



# Growth Management Services

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The Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development (CTED) invests in Washington's communities, businesses and families to build a healthy and prosperous future.

### Greetings!

Welcome to the Planners Update, an electronic newsletter from CTED's Growth Management Services program. We will be sending this newsletter at least monthly to share helpful information related to planning in Washington state. We hope the electronic format will allow you to quickly review the information and choose those topics for which you would like more detail.

Please feel free to send us any comments or ideas for how to make this newsletter more useful. You can also use the link below to provide additional names of planners who might like to receive this newsletter in the future.

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## Planner's Update: News That Planners Can Use

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### Growth Management Survey

CTED's Growth Management Services program welcomes your comments and suggestions for how we can better assist Washington counties and cities planning efforts. As we prepare for the new state fiscal biennium (July 2007 - June 2009), we will be seeking input from local government planning directors and elected officials on how we can improve our service and programs. We hope you will take a few moments to complete an electronic survey we will be sending you later this month to help us design a work program that will best meet your needs in the coming two years.

Thanks in advance for your candid comments and constructive suggestions as you respond to this survey! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Managing Director Leonard Bauer, [leonardb@cted.wa.gov](mailto:leonardb@cted.wa.gov)

## Audio Conference Training Series

### Growth Management Services

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### Audio Conference Training Series

### Inclusionary Housing

May 23, 2007 - 1:00 p.m. â€”  
2:30 p.m.

Third in the series:

### Inclusionary Housing

Many local governments and some states have turned to an inclusionary housing program as a solution to the affordable housing crisis facing communities. Learn about the successes and pitfalls of this tool as well as which approach works best: mandatory or voluntary. Experts discuss the legal mandates and program standards necessary to ensure implementation in your community.

Learn from case studies and gain knowledge on how to build support for inclusionary housing from developers, residents, and local officials. Speakers will provide case studies and assessments of planning techniques. This program is technical in nature and is aimed at the practicing planner.

All trainings will be held at  
CTEDâ€™s offices  
906 Columbia Street SW  
in Olympia

Time after the audio conference  
is reserved for discussion.

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## A New Report on the Missing Link between Land-use and Water Planning

Historically, land-use and water planning have occurred separately from one another. Water is allocated by state agencies, and land-use planning is done by local officials.

A [recently released report](#) by [The University of Montanaâ€™s Public Policy Research Institute](#) describes this problem as a â€œgovernance gapâ€• â€” a lack of integration in decision making processes and a failure to examine and communicate the consequences of both land-use and water decisions at various levels of government.

The report provides background on the governance gap between water and land-use planning, summarizes emerging strategies to better integrate the two, and suggests options to improve land-use and water governance to address the pressures of growth while ensuring sustainable water supplies for the future.

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## Spring 2007 Planner Forums

### Eastern Washington

April 18, 2007 9:00 am â€” 3:00 pm  
Best Western Lake Inn, Moses Lake

For more information, contact Ted Gage at  
[tedg@cted.wa.gov](mailto:tedg@cted.wa.gov) or call (360) 725-3049

### Northwest Washington

April 18, 2007 9:00 am â€” 12:00 pm  
Harbor Center Conference Room, Bellingham

For more information, contact Doug Peters at [douglasp@cted.wa.gov](mailto:douglasp@cted.wa.gov)  
or call (360) 725-3046

### Southwest Washington

April 19, 2007 9:00 am â€” 1:00 pm  
Firstenburg Community Center, Vancouver

For more information, contact Ted Gage at  
[tedg@cted.wa.gov](mailto:tedg@cted.wa.gov) or call (360) 725-3049

### Olympic Peninsula

April 20, 2007 9:00 am â€” 3:00 pm  
Norm Dicks Government Center, Bremerton

For more information, contact Tim Gates at [timg@cted.wa.gov](mailto:timg@cted.wa.gov) or  
call (360) 725-3058

The forums provides an opportunity for planners, planning commissioners and elected officials to talk informally about local issues, share ideas, and receive updates from state and federal agencies whose work impacts land use.

Please RSVP to (360) 725-3000  
or e-mail [janu@cted.wa.gov](mailto:janu@cted.wa.gov)

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### **Model Washington State Parks Land Use Regulations**

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission owns and manages park lands in 37 of the 39 Counties and over a dozen cities in the State of Washington. Under the 1990 Growth Management Act and the 1971 Shoreline Management Act, counties and cities have authority to regulate uses on State Parks lands through their land use codes. All such jurisdictions have done so.

Over the past 20 or so years, the complexity and diverse nature of local government land use regulations has multiplied. During that same period, public interest and participation in State Parks's planning and development projects has increased dramatically. These two factors have resulted in a significant increase in time and cost to complete essential parks projects, frequent duplication in public participation and review processes, and frustration on the part of State Parks's stakeholders in the agency's capacity to implement the objectives of the State Legislature, the Governor, and the agency's own Commission.

Part of the cause of these time extensions, process duplications and cost increases, is a lack of clear communication between State Parks and local governments about the changing nature of parks and the vast array of facilities and activities now carried out in the State Parks system. State Parks staff is taking affirmative steps to change that.

Parks staff has developed model regulatory language for consideration by local governments. Starting in April, Parks staff will be making presentations at all quarterly regional planning forums convened by CTED's Growth Management staff. At the presentations, Parks staff will describe trends in park management and facilities, propose model definitions and use regulations for local government consideration, and respond to questions and suggestions from planners.

To get more information on this initiative, including the model language, please contact Chris Regan, Environmental Program Manager, Washington State Parks at (360) 902-8632 or [chris.regan@parks.wa.gov](mailto:chris.regan@parks.wa.gov)

## Quick Links

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<http://www.smartgrowth.org/>

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## APA Briefing Papers: "How Cities Use Parks"

The American Planning Association's City Parks Forum is dedicated to providing information on how healthy parks are fundamental to many aspects of community prosperity. These include improving economic health and vitality, reducing crime, improving public physical and mental health, creating a strong sense of community, supporting overall quality of life ... the list is quite long. All these issues are important to communities across the country, and to those both in and outside the parks profession.

While these benefits are understood broadly, they have not been compiled and presented in a way that explicitly shows these relationships. The City Parks Forum has produced a series of briefing papers on "How Cities Use Parks For â€¦" to meet this specific need. Our hope is that this series helps to support mayors, their parks advisors, private sector parks advocates, planners, and others in promoting parks and ensuring an urban parks legacy across the country. For more information visit APA Web site at <http://www.planning.org/cpf/briefingpapers.htm>

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