

Planners Network



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Please send in your updates to newsletter@plannersnetwork.org. Send in news about yourself and your work, notices about jobs, events, publications, and grants of interest to progressive planners (maximum 100 words please). Have a message or opinion you want to get out? Write it up (maximum 250 words; longer pieces may be considered for the magazine) and send them in as well.

PN NEWS

PN has been rated by SAPLING (7 stars):

<http://www.sapling.org.uk/search/search.pl?search=planners+network&method=all>

It includes the following review of PN:

The Planners Network (PN) is a US-based association of professionals, activists, academics and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas, "who promote fundamental change in our political and economic systems". The PN site boasts an attractive, modern appearance, together with a very intuitive layout. Highlights include extensive archives from the organisation's magazine - seen as an important means for networking among members, a source of innovative ideas, and a forum for controversial policy questions neglected in mainstream planning circles; the Student Disorientation Guide, featuring articles that

challenge current planning and educational paradigms, as well as dozens of ideas for events and activities; and a series of 'Statements on Controversial Issues' from a planning perspective, such as the Israeli wall and the war in Iraq. Successfully marrying the conventional - news, events, jobs - with this more incisive content, the Planners Network provides something truly distinctive from the plethora of other planning-related resources on the web. [GAS, November 9, 2005].

Save the Date!

Planners Network Conference 2006

Chicago, Illinois

June 8th - June 11th 2006

Hosted by: University of Illinois at Chicago College of Urban Planning and Policy

Update from Cassidy Johnson (e-mail: cassidyjohnson@umontreal.ca), local contact for PN-Montreal

I am pleased to announce that Planners Network-Concordia has now become Planners Network-Montreal. The new PN-Montreal includes members from English-language universities, McGill and Concordia, and from francophone Université de Montréal. So far this year we have rotated meeting locations and have held a meeting at each university with about 12 regular members plus additional attendees that turn up at each school. We are planning several small events that will take place in each of the schools such as movie nights, an article club, and guest lectures as well as a Bicycle Fair for the spring 2006 to promote the use of cycling as a means of transportation in Montreal. On November 22nd, we had a guest lecture by Richard Bergeron, mayoral candidate for the independent party, Projét Montréal. Mr. Bergeron spoke to us about Projét Montréal's efforts to reduce sprawl and promote sustainability in the central city. The event was attended by over thirty people. We plan to promote PN-Montreal as a way to bring together the Montreal-area planning schools and the larger public.

Tending the Garden: From Grassroots to Green Roofs

Chicago is often considered the birthplace of organizing with the "radical" work of Saul Alinsky in Chicago's Back of the Yards neighborhood. While new models of organizing have developed since the 1930s, the idea that people should determine what happens in their community continues to be a driving force in progressive planning. Today, equity and participation underpin a wide range of projects-based aimed at attacking urban injustices including artists reclaiming public space; public housing residents fighting to keep their homes; families and kids trying to improve their schools; and disabled people pushing to get equal access. Equally important to the progressive agenda is finding sustainable solutions to problems. While primarily focused on our environment, the issue of sustainability cuts across all discussions whether it is economic, social or political. The theme of the 2006 Planners Network Conference in broad terms is

progressive planning and what it means today as we look to the future. How do we create equity that not only cuts across social barriers, but also across generations as well? As tenders of our own professional garden, it is ultimately up to us to decide.

The Planners Network Conference 2006 will bring together an array of planning practitioners, community and economic development professionals, organizers, policy analysts, students and faculty to explore the history and future of planning as a progressive profession. The conference will explore innovative strategies and successful models for changing public policy and shaping the planning profession to produce more equity. The conference will provide an important forum for linking academics, with community leaders and planning professionals, and exploring new opportunities to shape the planning profession. Spend the late spring in Chicago at the 2006 Planners Network Conference learning about progressive planning in the heart of the mid-west.

For more information, contact: uicpn@yahoo.com or visit www.plannersnetwork.org

PN MEMBER UPDATES

Update from Laura Baker (Ph.D. candidate, York University, lauren@york.ca):

I would like to announce a recently published special issue of the *Geographic Review* on "People, Places and Gardens," July 2004, Volume 94, Number 3. The articles examine community gardens, urban agricultural production, home gardens and more.

Mike Morin (Eutopian Business writer and resident of Eugene, Oregon, mikemorin@earthlink.net) has recently published an article entitled "Rearranging our Economic System(s)". For a full copy of the article, visit the Citizens Network for Sustainable Development website: www.citnet.org/newsletters/2005-02/morin1.aspx. Some excerpts from the article follow:

"In light of the coming shortages in oil (See peakoil.net) and the destruction of our natural environment, ecosystems, and habitats that are caused by the current paradigm of corporate conglomerate capitalism (See davidkortten.org), we are facing the dire need to restructure our socio-economic systems into a strategy for global relocalization (See postcarbon.org) of our production and distribution systems...

Based on the study of the early cooperative communitarians, the anthropological study of indigenous and historical cultures, comparative economic systems, the Mondragon system and other modern cooperatives, and the assessment of our current situation, I have devised somewhat of a new paradigm for the funding of cooperative community development organizations."

Leonardo Vazquez (AICP/PP, Instructor at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey) has recently published an article entitled "A Plan for Democratic and Equitable Planning in New Orleans," which is available at <http://www.planetizen.com/node/17769>. In this article, he argues that more careful, long-term planning is needed to ensure that current residents and refugees alike are given the stake and voice they need in the rebuilding efforts.

NEW AND RENEWING MEMBERS

Emily Achtenberg Marsha Desormeaux Celeste Fiore Rachel Fleming Connie Galambos Amanda Goski Liliana Guerrero Stacey Harwood Matthew Hissom Jason Lally William Marston Fernando Marti	Lori Massa Rebekah McGurran Michael Morin Hillary Chapman Nguyen Patricia Nolan Susan Seifert Seth Spielman Imogen Wirth-Granlund Lila Youn Douglas Young Heidi Zeller
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PUBLICATIONS

“A Profile of Low-Income Working Immigrant Families” (June 2005, 7 p.) by Randy Capps, Michael Fix, Everett Henderson & Jane Reardon-Anderson, published by Urban Institute, policy brief available from the Institute, 2100 M St. NW, Wash., DC 20037, 202/261-5709, www.urban.org/publications/311206.html

Census Bureau 2004 Poverty Report: Poverty increased from 2003 to 2004. Study available from 301/763-4636, or www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/poverty04.html

Democratizing Capital: The History, Law, and Reform of the Community Reinvestment Act (2005, 315 p.), by Richard Marsico published by Carolina Academic Press, 919/489-7468, www.cap-press.com/books/1234

Is the Market the Solution? The latest issue of Shelterforce Magazine features articles on how the money flowing from government into the nonprofit world has slowed to a trickle, and grants from foundations don’t provide a good backup plan. Maybe nonprofits should make some of their own money and assert their financial independence. Contact David Holtzman at dholtzman@nhi.org with questions. To view the full issue or subscribe, go to www.nhi.org

“Low-End Rental Housing: The Forgotten Story in Baltimore’s Housing Boom” (March 2005, 7 p.) by Sandra J. Newman is available (5\$) from the Urban Institute, 2100 M St. NW, Wash., DC 20037, 877/847-7377, pubs@ui.

“Promoting Work in Public Housing: The Effectiveness of Jobs-Plus” (March 2005, 263 p.), by Howard S. Bloom, James A. Riccio, Nandita Verma & Johanna Walter is available from MDRC, 16 E. 34 St., NYC, NY 10016, 212/532-3200, www.mdrc.org

EVENTS

February 13th-16th, 2006 The 11th international symposium CORP2006 (www.corp.at) deals with the major topic "**Sustainable solutions for the information society**" and will be held in Vienna. CORP brings together scientific research, business cases and best practices in the fields of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) within Urban Planning, Regional Development, Transportation Planning, Landscape Planning and the Building Industries. In 2006 it will stronger focus the branches Real Estate Development, Facility Management as well as Urban, Environmental and Transportation Technologies as mainsprings of economic and spatial development. CORP 2006 takes place at the "Congress Center, Messe Wien", Vienna in close cooperation with i.convienna (www.icon-vienna.net), the international congress on information and consulting with high synergy effects on both sides. The following link leads you to an updated overview of accepted CORP2006 papers:

http://www.corp.at/Download/CORP2006_Program/CORP2006_Program_v01.pdf

Until January 15th 2006 the early registration offer for participation in CORP2006 is open. You can easily follow the link below to start registering for the conference.

http://corp.mmp.kosnet.com/corp_e/index.php?option=com_wrapper&Itemid=116

June 14-16, 2006. Vancouver BC. Annual meeting of the Canadian Association of Planning Students at the UBC School of Community and Regional Planning. The goal of the forum is to generate recommendations from students to the 2006 World Planners Congress and the U.N. World Urban Form. Visit www.plannersfortomorrow.ca to get involved in the on-line discussion and debate between planning students, academics and practitioners in the lead up to these conferences.

June 15-17, 2006 "Work Beyond Boundaries: An International Conference on Telemediated Employment and its Implications for Urban Communities" to be held in Vancouver, BC, Canada. Abstracts must be submitted by February 15th, 2006. The conference is intended as a culminating event of EMERGENCE Canada, a SSHRC/INE-funded project that is investigating the impact that information and communications technologies (ICTs) have on the changing nature of work in the new economy. In particular it is researching global sourcing of telemediated employment or 'e-work' between firms within Canada and between Canada and internationally. For more information, and for proposal submissions, contact: Dr. Penny Gurstein, Centre for Human Settlements, University of British Columbia 1933 West Mall, 2nd Floor Vancouver, BC V6T 2N1; gurstein@interchange.ubc.ca
EMERGENCE Canada Web Site: www.chs.ubc.ca/emergence

July 11-16, 2006 "Diversity and multiplicity: A New Agenda for the World Planning Community", hosted by the World Planning Schools Congress, will be held in Mexico City, Mexico. Deadline for abstracts: January 15, 2006. For additional information and to submit your abstract by mail: 6311 Mallard Trace Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32312. Tel.: (850) 385-2054. For detailed abstract submission procedures, visit: <http://wpsc-06.unam.mx>

August 27- September 16, 2006. Summer Course on "Housing and Community Development in Spain" in Barcelona, Spain, sponsored by the Summer Abroad Program at the University of California, Davis. This field course is open to any

university student and professional who wishes to participate. It will focus on Spanish approaches to housing low and moderate income residents, including internal and external immigrants, as well as neighborhood planning and regeneration. The Spanish experience will be compared to the U.S. experience. Maximum Enrollment: 20. The instructor for the course is Robert Wiener, Ph.D., rob@calruralhousing.org. More information is available at: http://summer-abroad.ucdavis.edu/programs/crd_153c_spain.php

JOBS

ARIZONA

Planner I, City of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ

Duties: Prepares zoning reports; researches and analyzes field data, case histories and ordinances; participates in site plans/subdivision review and related development plan processing; analyzes data of neighborhoods and larger areas and prepares assessments; assists citizen committees in preparing neighborhood or larger area plans; assists in writing and implementing redevelopment plans and works on updating and preparing General Plan Elements and Specific Plans. Currently there is one vacancy in the Planning Department and four vacancies in the Development Services Department.

EXPERIENCE: Requires a bachelor's degree in urban planning, landscape architecture, architecture, engineering, political science, geography or any other related field. For all positions, a good understanding of urban planning principles is necessary. Some positions require skills in quantitative analysis, including statistics and real estate economics. Other combinations of experience and education that meet the minimum qualifications may be substituted.

Also Required: Some positions in this classification require the use of personal or city vehicles on City business. Individuals must be physically capable of operating the vehicles safely, possess an appropriate valid Arizona driver's license, possess personal insurance coverage, and have an acceptable driving record. Working irregular hours, shifts, weekends, holidays and evenings may be required.

RESIDENCE: Maricopa County residency is required within 24 months after the date of hire and must be maintained.

EVALUATION: Based on resume and cover letter. In your cover letter or resume, please describe your training and experience in urban planning at the professional level. Only applicants who meet the minimum requirements will be placed on the eligible-to-hire list. Previous score cannot be reused.

APPLY: Apply on-line using ezAPP by visiting www.phoenix.gov or submit your resume, cover letter, and data collection form to the City of Phoenix Application Office. All completed material must be received by 8:00 a.m. Monday, December 27, 2005 in the Application Office or the drop box that is located in front of the Personnel Building. Contact Information: Phone: 602-495-5704, Fax: 602-495-5498, E-mail Address: jessica.ehnbom@phoenix.gov, Website www.phoenix.gov, Postal Address: Phoenix Personnel Department, Application Office, 135 North Second Avenue Phoenix, AZ 85003

**Policy and Entitlement Planner
Phoenix, AZ**

Tremendous opportunities exist for a Policy and Entitlement Planner to work for a growing land development engineering, planning and surveying firm in their office in Phoenix, AZ. This well-established, successful firm specializes in the high-quality design of mixed-use, commercial, industrial, transit and residential projects. The Policy and Entitlement Planner will work on infrastructure planning for mixed use, residential, master-planned communities, and public works projects while ensuring a high standard of professional service with internal and external customers.

Ideal candidates will have a BA or BS or Masters Degree in Planning or appropriate discipline with knowledge of local Phoenix planning issues and experience in working with developers, public agencies, and technical specialists. Preferred candidate will have 7 years of planning experience. ENR Magazine recognized this firm as one of the "Top 50 Fastest Growing Firms in the U.S.". Be part of a dynamic work environment while living in sunny, Phoenix, AZ. Respond by e-mailing your resume to Anna Swigart, at anna@hallandcompany.com or call her at (800) 583-0379 or Apply on-line at www.AEjob.com

BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Island Planner, Island Trust
Salt Spring Island, BC**

The Islands Trust is a federation of independent local governments that are responsible for land use planning on BC southern coastal islands. We have a unique provincial mandate to preserve and protect the communities, culture and environment of this special place. Our mandate underlies our work, including the development of official community plans, zoning and other land use bylaws, and the way that we consider development applications.

Reporting directly to the Regional Planning Manager for Salt Spring and Thetis islands, you will be responsible for a broad range of land use planning functions inherent in a small island community operating under the Islands Trust Act. You will balance a diverse workload ranging from the review and preparation of land use plans, special planning projects, processing development applications, and drafting bylaws to manage specific planning projects as assigned. Direct interaction with our elected Local Trustees and on-going contact with advisory groups, island community members and community groups will be a key responsibility.

The key qualifications for this position include:

- A graduate degree in planning or a another related degree such as geography or environmental science and at least five years experience in the planning field, with preferred experience in small local governments, environmental projects, or an equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Knowledge of relevant sections of applicable legislation and policies including Part 26 of the Local Government Act, the Islands Trust Act and Islands Trust Policy Statement, Community Charter, Agricultural Land Commission Act, and the Land Title Act and

related regulations and a thorough knowledge of planning and common law principles.
Closing Date: December 13, 2005

Prior to submitting an application/resume and cover letter, you may wish to contact Kathy Voakes at (250) 405-5153 for a complete list of duties and qualifications or click on the following link:

<http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/employment/employment.htm>

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Internship Opportunities

National Low Income Housing Coalition

<http://www.nlihc.org/about/internships.htm>

Resumes are being accepted for the following positions for the Spring 2006 semester:

Research Internship. Works with the Research Director and staff. Intern will assist with research to document and understand current trends and the impact of policy on the housing conditions of the lowest income Americans.

Outreach Internship. Works with the Outreach Director and staff. Interns will lead the grassroots organizing efforts for the National Housing Trust Fund Campaign and will also take part in media relations and publications work.

All interns will work on our annual housing policy conference and lobby day and contribute articles to our weekly newsletter, Memo to Members. The National Low Income Housing Coalition is the foremost national advocacy organization for low income housing. Interns are highly valued and fully integrated into the staff work of the Coalition. We seek students passionate about social justice issues, with excellent writing and interpersonal skills. There is a small stipend. In your cover letter, please specify which position you would prefer and that you are interested in a Spring 2006 internship. Interested students should send a resume and cover letter to:

Internship Coordinator, National Low Income Housing Coalition, 727 15th Street NW, 6th Floor, Washington DC 20005 or via email to linda@nlihc.org, via fax at 202-393-1973. Please call 202-662-1530 x 228 with any questions. Website: www.nlihc.org

FLORIDA

Regional Planner

Northeast Florida Regional Council

Jacksonville, FL

Responsibilities include local government planning, regional planning and Development of Regional Impact review. Bachelor Degree +2 years of experience in planning or a Masters Degree in Planning, Public Administration or related field is required. Strong research, verbal and written communication skills needed. Heavy writing and public

presentation responsibilities. Strong knowledge in strategic planning issues helpful. Send resume and references to Personnel Services Manager, NEFRC, 6850 Belfort Oaks Place, Jacksonville, FL 32216, or email to PS@nefrc.org. Smoke/Drug Free Workplace. EOE/ADA

Contact Information: Contact Name: Lee Brown, Phone: (904) 279-0880, Fax: (904) 279-0881, E-mail Address: PS@nefrc.org, Postal Address: 6850 Belfort Oaks Place Jacksonville, FL 32216.

GEORGIA

Planner (Environmental Planning) CDM, Atlanta, GA

CDM is a global, full-service consulting, engineering, construction, and operations firm helping public and private clients improve the environment and infrastructure. CDM has an immediate opening for an entry level Environmental Planner in our Atlanta, GA office.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Assisting in research for NEPA, and planning documents,
- Preparing or assisting in preparation of sections for NEPA, and planning documents,
- Assisting in coordination with sub-consultants and project team members,
- Assisting in research and coordination with regulatory agencies, and
- Assisting Project Manager with budget and schedule tracking and other project management duties

A BS (MS preferred) in Urban or Environmental Planning, Environmental Studies, or a related field is required. The successful candidate must have good communication skills, particularly as related to writing. Experience and/or familiarity with NEPA requirements is a plus. Strong analytical skills required. One year of work experience preferred.

For consideration, forward your resume to robbinspl@cdm.com. Reference source code in the subject line: RTH #5394 or fax to (407) 660-1221. Contact Information, Contact Name: Patrice Robbins, Phone: (407) 660-6510, Fax: (407) 660-1221, E-mail Address: robbinspl@cdm.com, Website: www.cdm.com, Postal Address: 2301 Maitland Center Parkway Suite 300 Maitland, FL 32751

MASSACHUSETTS

Regional Land Use Planner, Senior Transportation Planner (2) Southeastern Massachusetts Regional Planning Authority Taunton, MA

Southeastern Massachusetts RPA seeks planners. See job descriptions at www.srpedd.org.

NEBRASKA

Lamp, Rynearson & Associates, Inc.: We are a multi-disciplinary firm located in Omaha, Nebraska offering land development planning and engineering, airport and roadway transportation engineering, construction administration, geographic information systems (GIS) products, and surveying services nationwide.

Environmental Design Specialist

Lamp, Rynearson & Associates, Inc., Omaha, NE

Job Duties: Prepare Environmental Assessments; Obtain Environmental Permits (Corps. of Engineers, NDEQ, EPA, etc...); Act as technical resource for project teams in one or more of the following areas: Wetlands Design; Stormwater Detention Cell Design; Erosion/Sediment Control Design; Channel Design; Stream Restoration; Sustainable Design; Landscaping Design.

Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Civil or Environmental Engineering; Ecology, Natural Resources or Environmental Science; Design experience in one or more of the following areas: Hydrology/Hydraulics, Innovative Stormwater Management, Sustainable Design, Water Quality, Wetlands Delineation, Wetlands Design, LEED Certification desired or willingness to obtain LEED Certification; Ability to work well with others; Strong verbal and written communication skills; Ability to handle and coordinate multiple tasks; and Strong problem solving skills. Apply to: Lamp, Rynearson & Associates, Inc., 14710 West Dodge Road, Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68154 fax: 402-496-2730, Gaylene.Scoggins@LRA-inc.com

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Urban Designer/Urban Planner/Landscape Architect/Architect

Full or Part-Time

Lamp, Rynearson & Associates, Inc., Omaha, NE

We are seeking a talented individual to join our growing Land Planning Team. Candidate should possess the ability to balance creative design with client and market expectations, meet deadlines and work effectively in an interactive team environment. Candidate must be self-motivated with a positive attitude and have strong graphic skills, as well as, oral and written communication skills. A degree in Urban Design, Urban Planning, Landscape Architecture, Architecture or related field is required. An emphasis on planning and designing the built environment for neighborhood, downtown, and community development with a working knowledge of architectural form and its impacts on communities is essential. A preferred candidate will possess 4-6 years experience and have a professional registration. Working knowledge of CAD is desired, but not necessary. Please submit a portfolio of work along with resume to: Lamp, Rynearson & Associates, Inc., 14710 West Dodge Road, Suite 100, Omaha, NE 68154, fax: 402-496-2730, Gaylene.Scoggins@LRA-inc.com

ONTARIO

**Urban and Regional Environmental Planning
Faculty of Environmental Studies
York University
Toronto, ON**

The Faculty of Environmental Studies (FES) at York University in Toronto invites applications for an entry level tenure stream position in Urban and Regional Environmental Planning. The appointment, effective July 1, 2006, will be at the Assistant Professor level.

The Faculty of Environmental Studies offers interdisciplinary programs leading to the degrees of Bachelor in Environmental Studies (BES), Master in Environmental Studies (MES), and a Doctor of Philosophy in Environmental Studies (PhD), including a professionally recognized graduate program, accredited by the Canadian Institute of Planners, leading to a MES (Planning) degree.

The vision statement of Planning in FES states in part: “The Faculty of Environmental Studies is hoping to contribute to the future of planning in Canada by charting new directions in sustainable community development and planning. We hope to build on our established strengths, and to delve into emergent fields of planning. This means planning for environmental sustainability, economic justice, and social equity within increasingly diverse human settlements. We hope to educate a new generation of planners to take on challenges of our global society through new and innovative strategies that promote democratic decision-making and a sustainable world.”

The successful candidate will have expertise in urban and regional planning processes and challenges at various scales in diverse settings, with emphasis on social and ecological sustainability, growth management and public involvement. S/he will teach undergraduate and graduate courses, undertake research and advise students on a broad range of environmental planning processes and challenges. Environmental planning in FES suggests a critical approach and attention to diversity, including multicultural and indigenous perspectives. Secondary areas of planning expertise may include transportation and housing. The successful candidate must be a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners or be willing and eligible to become a member. Applicants are expected to have a strong or promising scholarly record, and should hold a PhD degree or have equivalent academic or professional experience. Professional planning experience is an asset.

York University is located in metropolitan Toronto, presenting an excellent venue for research on urban, regional and environmental planning issues. The successful candidate will be expected to address interests of a multicultural and indigenous student body of a university in a large, diverse and globalized region.

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is Monday January 10, 2006. York University is an Affirmative Action Employer. The Affirmative Action Program can be found on York’s website at www.yorku.ca/acadjobs or a copy can be obtained by calling the affirmative action office at 416-736-5713. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents will be

given priority. All positions at York University are subject to final budgetary approval. A letter of application with an up-to-date curriculum vitae, a statement of research and teaching interests and three references (email address and telephone number) should be sent to: Planning Search Committee, Faculty of Environmental Studies, Room 118 HNES, York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, ON M3J 1P3. Fax: 416.736.5679 E-mail: mawhite@yorku.ca

**Environmental Landscape Design
Faculty of Environmental Studies
York University
Toronto**

The Faculty of Environmental Studies at York University in Toronto invites applications for a Contractually Limited Appointment (CLA) in the area of Environmental Landscape Design (ELD) for a term of two years commencing July 1, 2006. The Faculty of Environmental Studies adopts a broad definition of “environmental studies” including natural, built, social and organizational environments. Additional information about the Faculty of Environmental Studies can be found at <http://www.yorku.ca/fes>

The successful applicant will be expected to teach and advise students at the undergraduate and graduate levels, have a strong or promising scholarly record, have teaching experience, and have proven ability in linking action and theory. Applicants should hold a PhD degree in a relevant field or have equivalent academic or professional experience.

While the focus of the Environmental Landscape Design position is on design processes and practices, it requires a fundamental knowledge of principles of the ecology of natural systems and/or social interactions with the built environment. Environmental Landscape Design in FES suggests a critical approach and attention to diversity, including multicultural and indigenous perspectives. The candidate should have a substantial expertise in environmental landscape design (or landscape architecture) practice and research, notably in the fields of ecological restoration, landscape ecology, and landscape construction. The candidate must have a solid knowledge of conventional and alternative practices, as well as experience in different scopes and scales of projects. Knowledge of design and image processing software is preferable. Membership, or willingness to become a member, of the Ontario Association of Landscape Architects and the Ontario Professional Planners Institute, is an asset.

The deadline for receipt of completed applications is Monday January 10, 2005. York University is an Affirmative Action Employer. The Affirmative Action Program can be found on York’s website at www.yorku.ca/acadjobs or a copy can be obtained by calling the affirmative action office at 416-736-5713. All qualified candidates are encouraged to apply; however, Canadian citizens and Permanent Residents will be given priority. Temporary entry for citizens of the U.S.A. and Mexico may apply per the provisions of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). All positions at York University are subject to final budgetary approval.

A letter of application with an up-to-date curriculum vitae, a statement of research and teaching interests and three references (email address and telephone number) should be sent to: ELD Search Committee, Faculty of Environmental Studies, Room 118 HNES,

York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, ON, M3J 1P3. Fax: 416. 736.5679 E-mail: mawhite@yorku.ca

**Healthy and Sustainable Cities
Faculty of Environmental Studies
York University
Toronto, ON**

The Faculty of Environmental Studies (FES) at York University, Toronto, invites applications for a tenure track position at the Assistant Professor level in Healthy and Sustainable Cities to start July 1, 2006. Candidates must hold a PhD degree in a relevant field by the time of appointment or have equivalent academic or professional experience.

The Faculty of Environmental Studies defines the field of healthy/sustainable cities broadly and we welcome candidates from diverse disciplines. We invite applicants with expertise in areas such as environmental diagnostics, sustainable infrastructure, urban vulnerability, urban ecology, ecosystem health, public health, food security, or urban environmental planning and management; other specialties are welcome. Regardless of specialty, the ability to link theory and practice is of considerable importance. We are primarily interested in applicants who work within broad ecological and social justice frameworks. Experience in international settings and the ability to support one or more of the Faculty's certificate and diploma programs will also be assets.

FES is a unique interdisciplinary Faculty that adopts a broad definition of “environmental studies” including natural, built, social and organizational environments, and welcomes diverse perspectives and approaches. Duties of this position include teaching in our undergraduate and graduate programs and supervision of graduate students. Candidates for this position must provide evidence of a commitment to excellence in teaching and a strong research potential. More information about the Faculty of Environmental Studies is available at www.yorku.ca/fes

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A letter of application with an up-to-date curriculum vitae, a statement of research and teaching interests and the names of three referees (email address and telephone number) should be sent to the address below by Monday, January 16, 2006. All positions at York University are subject to budgetary approval.

Healthy and Sustainable Cities Search Committee, Faculty of Environmental Studies, Room 118 HNES, York University, 4700 Keele Street, Toronto, ON M3J 1P3. Fax: 416. 736.5679 E-mail: mawhite@yorku.ca

**Senior Planner
Long Range/Policy Division
City of Surrey
Surrey, BC**

Qualifications: Considerable experience and expertise to undertake complex planning projects and to lead and supervise other Planners and Planning Assistants. You will assist in guiding the growth and development of the community by contributing to policy initiatives that shape the future of Surrey. Responsibilities include preparing and updating Local Area Plans, liaising with a range of stakeholders on various planning matters, responding to enquiries from Council, and researching and reporting on complex and comprehensive policy development projects.

You possess a degree in Planning or a related discipline with supplementary courses recognized by the Canadian Institute of Planners as fulfilling the requirements for membership. You have at least five years experience in the planning profession after a Master's Degree or seven years experience in the planning profession after a Bachelor's Degree; public sector and supervisory experience are preferable. You have the ability to communicate effectively, have strong policy development background, experience in managing development applications, well-developed public relations skills, and skill to perform a wide range of research and analysis on varying planning related issues. Membership in the Canadian Institute of Planners is desirable and knowledge of inner city and redevelopment issues would be considered an asset.

For full posting details & contact information visit:

<http://www.pibc.bc.ca/classified/index.php?action=listings&catid=24>

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Award for Best Masters Thesis

The National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education at the University of Maryland will grant one award in the amount of \$1000 for the best masters thesis focused on urban growth and development issues. The committee seeks a thesis that is original, well written, employs appropriate analytic methods, and offers lessons relevant to one of the key pillars of the NCSG's scholarship including: land use and environment, transportation and public health, housing and community development, and international urban development. Students from a variety of disciplines are encouraged to apply, including but not limited to: urban planning, public policy, civil engineering, public and community health, economics and finance, and political science.

One copy of the thesis abstract must be sent by Feb. 15, 2006 via email to the committee chair with a cover letter stating the intent to submit a thesis for the Smart Growth award. On June 1, 2006, three copies of the table of contents, the introductory and concluding chapters, and a letter of recommendation from the student's academic advisor should be sent to the thesis committee for review. After an initial review, the committee will request a copy of the full thesis from the finalists. These materials should be sent to: Kelly J. Clifton, Urban Studies and Planning Program, National Center for Smart Growth, Preinkert Field House, Ste. 1112, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20741, kclifton@umd.edu, <http://www.smartgrowth.umd.edu>

Congress for the New Urbanism 2006 Charter Awards

Sponsored by the Congress for the New Urbanism, the annual Charter Awards set the gold standard for urban design and development. Instead of recognizing projects in isolation, the Charter Awards honor exceptional designs that complement, enhance or even repair their built and natural environments. Winning projects serve as powerful examples for future development. Each year CNU convenes a jury of the highest caliber to review submissions and select the winning entries that best embody and advance the principles of the Charter of the New Urbanism. In 2006, jury members include foremost urbanists such as designers Leon Krier, Jacque Robertson, and Barbara Littenberg, and development analyst Todd Zimmerman. CNU is now welcoming professional submissions in three categories: The Region: Metropolis, City, and Town; The Neighborhood, District, and Corridor; and The Block, Street, and Building. Student/faculty submissions are welcome in all three categories. Submissions deadline: January 31, 2006. Visit <http://www.cnu.org/awards2006> for further information and entry forms. Visit <http://www.cnu.org/awards2006/students.html> for information on the student/faculty awards. The Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) is the leading organization advancing human-scaled walkable neighborhoods, cities, and towns. In its 13-year history, CNU has helped shape a national conversation about the consequences of formless growth and has advanced an alternate vision for community development and regional sustainability based on the Charter of the New Urbanism.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Advanced Project New Blog

Advanced Project has launched a new blog designed to keep people informed “on the latest racial justice issues such as: voting rights, educational opportunities, immigrant rights, criminal justice, economic justice and policing” – www.justdemocracyblog.org

Online Discussion on Inclusionary Zoning

Nearly 200 affordable housing leaders from across the country met in Washington, DC October 5-7 to talk about inclusionary zoning, one of the most promising tools available for creating mixed-income communities and offering housing choices for American families. PolicyLink is launching this online discussion tool as a way to continue to share information and strategies that emerged from the event and that can help win and expand inclusionary zoning. (Go to http://listserver.policylink.org/cgi-bin/mailman/listinfo/inclusionary_housing to join.)

Finding housing that is affordable, safe, and that provides access to opportunity is one of the biggest challenges facing families, especially in low-income communities and communities of color. City and suburban officials and community leaders across the country are adopting inclusionary zoning ordinances—often as the result of advocacy efforts by residents—to make affordable housing available to residents at a wide variety of income levels, often serving extremely low- to moderate-income households.

Inclusionary zoning is being used as an important local housing tool to preserve and create mixed-income communities in hundreds of cities throughout the nation—including Boston, New York, San Diego, and San Francisco—and has secured tens of

thousands of units of affordable housing as a result. The online discussion provides a way to learn from your peers about how to develop an IZ policy that balances community needs for affordable housing with the needs of developers to realize a return on investment.

- In gentrifying neighborhoods, affordable units provided by IZ can prevent displacement of longtime residents.
- In new and growing neighborhoods, IZ can ensure that affordability becomes part of the area's long-term plans.
- In expensive neighborhoods, IZ can provide housing opportunities for moderate-income families who may work there, but wouldn't otherwise be able to live there.

Be part of the conversation and enjoy these benefits: The latest news on inclusionary housing advances; a virtual help line from your expert peers; inspiring strategies about what works in other communities that could help yours

Join the list for highlights from the Inclusionary Housing conference. For PolicyLink resources on inclusionary zoning and affordable housing, visit <http://www.policylink.org/Projects/IZ/>. For more information, contact: Kalima Rose, Associate Director, PolicyLink, kröse@policylink.org, 510-663-2333

MISCELLANEOUS

Camp Fire USA is one of the nation's leading not-for-profit youth development organizations, currently serving nearly 750,000 boys and girls. Its programs are non-exclusionary (unlike the Boys and Girls Scouts) and coeducational. Founded in 1910, Camp Fire USA's outcome-based programs include youth leadership, self-reliance, after school groups, academic skill development, camping and environmental education. Camp Fire has chapters around the US, which can be found at this link: http://www.campfireusa.org/council_locator/ and they are always looking for volunteers. Different chapters have different missions. The Oakland, California chapter, for example, serves over 300 poor, at-risk youth in a public housing development. If you are interested in supporting the mission in Oakland by providing a donation or sponsoring particular opportunities for particular youth (e.g. going to camp or another special opportunity), you can contact James Gray, Board Member, at talktojames@ameritech.net