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|realfoodspokane.org; This one-day conference covers multiple aspects of building a regional food economy, with powerful discussions leading to more support for farm production and regional foods, more jobs, stronger policies, and better health. For more information or to register for the conference, go to; <http://www.realfoodspokane.org> | [realfoodspokane.org](http://www.realfoodspokane.org);

[2013 Urban Forest Symposium: Trees and Views](#)

|depts.washington.edu/uwbg/news/urban-forest/;The issue of trees vs. views is a contentious one, pitting view seekers against tree lovers on hillsides facing mountains and water, up and down both coasts. This symposium is entirely devoted to an in-depth look at the issue and will be of interest to communities, HOAs, municipalities, arborists, lawyers and prosecutors, planners, developers, tree advocates, and individuals dealing with this complex issue.;

Hosted by PlantAmnesty and the University of Washington Botanic Gardens, the 5th Annual Urban Forest Symposium will explore this issue on Monday, May 13, from 9am to 4pm at the Botanic Gardens Center for Urban Horticulture located at 3501 NE 41st Street in Seattle.;

To view the conference brochure and registration instructions, please

visit:;http://depts.washington.edu/uwbg/news/urban-forest|depts.washington.edu/uwbg/news/urban-forest/;

In Focus: Planning E-newsletter—Subscribe Today!

|mrsc.org;MRSC's In Focus: Planning e-newsletter is intended as an information resource for planning officials, professional staff and others with an interest in planning, community development, housing and growth management issues in Washington. We would like to extend a special invitation to APA Washington members and planning commission members throughout the state to subscribe to *In Focus: Planning*. It is one more way for you to stay informed on current planning issues affecting Washington city and county governments.;;Please take a look at a sample issue of *In Focus:*

Planning.|mrsc.org/files/planninginfocussample.htm; Then, subscribe by going to the main MRSC webpage <http://www.mrsc.org> and clicking on the e-News link button on the right column on the page.|mrsc.org; ;

Planners' Forums

|commerce.wa.gov/Services/localgovernment/GrowthManagement/Education-Resources-for-Planners/Pages/default.aspx;Four regional Planners' Forums have been set in a cooperative effort between the State Department of Commerce, the Planning Association of Washington, and APA Washington. Forums provide an opportunity for planners, planning commissioners and elected officials to talk about local issues, share ideas, and receive updates from state and federal agencies whose work impacts land use.;;For more information, contact the Commerce staff below, or visit Commerce's Educational Resources for Planners page.|commerce.wa.gov/Services/localgovernment/GrowthManagement/Education-Resources-for-Planners/Pages/default.aspx;

Northwest Washington—April 17th

Burlington, City Hall Council Chambers

Contact: Ike Nwankwo 360.725.3056

ike.nwankwo@commerce.wa.gov;

Peninsula—April 18th

Shelton, Timberland/William G. Reed Library

Contact: Joyce Phillips 360.725.3045

joyce.phillips@commerce.wa.gov;

Southwest Washington—April 18th

Longview, City Hall Training Room

Contact: Ike Nwankwo 360.725.3056

ike.nwankwo@commerce.wa.gov;

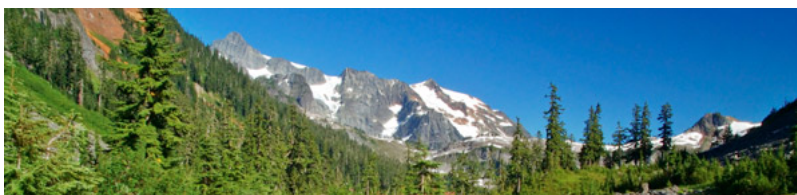
Eastern Washington—May 1st

Moses Lake, Big Bend Community College, ATEC Building

Contact: Dee Caputo at 509.389.1291;dee.caputo@commerce.wa.gov; ;

Regional Short Course on Local Planning—Wednesday, April 10th 2:00PM to 5:00PM, Chelan, Washington

|commerce.wa.gov/Services/localgovernment/GrowthManagement/Short-Course-on-Local-Planning/Pages/default.aspx;Offered by the State Department of Commerce and hosted by the Planning Association of Washington, the Short Course on Local Planning is a great training opportunity for local officials to learn more about comprehensive planning and community development, and how to be involved in the land use planning process.;;For more information about the Short Course, visit www.commerce.wa.gov/growth.|commerce.wa.gov/Services/localgovernment/GrowthManagement/Short-Course-on-Local-Planning/Pages/default.aspx; Or contact Dee Caputo at dee.caputo@commerce.wa.gov.;



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April President's Report

By Jill Sterrett, FAICP



Jill Sterrett—President, APA Washington

Suddenly, it seems that we are buried in conference planning details from all directions. But, whenever we get a chance to dig ourselves out and see the big picture, it is pretty exciting stuff. Here's the rundown:

National APA Conference—April 13-17 in Chicago. Ivan Miller and I will be attending this conference to represent the Chapter at leadership meetings. It is a long conference this year, but offers lots of interesting activities. In addition to the normal duties, we will be on an investigative mission to collect ideas for the 2015 conference to be located in Seattle.

Thanks to Josh Peters, Marty Curry, and Karen Wolf, we will have good representation at the Delegate Assembly. They will discuss upcoming policies related to planning for hazard mitigation and planning for an aging population.



please contact Nancy at: nancy.e.eklund@boeing.com.

For those of you planning to attend the conference, watch for an e-mail ADVISE from Nancy Eklund as the conference date draws near. She is organizing a reception in Chicago for all of our Chapter members. While the Chapter is funding a portion of this event, she will also be gathering donations. To donate or to help her with the arrangements,

As a nice surprise, our Chapter is receiving the Karen B. Smith Award for Outstanding Outreach to the Community for our Bill Proposal process. (See the separate article in this newsletter for more details). If you are attending the conference, please come to the awards ceremony on Tuesday, April 16th at 2:30PM.

APA Washington Annual Conference—October 2-3 in Bellevue. Deborah Munkberg and Kendra Brieland are doing an excellent job at organizing the 2013 annual conference. The theme of this year's gathering is *Wicked Problems: Smart Solutions*.

We are looking at several new twists to the conference, including sessions from partner organizations, such as ULI, AIA, and Cascadia GBC. Additionally, Bellevue provides an excellent setting for examining one of our 21st Century Challenges—reinventing suburbia. The Call for Sessions was distributed on March 15th through an ADVISE e-mail. It has also been repeated elsewhere in this newsletter. Both announcements contain links to the Chapter website for submission instructions. All submissions are due by April 15th.

Youth Summit Conference—October 1 in Bellevue. Paula Reeves and Jacqueline Reid are developing plans for a Youth Summit to be associated with our annual conference. This event is part of our *Kids in Planning* program that also develops curriculum materials on planning for elementary and high school students.

The Youth Summit is directed toward high school and college students with the intent to introduce them to contemporary issues and planning responses. This year's Summit will be focused on climate change. It's a big undertaking and there are many interesting ideas being sorted through right now. If you would like to get involved, contact Paula at ReevesP@wsdot.wa.gov or Jacqueline at jacq.r@earthlink.net.

Daniel Burnham Forum on Big Ideas—May 29 in Portland, Oregon. APA Washington and APA Oregon are co-sponsoring, along with national APA, a Big Ideas Forum on May 29th, from 1:00PM until 4:30PM. The Forum is being held in association with the APA Oregon Annual Conference on May 30th and 31st.

If you would like to attend the Forum, or the evening Gala Celebration of the 40th anniversary of the



Oregon Planning Program, please register on-line at www.oregonapa.org/ORVision40. The Big Ideas Forum will be an interactive symposium focused around the major challenges of planning in the 21st century (such as climate change, sustainability, and economic growth). Over 100 leaders from throughout the region and from multiple professions will discuss how

we can collaborate and integrate our efforts to foster institutional change and address the intractable problems of our era.

You will need to register for the Forum even if you are not attending the conference. While there is no cost to attend, there is a sign up roster. If the Forum oversubscribed, latecomers will be placed on a waiting list.

2015 National APA Conference—April, 2015 in Seattle. Although we are two years away from this event, planning has already started. Ivan Miller, who will be Chapter President when this event arrives, has appointed the conference co-chairs, including:

- Orientation Tours & Planners Guide—Paul Inghram: pinghram@bellevuewa.gov
- Media, Marketing & Sponsorship—Laura Hudson: laura.hudson@cityofvancouver.us
- Program—Sessions, Mobile Tours & CPAT—Jill Sterrett: jill.sterrett@gmail.com
- Opening Reception & Local Events—Deborah Munkberg: deborah@inovapcd.com
- Liaison to National—Ivan Miller

Each co-chair will be looking for leaders for individual committees on such topics as mobile workshops, planners guide, opening reception, sponsorships and such. If you would like to get involved, contact the co-chair that fits your interest area. We will want to highlight the best our region has to offer. We welcome our ideas and your involvement.

A BIT ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE

OK, I know this doesn't fit with the topic of this month's message, but I couldn't resist. I've spent the last month updating information for the course I teach at UW on Infrastructure and Climate Change. As a result, I have a number of great web-based resources, and would like to share a few of these with you. I hope you find them interesting and helpful in your work.

1. If you are interested in a concise response to any one of several "climate denier" positions, check out this flow chart at:
http://www.slate.com/articles/health_and_science/climate_desk/2013/03/climate_change_flow_chart_how_to_win_a
2. If you are interested in climate effects on infrastructure, check out this NY Times article at:
http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/26/us/rise-in-weather-extremes-threatens-infrastructure.html?_r=0
3. If you are interested on the effects of sea level rise on coastal infrastructure, check out this article: Marshall, Christa, 2012. "Sea level rise looms as a major threat for coastal cities, infrastructure"
<http://www.climateneeds.umd.edu/climatewire-04-20-12/article-23.php>
4. If you are interested in an inspiring article on women's roles regarding climate change in developing countries, check out this article: <http://www.trust.org/alertnet/news/women-are-the-foot-soldiers-of-climate-change-adaptation-expert/>
5. If you would like a great example of a thorough and extensive city response to climate change, check out this document from New York city at: <http://www.nyas.org/publications/annals/Detail.aspx?cid=ab9d0f9f-1cb1-4f21-b0c8-7607daa5dfcc>



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Legislative Update

By Michael Shaw



On Wednesday, March 13th, the Legislature reached a milestone: each branch finished considering its own bills. The first "half" of the session is over. Bills that did pass their respective branches of origin are considered 'dead', except for those bills that are considered necessary to implement the budget (which are legion).

At the time of this writing, the Legislature was bracing for the next fiscal forecast that was due to be released March 20th. Caseloads are expected to be up by as much as \$250 million, and the revenue forecast is

expected to be down due the effects of federal sequestration. This grim news will cast a shadow, and make crafting a state general fund budget more difficult. The Senate budget writer, Sen. Andy Hill (R), was also expected to release his budget proposal the week following the forecast. Many in the local government lobby worry that this budget might take from shared revenues like the public works trust fund or public health funding. However, as this article was being written, this concern was just speculation.

The general fund problem has impacted the transportation realm. The McCleary court decision that puts pressure on the State to increase funding to basic education overshadows the desire to entertain a transportation funding package. An influential group of Legislators, with the slogan "Kids before Concrete" is demanding that K-12 education be addressed before a transportation funding effort is undertaken. This may explain why HB 1954, which increases the state gas tax by ten cents (along with other funding mechanisms), has not been allowed a hearing.

Several local option transit funding bills failed to pass from either chamber of the Legislature during the first "half". These include HB 1898, HB 1953, and HB 1959, which contain local option funding provisions for transit (1959 also includes provisions that increase a transportation benefit district's ability to impose a \$20 to \$40 vehicle license fee by ordinance). None of them received a House floor vote. The lone Senate bill that contained a transit funding local option, SB 5773, failed to pass the Senate. It is the companion version of HB 1953. If, as mentioned before, any of these bills are subsequently considered necessary to implement the budget, they may be exempted from the March 13th cutoff.

The next bill deadline is April 3rd—that is when substantive policy committees cease considering bills from the other chamber. April 9th is the deadline for the fiscal committees. There are only a few short weeks of committee activity left. After that point, all that remains is more floor action, and the wait for budget negotiators to craft a deal. There is pessimism that a deal can be reached before the session is scheduled to end April 28th. After that point, lawmakers are facing one or more special sessions that could take them into June.



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APA Washington to Receive the Prestigious Karen B. Smith Award



American Planning Association

APA National's 2013 Karen B. Smith award for Outstanding Outreach to the Community will honor APA Washington Chapter's excellent Bill Proposal Process. The focus of our Chapter's Legislative Committee, since its formation in 1990, has been to review proposed bills and provide balanced, technically-sound, and pro-planning comments on those proposals during the legislative session. This core mission of the Committee remains strong under the leadership of co-chairs Esther Larsen and Josh Peters.

Following the 2007 session, the Legislative Committee agreed to go beyond its reactive review-and-comment role by forming the Proactive Subcommittee to undertake the task of introducing bills. After researching the processes of other APA chapters and other organizations, the Subcommittee developed, and the board adopted, the Bill Proposal Process in 2008. Says the Subcommittee's founding chair Ivan Miller:

We discovered that the chapter's legislative efforts were already among the best in the country. Our research led us to conclude that moving into the role of introducing bills would take the chapter into uncharted territory. It was an exciting and slightly unsettling step for the chapter, but the Board's commitment and the strength of the committee gave us the confidence to move forward.

The Subcommittee has implemented the Bill Proposal Process multiple times. With the help of long-time Legislative Committee members Michael McCormick and Joe Tovar, along with Chapter lobbyist Michael Shaw, APA Washington helped introduce and pass bills to protect floodplains from UGA expansion, and streamline the process for developing subarea plans. Other chapter-led legislative proposals have included setting a latecomer fee for Planned Action environmental impact statements, and advocating for a state-level smart growth strategy.

Ivan Miller will be at the national conference in Chicago to accept the award on behalf of the Chapter. In addition to the members named above, the chapter also recognizes Past President Scott Greenberg for his leadership of the Proactive Subcommittee, as well as current Subcommittee chair Kamuron Gurol. Congratulations to our many dedicated Legislative Committee members on their award-winning work!



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APA Washington Annual Conference — Call for Sessions

The American Planning Association Washington Chapter invites its members to submit session proposals for the Annual Conference, to be held October 2-3, 2013 at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue.

Click here for further submittal information, including the required forms and CM criteria. The proposal submission deadline is April 15th.

Please email any questions regarding session proposals to Stephanie Kennedy, conference manager, at: totaleventconnection@frontier.com.

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Meydenbauer Center
Bellevue, Washington

Make your room reservation now!
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Room Rate: \$94.00/night • Ask for the Washington APA Conference room rate
Room block will be released September 12, 2013

Look for the official registration brochure in July



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APA Washington Inland Empire Section Annual Conference

The 2013 Inland Empire Section conference will bring a full program to equip you with the tools you need to manage projects in contentious environments. Speakers help you understand how the language we use makes some ideas stick and some bounce-off. Speakers will show how to use visualization tools and other techniques to keep the conversation focused on facts.

Speakers will also provide practical advice on the critical planning skills of meeting facilitation and group presentations. No matter your project or your community, effective communication is an essential skill. Come hear how to make the most of every conversation.

To view the conference flyer, visit:

<http://washington-apa.org/documents/sections/2013IESPriestLakeConferenceRegistration.pdf>



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Planning for Agriculture in the Puget Sound Region

Date: Friday, April 26, 2013

Time: Conference 8:30AM to 5:00PM. Lunch and refreshments provided. Drinks and networking after 5:00PM.

Location: The Center for Urban Horticulture, University of Washington, 3501 NE 41st St, Seattle WA 98195

Certification Maintenance credits requested.



Join local elected officials, planners, and food system advocates at a conference on planning for the future of local farms and food in the Puget Sound region. The event is co-sponsored by the American Planning Association Washington Chapter, Forterra, Cascade Harvest Coalition, and the University of Washington Botanic Gardens

Participants will explore the wide range of planning and policy tools that can support and strengthen our region's local farms and food system. Leaders from throughout the U.S. will describe what has worked in their communities. We will

also have the opportunity to discuss food and farm initiatives with our local counterparts.

Conference topics include:

- Planning and zoning tools to support agriculture
- Dealing with vested development rights
- Strategies for supporting the agricultural industry and the local food economy
- Building a political coalition in support of local food and farms
- Impact of environmental regulations on agriculture
- Land transition planning and beginning farmer support
- Regional food and farm planning strategies from communities in California, Vermont, and Pennsylvania

Speakers include:

- Alison Hastings, PP, AICP—Senior Planner, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission
- Ellen Kahler—Executive Director, Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund
- Julia Freedgood—Farmland and Community Initiatives Director, American Farmland Trust

- Steve Kinsey—Marin County Commissioner
- Richard Conlin—Seattle City Councilmember

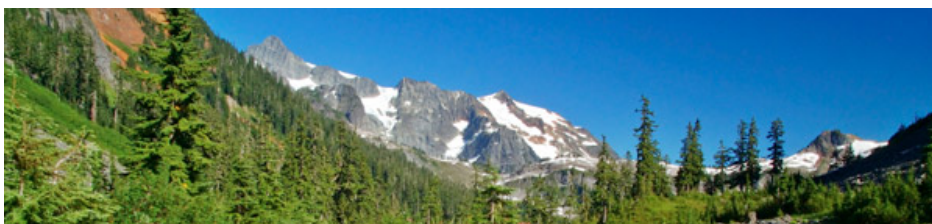
Registration:

<http://planningforag.brownpapertickets.com/>

\$100 for government and for-profit employees

\$75 for non-profit employees and unaffiliated guests

Please direct questions to Ele Watts at (206) 860-4222 or PNWIntern@farmland.org.



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Overseas Teaching Opportunity



View of Open Air Café on Mekelle University Campus

The Department of Architecture and Urban Planning at Mekelle University in the Tigray Region (north) of Ethiopia is seeking qualified instructors to teach in the graduate and undergraduate programs in Urban Planning, and potentially in the University's Architecture program. The department would welcome qualified professionals with a Ph.D. or "ABD" in Urban Planning, Environmental Planning, Architecture or Landscape Architecture (or closely related field), or a Master's degree plus professional experience in one of these fields.

It would be feasible to teach for a fairly short-term (one to two month short-

course), one semester, or longer-term (one or two academic years or more).

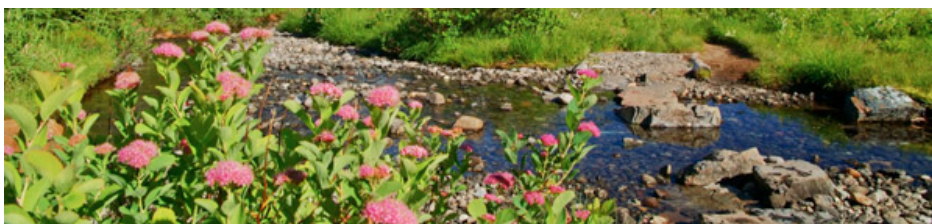
The University can offer a monthly salary that ranges from \$1400 - \$3000 per month depending on qualifications. Details about salary and the cost of living in Mekelle can be supplied to interested candidates.

To learn more about this opportunity, please contact us:

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Tim Stewart tstewartseattle@gmail.com

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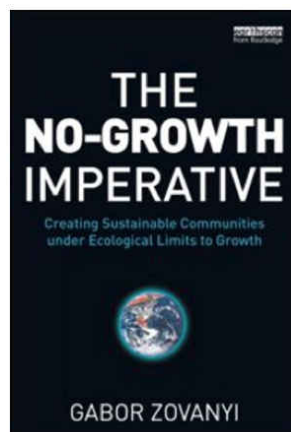
The Case for a No-Growth Imperative

The No-Growth Imperative: Creating Sustainable Communities under Ecological Limits to Growth.

Gabor Zovanyi

NY: Routledge Press. 2013

[The following text is taken from the book's preface. —Ed.]



More than two decades of mounting evidence confirms that the existing scale of the human enterprise has surpassed global ecological limits to growth. Based on such limits, The No-Growth Imperative discounts current efforts to maintain growth through eco-efficiency initiatives and smart-growth programs, and argues that growth is inherently unsustainable and that the true nature of the challenge confronting us now is one of replacing the current growth imperative with a no-growth imperative.

Gabor Zovanyi asserts that anything less than stopping growth would merely slow today's dramatic degradation and destruction of ecosystems and their critical life-support services. Zovanyi makes the case that local communities must take action to stop their unsustainable demographic, economic, and urban increases, as an essential prerequisite to the realization of sustainable states.

The book presents rationales and legally defensible strategies for stopping growth in local jurisdictions, and portrays the viability of no-growth communities by outlining their likely economic, social, political, and physical features. It will serve as a resource for those interested in shifting the focus of planning from growth accommodation to the creation of stable, sustainable communities. While conceding the challenges associated with transforming communities into no-growth entities, Zovanyi concludes by presenting evidence that suggests that prospects for realizing states of no growth are greater than might be assumed.