a basic yet comprehensive manner that offers an excellent addition to existing course materials for academics, or it can provide the basis for an introductory exploration in the subject of environmental issues for both academics and practitioners.