Record Nr. UNINA9910782832803321 Autore Larson John Lauritz <1950-> Titolo Internal improvement [[electronic resource]]: national public works and the promise of popular government in the early United States // John Lauritz Larson Chapel Hill, : University of North Carolina Press, c2001 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 979-88-908709-8-8 0-8078-7564-3 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (342 p.) Disciplina 338.973 Soggetti Infrastructure (Economics) - Government policy - United States -History - 19th century Public works - Government policy - United States - History - 19th century United States Economic policy To 1933 United States Economic conditions To 1865 Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references (p. [295]-318) and index. Nota di contenuto Acknowledgments; Introduction: An Experiment in Republicanism; 1. Designs of the Monied Gentry; 2. Towards a National Republican Alternative; 3. The Problems with State Initiatives; 4. The ""Progress"" of Consolidation; 5. Spoiling Internal Improvements; 6. State Initiatives Again; 7. Into the Railway Age; Epilogue: Designs of a New Monied Gentry; Notes; Bibliography; Index Sommario/riassunto When the people of British North America threw off their colonial bonds, they sought more than freedom from bad government: most of the founding generation also desired the freedom to create and enjoy good, popular, responsive government. This book traces the central issue on which early Americans pinned their hopes for positive government action--internal improvement. The nation's early republican governments undertook a wide range of internal improvement projects meant to assure Americans' security, prosperity. and enlightenment--from the building of roads, canals, and bridges to the