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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 Planner's Update, an electronic newsletter from CTED's Growth Management Services program. We send this newsletter 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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## GMA Competitive Grant Application Due Soon

Applications for 2007-2009 Competitive GMA Grants must be submitted to CTED no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, September 17, 2007.

Information and application forms are available at:  
[www.cted.wa.gov/site/378/default.aspx](http://www.cted.wa.gov/site/378/default.aspx)

For more information about CTED's Competitive GMA Planning Grants, please contact the GMA Competitive Grants coordinator at (360) 725-3051 or E-mail: <mailto:gmsgroups@cted.wa.gov>

## Housing Washington 2007 Conference

The state's largest affordable housing conference will take place September 9 -11 at the Spokane Convention Center.

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual affordable housing conference will focus on "Facing the future together." This year's keynote speakers are:

- Futurist Glen Hiemstra.
- Matt Petersen, president and CEO of Global Green USA.
- Tony Salazar, president of West Coast Division, McCormack Baron Salazar.
- Juan Williams, senior correspondent for National Public Radio, a political analyst for Fox Television, and a regular panelist for FoxNews Sunday.

## GMA Administrative Guidelines Update Project

When the Growth Management Act (GMA) was passed, the legislature directed CTED to develop a series of administrative guidelines to help local governments interpret and implement the Growth Management Act. These guidelines were adopted under the Administrative Procedures Act in 1991-1992 as WAC [365-190](#) and [365-195](#).

During the 2007-2009 Biennium, CTED will be reviewing and adopting updates to these administrative guidelines. This process will be complete by June of 2009. This process will not include WAC 365-197, Project Consistency, or WAC 365-195-900, Best Available Science, adopted in 2000.

CTED plans to conduct the process in three phases:

- Initial scoping will occur in 2007. Look for listening sessions this fall.
- CTED will adopt minor, housekeeping changes in 2008.
- A second phase consisting of more substantial changes will be adopted in early 2009.
- CTED intends to complete the process before jurisdictions must start work on the next round of comprehensive plan and development regulation updates, due in 2011.

For more information, go to: [www.cted.wa.gov/site/1043/default.aspx](http://www.cted.wa.gov/site/1043/default.aspx)  
or contact Dave Andersen at <mailto:davida@cted.wa.gov>

## Announcing the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Governor's Smart Communities Awards For 2007

Nominations for the 2007 Governor's Smart Communities Awards must be postmarked by 5 p.m. August 16. Don't miss out on your chance to get your community's best work recognized.

The program recognizes outstanding work by local governments and their partners on growth management and community development. Excellent work is occurring around the state, and this awards program highlights those successes.

Forms needed to submit Governor's Smart Communities Awards Nomination:

[Request for Nominations - Categories and Criteria](#)  
[Nomination Form - Cover page and checklist for nomination packet](#)

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## DNR Publishes New Forest Practices Handbook

*Forest Practices Illustrated*, a new handbook from the Washington

Conference highlights include a VIP welcome reception with exhibitors, and the annual *Friend of Housing* awards at the historic Davenport Hotel. For more information, visit: [www.wshfc.org/conf](http://www.wshfc.org/conf) or e-mail [conf@wshfc.org](mailto:conf@wshfc.org).

Please inquire about sponsorship, exhibit space, and scholarships.

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## Rails to Trails Conference

Trail Link 2007 Conference in Portland August 8-10. The theme is Active Transportation "with a long list of distinguished speakers." [www.railtrails.org/](http://www.railtrails.org/)

Department of Natural Resources, is now available at: [www.dnr.wa.gov/forestpractices/illustrated](http://www.dnr.wa.gov/forestpractices/illustrated).

This book is designed to help forest owners, loggers, and others better understand forest practices rules and how they protect public resources, such as fish, water, wildlife, and state and municipal capital improvements. In it, you'll find commonly encountered rules, with photographs and illustrations that show what these operations look like. The handbook is downloadable as an entire book or in chapters.

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## Pipeline Maps Available

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) maintains maps which show the routes of hazardous liquid pipelines and high-pressure natural gas pipelines that meet the needs of first responders and local governments. The UTC offers free map atlases by county to interested fire departments, emergency management agencies, and local governments on request e-mail: [pipelinesafety@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:pipelinesafety@wutc.wa.gov).

The UTC also provides a stripped down version of these maps for five counties as part of a demonstration project on its Web site at:

[www.utc.wa.gov/webimage.nsf/0/a8cf458d248f31f0882572200075afb6](http://www.utc.wa.gov/webimage.nsf/0/a8cf458d248f31f0882572200075afb6)

For more information on land use planning near gas pipelines, see [www.utc.wa.gov/pipeline](http://www.utc.wa.gov/pipeline)

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## Using Smart Growth Techniques as Stormwater Best Management Practices

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency](http://www.epa.gov) has published *Using Smart Growth Techniques as Stormwater Best Management Practices*, part of a series of primers on smart growth. The goal of this document is to help communities that have adopted smart growth policies and plans recognize the water benefits of those smart growth techniques and suggest ways to integrate those policies into stormwater planning and compliance. Taking credit for the work a community is already doing can be a low-cost and practical approach to meeting water quality goals and regulatory commitments.

Examples of smart growth techniques and approaches covered in this publication include:

- Regional planning
- Infill development
- Redevelopment policies
- Special development districts
- Tree and canopy programs
- Parking policies to reduce the number of spaces needed or the footprint of the lot
- "Fix It First" infrastructure policies
- Smart growth street designs
- Stormwater utilities

To download a copy of the report, visit [www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/stormwater.htm](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/stormwater.htm).

To obtain a hard copy of the report, contact EPA's National Service Center for Environmental Publications at 800 490-9198 or [ncepimal@one.net](mailto:ncepimal@one.net) and ask for publication No. EPA 231-B-05-002.

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### **Protecting Water Resources with Higher-Density Development**

EPA has released a new report "Protecting Water Resources with Higher-Density Development" for water quality professionals, communities, local governments, and state and regional planners who are grappling with protecting or enhancing their water resources while accommodating growing populations.

The U.S. Census Bureau projects that the U.S. population will grow by 50 million people, or approximately 18 percent, between 2000 and 2020. Many communities are asking where and how they can accommodate this growth while maintaining and improving their water resources. Some communities have interpreted water-quality research to mean that low-density development will best protect water resources. However, some water-quality experts argue that this strategy can backfire and actually harm water resources. Higher-density development, they believe, may be a better way to protect water resources. This report helps guide communities through this debate to better understand the impacts of high- and low-density development on water resources.

The report is available for downloading at [www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/water\\_density.htm](http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/water_density.htm).

For hard copies, please send an e-mail to: [ncepimal@one.net](mailto:ncepimal@one.net) or call (800) 490-9198 and request EPA publication 231-R-06-001.

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### **Planning for "Aging in Place"**

Providing citizens with a variety of housing and transportation options are just a few ways communities can help them "age in place." To assist, the Council of State Government has developed a toolkit entitled [A Blueprint for Action: Developing a Livable Community for All Ages](#).

This toolkit was created to provide local leaders with tools to build the collaborations needed to create livable communities for people of all ages. This guide is a quick-reference kit for practitioners looking for tools, resources, and best practices. It includes information based on community experiences in building local leadership and offers tools to prepare for the needs of a maturing America, drawing on the most innovative and effective practices of communities throughout the country. [http://www.aginginplaceinitiative.org/.](http://www.aginginplaceinitiative.org/)

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#### **Quick Links**

[www.cted.wa.gov/growth](http://www.cted.wa.gov/growth)

[www.mrsc.org](http://www.mrsc.org)

[www.smartgrowth.org](http://www.smartgrowth.org)

[www.planningpaw.org](http://www.planningpaw.org)

[www.washington-apa.org](http://www.washington-apa.org)

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