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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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Key Planning-Related Bills Approved by 2007 Legislature

The Washington State Legislature completed a very busy 2007 session April 22. Legislators approved a number of bills related to planning and growth management issues, and sent them to Governor Gregoire for her signature. The Governor must sign or veto all bills by May 15.

Below is a quick listing of bills Growth Management Services has been tracking, including key provisions in the proposed 2007-2009 state budget. You can view the entire text of any bill by selecting the "Bill Search" tab at <http://www1.leg.wa.gov/legislature>. The final state operating budget, capital budget, and transportation budget for 2007-2009 can be viewed at <http://leap.leg.wa.gov/leap/budget/detail/proposals.asp> (click on "Conference" for the budget you wish to view). Please feel free to contact Growth Management Services at (360) 725-3000 if you have questions about the affect of any of these bills on your city or county.

Agricultural Lands

EHB 1648 - Increasing protections for agricultural operations
EHB 5108 - Creating the Office of Farmland Preservation
SSB 5248 - Three-year "time-out" on adopting or amending critical areas ordinances affecting existing agricultural activities in rural or designated agricultural lands, during which WSU-UW Ruckelshaus Center convenes stakeholder process seeking agreement and producing report to 2010 Legislature

Economic Development

2SHB 1277 - Modifying and extending the local infrastructure financing tool (LIFT) program
SHB 1458 - Requiring notice to property owners before condemnation decisions
SHB 1965 - Clarifying requirements for designating master planned locations for major industrial developments outside of urban growth areas.
2SSB 5445 - Creating community revitalization partnership program for state's most economically distressed areas
ESB 5508 - Providing for economic development permitting and prioritizing local governments who provide certain information on permit processes for state funding programs

Environment

HB 1412 - Providing for a one-year extension for shoreline master program updates
EHB 1413 - Changing the definition of floodway in the shoreline management act
ESSB 5372 - Creating the Puget Sound Partnership

Forest Lands

2SSB 5883 - Replacing six-year building moratorium with a notice of conversion from the Department of Natural Resources to the local government and Department of Ecology for any property owner failing to properly declare a conversion on a forest practices application.
SHB 1409 - Modifying the process for transferring jurisdiction from Department of Natural Resources to local governments over forest practices involving forest land conversion

Housing

E2SHB 1359 - Creating an "affordable housing for all" program, including dedicated document recording fee for program administration, housing and shelter assistance for homeless persons.

Miscellaneous

2SHB 1636 - Directing CTED to work with Puget Sound Regional Council and stakeholder groups to establish a process for creating a regional transfer of development rights program in Kitsap, King, Pierce and Snohomish Counties.
SSB 5089 - Conforming Washington's tax structure to the national streamlined sales and use tax agreement. Changes sales and use tax sourcing provisions from place of origin to place of destination, and provides mitigation to impacted local governments.

Budget

Audio Conference Training Series

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Audio Conference Training Series

Inclusionary Housing

May 23, 2007 - 1:00 p.m. - 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 CTED's offices
906 Columbia Street SW
in Olympia

Time after the audio conference is reserved for discussion.

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

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Buildable Lands - Restores state grant funding for buildable lands jurisdictions

Pilot Transfer of Development Rights Program - Pilot program for purchase or transfer of development rights from small forest landowners so they can keep their land in active forest management.

Growth Management Study - Funds study by CTED on improving the effectiveness of the Growth Management Act. Specifies certain topics to be included in the study.

Community Land Trusts - Funds establishment of a program to build capacity of nonprofit community land trusts.

Regional Transfer of Development Rights - Funds implementation of 2SHB 1636

2007 Farmland Preservation Grants Workshop Washington Wildlife and Recreation Program

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation (IAC) will host a workshop for individuals interested in WWRP Farmland Preservation grants. Pending final approval of the state budget, IAC plans to accept grant applications this year. These grants are open to city and county agencies that wish to preserve viable farmland or to enhance the ability of preserved farmland to provide agricultural production.

Letter of Intent

A Letter of Intent gives IAC an idea on the number and types of projects that might be submitted during each grants cycle. It does not obligate an applicant in any way, but it does alert staff to the possibility that your agency may submit a grant proposal.

If you are thinking about submitting a grant application, please complete a Letter of Intent form: http://www.iac.wa.gov/LOI_fpp_form.asp for each application you intend to submit.

Print the screen before hitting the submit button to keep a copy for your records. Once you hit submit, you will see a confirmation on the screen (not an e-mail). If you are unable to attend the workshop and you are interested in submitting a grant proposal, please let us know so we can make sure you have all of the information needed to submit a grant application in time for the July 2, 2007 deadline.

Draft Agricultural Easement For Review Soliciting comments

The Interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation's (IAC) Farmland Preservation Program provides grants to cities and counties to preserve farmland through acquisition of development rights. This is accomplished through the purchase of an agricultural conservation easement from willing landowners. In order to provide accountability for the investment of public dollars in the preservation of farmland, IAC has developed a model agricultural conservation easement to be used by grant recipients. The model easement contains some sections that grant recipients will be required to use, and other sections that are optional or will vary on a case-by-case basis.

IAC has developed an example of a completed easement based

on the proposed model using a fictitious farm. This can be found on IAC's Web site, along with information on the proposed changes to Manual 10f - Farmland Preservation Program: Policies and Project Selection. Look for information in the right-hand News column.

Summer 2007 Planner Forums

Eastern Washington

July 18, 2007 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Best Western Lake Inn, Moses Lake

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

Northwest Washington

July 25, 2007 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Mount Vernon

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

Southwest Washington

July 19, 2007 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Stevenson

For more information, contact Valerie Grigg Devis at valeriegd@cted.wa.gov or call (360) 725-3065

Olympic Peninsula

July 20, 2007 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Port Townsend

For more information, contact Tim Gates at ting@cted.wa.gov or call (360) 725-3058

The forums provide 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.

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Safe Routes to School Best Practices Summit: Building Safe and Active Communities

Wednesday, May 23rd 2007

Lynnwood Convention Center - Lynnwood, Washington

This **FREE** event will include speakers and workshops for all Safe Routes to School stakeholders, including:

- families
- schools members (teachers, administrators transportation planners)
- design and public planning professionals
- public health officials
- public safety officials

For full summit details and to register, go to our website: <http://www.saferoutes-wa.org/>. Space is limited, so register now!

The Safe Routes to School Summit is being held in conjunction with the first Annual Healthy Schools Summit beginning May 22nd at the same location. Educators from around the state will be in attendance. To register for the May 22nd events, go to <http://www.psesd.org/>.

The Center for Safe Routes to School in Washington is a partnership between the Bicycle Alliance of Washington and Feet First. For more information, contact info@saferoutes-wa.org or visit our website <http://www.saferoutes-wa.org/>

Historic Building Rehabilitation Forum

The Washington Association of Building Officials has partnered with the State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation and the State Building Code Council to host a discussion about code issues and questions that arise when historic buildings are updated or adapted to new uses. For information regarding the May 15, 2007, forum on the International Existing Building Code and how it applies to the rehabilitation of historic buildings in your community visit <http://www.wabo.org/>

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