The Network’s New Look

Keen PN readers will notice a few style changes this issue, the first published in the fashion capital of the world. The color of the paper has changed from buff to white, which has nothing to do with November’s election results. PN is now printed by a reasonably-priced union printer in Camden, NJ that uses white recycled paper. We’ve introduced more subject categories and placed Networker updates up front. Any reactions or suggestions for other changes?

Next issue, look for a feature on environmental justice. Among the thank-yous in the last edition, we neglected to mention Bob Beauregard for his years of editing the PN special feature.

Networker Comments/Updates

☐ PN DREAMS/ENVIRONMENTAL CITY LIVING. Rachel Stark writes: “I think PN knits together a lot of important strands: city planning, community activism, housing, environment, economic equity, architecture, transportation, land use, progressive strategic planning, the politics of zoning, diversity, quality of life, quality of community, farming, co-ops, et. al. I, for one, really like the broad range of topics PN addresses and hope you preserve that or even expand it. I’d like to see more that goes beyond ‘business-as-usual’ in planning, housing, land use and activism. Let’s dream as big as we can!” Rachel also enclosed “Eco-City,” an annotated bibliography, and other articles on environmental city living in Massachusetts. To request copies, write Rachel Stark, 47 Webster St. Malden, MA 02148.

☐ HOUSING/HOMELESS/SOUTHWEST NEW YORK. Dan Carr (Genesis House, 107 South Barry St., P.O. Box 139, Olean, NY 14760; 767/373-3354) writes: “Here in rural southwestern New York I’ve worked the last eight years for nonprofit housing and community development groups, fixing homes, creating apartments for very low-income families, seniors, the homeless, adult residential care, first-time homebuyers, and promoting safe, decent, and affordable housing. We’ve been successful in multi-agency collaborative efforts for housing, employment, family unity, and special projects. Now seven congregations have hired me as the first executive director of Genesis House, a homeless shelter for families. We are finishing up construction and creating a volunteer network for start-up, set for the new year. The non-profit housing work had isolated me into writing grants, administering programs, and speaking mainly with bureaucrats and officials, and fewer and fewer people. I’ll still be doing the above, plus a bigger dose of working with families. Genesis House can also bring a spiritual dimension to this work.”

☐ INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. We heard from Steve Fahrer (Progressive Asset Management, 1814 Franklin St., 7th Fl., Oakland, CA 94612; 510/834-3722; 800/786-2998): “I have been working on several international economic development projects, primarily raising capital for worker-owned cooperatives and businesses. I have a 20-minute video on one of the Central America projects. The newsletter has been a valuable tool for me over the years—as an advocate and organizer for affordable housing and tenants in Boston, as a funder, and as someone interested in what’s being written and researched on housing.”

☐ NEWS FROM HONDURAS. Theresa Kilbane (c/o CHF Honduras, IMC-TGU #290, P.O. Box 02-5320, Miami, FL 33102-5320) writes us from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, where she has been living for the last two years. “I am working for the Cooperative Housing Foundation (CHF) as their Country

Planners Network ALERT!

“Wise Use” Movement Threatens Planning, Environmental and Other Regulations

Land use regulations are under attack from the “wise use” movement. These groups are promoting what has come to be known a “takings” legislation at the state and federal levels. Their goal is to dismantle government regulations that infringe upon the unrestrained use of private property. Takings advocates seek to eliminate important environmental regulations—including land-use and zoning—that protect our communities.

To counter the misinformation, the American Planning Association recently released a campaign packet on the “takings” issues titled “Protect Planning and Land Use Regulations: Stop Takings Measures from Becoming Law.” The packet includes information and fact sheets explaining the takings (wise use) movement and its implications for planning. Takings measures, if enacted into law, threaten planning, affordable housing, health and safety, environment, civil rights, property values and more.

For a copy of the packet and/or more information, call Craig Fiel, Government Affairs Associate, American Planning Association, at 202/872-0612, fax 202/872-0643, or write him at APA, 1776 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20036-1904.
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- CITYNET, Univ. of Indiana Nursing School: WHO-Collaborating Center in Healthy Cities (317/274-0265, fax 317/274-2285). Offers conference and training materials and consultations.
- Healthy Boston: A partnership administered through the city Dept. of Health and the Mayor's interagency task force (617/635-3140, fax 617/635-3496). Its neighborhood coalitions bring together large private-sector institutions, government agencies and - as at least one-third of their participants - neighborhood resident organizations, with a view to creating health care market policy. "How to" educational services are delivered "to communities and neighborhoods."
- With citywide community outreach and consecutive small grants, it enrolls community groups like the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative in Roxbury.
- The Council on Living Standards, National Association for Public Health Hospitals and EDs, 424 S. Alexander Avenue, Washington, DC 20010, 703/730-1110. The largest and most comprehensive organization of all, sponsoring an annual meeting each year.

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Economic and Community Development

- **COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS, Steven E. Mayer is the author of the 222-page Building Community Capacity: The Potential of Community Foundations (1994), which is available from Rainbow Research, 621 W. Lake St., Minneapolis, MN 55408; 612/824-0724. Copies are $20.50.


- **COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT.** In Building Communities from the Inside Out, authors John McKnight and John Kretzmann outline an approach to community reinvestment that builds on strengths, what they term "asset-based community development." From the Center for Urban Affairs and Policy Research, Northwestern University, 2040 Sheridan Rd., Evanston, IL 60208-4100; 708/491-3518. Copies are $12.

- **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DOCUMENTARY FILM.** A limited number of copies of Building Hope: Community Development in America — the PBS documentary shown last Spring — is available for educational purposes for $12.95 from the Pratt Institute Center for Community and Environmental Development (PICCED) (379 DeKalb Ave., 2nd Fl., Brooklyn, NY 11205, attn.s: Director, Institute of Urban Management, 718/363-340, PICCED also is producing case studies on the community development corporations interviewed for their oral history project. Contact Alison Drayton at PICCED for information on this.

- **DEFENSE CONVERSION/REGIONAL ECONOMICS.** Director of the Project on Regional and Industrial Economics (PRIE), sent us the project's publications list. Among other things, the project conducts research on defense conversion and defense job creation. Contact PRIE at Rutgers University, Lacy Stone Hall Room B-119, Livingston Campus, New Brunswick, NJ 08903; 908/932-4358; fax 908/932-4951.

- **Environment.**

  - **PESTICIDES.** A Pesticide Policy Reform Network has been organized by the Legal Environmental Assistance Foundation. Letter from LEAF, 1115 N. Gadusen St., Tallahas-<ref>see, FL 32303-6327; 904/681-2591.

- **COMMUNITY/ENVIRONMENT.** Alternative for Community and Environment is publishing a new newsletter, Alternative Press Contact NCFA. Send us your Boston College Law School, 88 Centre St., Newton, MA 02159.

- **ENVIRONMENTAL DIRECTORY.** People of Color Environ-<ref>mental Group Directory 1994, compiled by Robert Bullard, is available from the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation, 1320 Mott Park Blvd., Flint, MI 48502; 810/766-1766. Copies are free.

- **CHILDREN/ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS.** The summary of a national symposium held in Washington, DC March (continued on page 4)
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- The International Healthy Cities Foundation (ICH), San Francisco, CA (1/27/91).
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some of these projects appear to be living up to HCCM’s objectives, many are investing in organizing efforts in suburban health fair and split-level radon abatement. There is a need to focus more organizing on inner-city community action.

In at least some project cities, there is awareness “that the process of improving the health of the community is slow and complex; that the profound changes in social values and attitudes that are necessary are the result of a long-term commitment to a multi-faceted and broad-based process of social change.”


PN: In the Spirit of the HCCM

While many planners at the May PN national conference may not have thought of themselves as HCCM planner-organizers, the advocacy and organizing spirit of many projects that were discussed exemplify what a U.S. movement could be. Salient examples include: (1) the HealthEast Community Health Corporation in St. Paul, Minnesota, an urban neighborhood improvement organization, and the U. of Illinois U-C Action Research Project, on urban residential projects; (2) the Melrose Commons South Bronx alternative plan; (3) advocacy for the health rights of chronically ill-discriminated people by the environmental justice organizing in New York; including the struggles around the nauseatingly racist impact of a city sewage treatment plant in West Harlem, along with a South Bronx hospital’s toxic medical waste incinerator in the backyard of low-income families, and in “Brooklyn” (a book by EZ/J/EZ/CE/author. Questions have already been raised about the exclusion of South Bronx residents from in-kind services.

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The Spirit of East St. Louis

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Rubb Beach (212/663-5570) and Sid Socol’s most in-kind services in New York City-based health activists.

AIDS PROJECTS. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (College Road, P.O. Box 2316, Princeton, N.J. 08543-2316; 609/452-8701) has published a summary of some of the projects it funded related to AIDS, Making Connections: AIDS Community. Copies are free.

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- CONSERVATION FINANCE. The Trust for Public Land (TPL, National Office, 116 New Montgomery Street, 9th Fl., San Francisco, CA 94105; 415/674-7190) has published a newsletter on conservation finance. Copies are free.

- ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. The People of Color Caucus/Student Environmental Action Coalition (PSA, Box #101, Taikoma, P.O. Box 27073037; fax 202/270-3307; E-mail: Ron.A.Carter@Aol.com) has developed a newsletter on environmental issues. No price listed.


- HOUSING/BANKING. The 1993 Report on the Low-Income Housing and Community Development Activities of the Federal Home Loan Bank System (66 pp.) is available (likely free) from the Federal Home Financing Budget, 1775 F St. NW, Washington, DC 20052; 202/480-2500.


- HOUSING TRUST FUNDS. The Center for Community Change, 1400 Vermont Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005, publishes a bimonthly newsletter, News from the Housing Trust Fund Project. No price listed, but probably free.

- LIMITED EQUITY COOPS. The September 1994 issue of Landlines, the bi-monthly newsletter of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, P.O. Box 3183, Des Moines, IA 50306-0000 (800/LAND-USE) has an interesting article on "Limited Equity Cooperatives as a Source of Affordable Housing" by Thomas McGinley, Gerald Zanzoni and C.F. Sirmans. No price listed.


- MULTIMEDIA PLANNING JOURNAL. A Berkshire, Massachusetts group has released a new quarterly multimedia journal, On the Ground. Each issue covers video, slides and a magazine. The premiere issue, "Rethinking Infill Development," the magazine and video feature stories on common problems and solutions to implementing infill development. The winter edition will be on "Ecosystems and the Built Environment." Until the end of 1994, single copies of the journal are $15. For a year's subscription, your price is $24.00 from the publisher (P.O. Box 2314, Berkeley, CA 94703; 510/849-0033) and charter subscriptions are $75 with slides and $60 without.


- GEORGRAPHIC VARIATIONS/POVERTY. The GAO has issued a report, Federal Aid: Racial and Poverty Statistics Affect Fairness of Allocation Formulas (GAO/HEHS-94-165, May, 1994), on the impact of revising counts of people in poverty by adjusting the official poverty line for geographic difference on the cost of living. Available from U.S. GAO, Box 6015, Gaithersburg, MD 20884-6015. Copies are free.

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-REFERENCES. The report provides extensive references and information on the topics covered in the text. These references are essential for anyone interested in learning more about the issues discussed in the text. The report is organized in a clear and logical manner, making it easy to locate specific information. The report is written in a straightforward and accessible style, making it suitable for readers with varying levels of expertise. Overall, the report is a valuable resource for anyone interested in the topics covered, and it is highly recommended for anyone looking to gain a deeper understanding of the issues presented.
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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. The People of Color Caucus/Student Environmental Action Coalition have formed a new group called "Rain." 2201 46th Ave., Suite 200, Berkeley, CA 94704. (510) 845-5530.

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION. Urban Environmental Solutions, 2345 4th Ave., Seattle, WA 98112; 206/789-8500. No price listed.


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HOMEOWNER/CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATIONS. The Homeowner and Condominium Association Association, P.O. Box 213, Berkeley, CA 94703-2130; 510/841-6273. Price: $23.95 plus $3 shipping and handling.

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EQUITY PLANNING. Reinvesting Cities: Equity Planners Tell Their Stories, by Perny Norm Kleinholz and Pierre Cravel, is a 272-page book on equity planning including interviews with eleven urban planners in various city halls trying to implement progressive planning policies. Order from Temple University Press, Broad and Oxford Sts., Philadelphia, PA 19122; 215/204-8787. Price (paper) is $22.95.

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Race/Ethnic

□ RACIAL/CULTURAL CONFLICT. The Program for Community Problem Solving (915 15th St. NW #600, Wash., DC 20005; 202/283-2961) has a newly revised handbook titled Facing Racial and Cultural Conflict: Tools for Rebuilding Community. Copies are $24.


□ RACE/CLASS/DEVELOPMENT. Capital and Communities in Black and White: The Intersections of Race, Class, and Urban Development: A 135-page book by Gregory Squires, is available from SUNY Press, PO Box 6255, Ithaca, NY 14851; 607/277-2211. Copies are $17.95.

□ RACE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. The Trotter Review’s 30-page Spring/Summer 1994 issue is focused on "Race and Economic Development: Challenges and Prospects." It is published by the William Monroe Trotter Institute of UMass (100 Morrissey Blvd., Boston, MA 02125-3353). Subscriptions are $8 a year.

□ RACE/PLANNING. The Spring 1994 issue of the Journal of the American Planning Association has a special feature on race and planning by PFNora Teresa Córdova and Robert Mier. In the same issue there are several essays on "Paul Davidoff and Advocacy Planning in Retrospect."
The Planners Network

The Planners Network is an association of professionals, activists, academicians, and students involved in physical, social, economic, and environmental planning in urban and rural areas. It promotes effective neighborhood planning and sustainable development for the benefit of all people. The Network values a diverse membership and provides a platform for dialogue and collaboration among planners. The organization works to ensure that communities are healthy, equitable, and resilient.

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San Antonio: 210/671-3317

Lending Discrimination.

The National Community
Reinvestment Coalition is seeking a Project Director to imple- ment a national demonstration project in four communities, identifying and detecting lending discrimination and developing solutions. Resume/salary reqs. to NCRC, 1875 Conn Ave. NW #1010, Washington, DC 20009; 202/996-7475.

Transportation. The Surface Transportation Policy Project is hiring an Asst. Director for Policy and Implementa- tion and a Communications/Research Assistant. The latter pays $35,000. Resume/writing samples to: Michael Han, STPP, 1400 16th St. NW, #300, Wash., DC 20036; 202/393-3470.

Fair Housing/Connecticut. The Connecticut Housing Coalition is seeking a Project Director for its Fair Housing Center. Send resume by October 15, 1994 (although later applications may be considered until position is filled) to: Connecticut Housing Coalition, 30 Jonathan Lane, Westfield, CT 06105. Salary: $38,000-$44,500.


Nuclear Weapons. The Military Production Network is seeking an Associate Director for its work with a network of local grassroots, regional and national groups dealing with the Dept. of Energy’s nuclear weapons facilities. Letter/three refs. /6 copies each of resume and 3-6 page writing sample to: Nuclear Safety Campaign, 1914 N. 34 St. #407, Seattle, WA 98103; 206/547-3175.

SAVE THE CHILDREN STAFF. Save the Children is hiring a US Program Operations Director. Cover letter/resume to Pat Shields, Save the Children, 54 Willson Rd., Waynport, CT 06861; fax 203/221-4077.

DEAN/U-MASS. The College of Public and Community Service, U-Mass Boston is seeking a Dean. CPCF "offers a comprehensive, interdisciplinary curriculum with concentration in fields related to public and community service for 1,100 undergraduate and graduate adult learners." Nominations and applications to: Rick Hodes, Center, U-Mass, 100 Merriam Blvd., Boston, MA 02125-3933.

FOOD POLICY ANALYST. The Food Research and Action Center is seeking a Policy Analyst (high $20s). Letter/resume writing sample to: FS/FRAC, 1875 Conn Ave. NW #540, Washington, DC 20009; 202/966-2260.

FOUNDER/DIRECTOR. The Foundation is seeking an Executive Director. Contact them at 666 Broadway #500, NYC, NY 10012.

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Grants and Awards

☐ BANNERMAN FELLOWSHIPS. The Charles Bannerman Memorial Fellowships honor outstanding activists of color and give them an opportunity to reflect on their work. $15,000 stipends for sabbaticals of three months or more are offered. Applications, due Dec. 1, from the program, 1627 Lancaster St., Baltimore, MD 21231; 410/327-6220.

☐ LEGAL. Seed money grants for law-related public interest projects are available from the Public Interest Law Foundation (NYU Law School, 240 Mercer St., NYC, NY 10012; 212/998-6572). Proposal deadline is Jan. 27, awards are announced mid-April, funding begins July 1.

☐ HOUSING ORGANIZING. The Discount Foundation gives small grants, with emphasis on expanding the availability of decent housing to low-income people through community education/organizing, citizen empowerment and participation in local, regional and national coalitions. Grants only given in certain states. Applications due by Dec. 31 to Susan Chinn at the foundation, 30 Winter St., 10th Fl., Boston, MA 02108-4720; 617/426-7471.

☐ STERN GRANTS. The Stern Family Fund has established a new innovative grant program to support “Public Interest Pioneers” who create cutting-edge projects to curb government and corporate abuses. Start-up grants of up to $100,000 will be awarded. Concept papers are due by Jan. 4. The Fund will also make strategic grants to projects and organizations at critical junctures in their development. Guidelines from the Fund, PO Box 1590, Arlington, VA 22210-0890; fax 703/527-5775.

☐ NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS. The Social Compact is a new initiative from the financial services industry that, among other activities, makes annual Neighborhood Nonprofit Partnership awards to further the work of effective housing and community development organizations. Contact Lynn Whiteside, Social Compact, 5335 Wisconsin Ave. NW #750, Washington, DC 20015; 202/686-9190.

☐ URBAN ENVIRONMENT. Applications for the biannual Ruby Bruner Award for Excellence in the Urban Environment are due December 2. The $50,000 award recognizes urban places that successfully reconcile social, economic and aesthetic values through the development process. For information and application forms contact The Bruner Foundation, 560 Broadway, Suite 507, New York, NY 10012; 212/334-9844; fax 212/334-9842.

Conferences

☐ RURAL HOUSING. The Housing Assistance Council is holding a National Rural Housing Conference Dec. 5-7 in Washington, DC. Information from HAC, 1025 Vermont Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20005; 202/842-8600.

☐ MAKING CITIES LIVABLE. The 17th International Making Cities Livable Conference — which will have a special focus on “New Urban Neighborhoods” — will be held in Freiburg, Germany September 5-9, 1995. Exhibit descriptions (200-300 words) and paper abstracts (200 words) due December 1, 1994 to: Suzanne H. Crowhurst Lennard, Ph.D (Arch.), Conference Organizer, IMCL Conference, P.O. Box 7586, Carmel, CA 93921; 408/626-9080; fax 408/624-5126.

☐ LABOR/ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE. The New York City Labor and Environment Network (150 West 28th St. Suite 1501, N.Y. 10001; 212/714-8005) is sponsoring the NYC Labor and Environmental Justice Conference on February 4, 1995. Participants include Tony Mazzochi and Lois Gibbs.

☐ ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONALS. The 20th annual meeting of the National Association of Environmental Professionals will be held June 10-13, 1995 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. Among the several sessions will be one focusing upon environmental justice/equity issues. Contact: Shelley Cohen, Conference Committee, NAEP, 5165 MacArthur Boulevard, N.W., Washington, DC 20016-3315.

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