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The Numbers Talk - Put Money Where We Walk

New National Report Compares Pedestrian Safety and Spending in Massachusetts

A new national report, put out by the Surface Transportation Policy Project (STPP), shows that Massachusetts is spending little on pedestrian safety, despite a high pedestrian fatality rate. The report, "Mean Streets 2002," compares state spending of federal transportation dollars on pedestrian safety with pedestrian fatality statistics for each of the 50 states. The report finds that Massachusetts used just 1.8% of the federal transportation funds it spent between 1998 and 2001 (almost 3 billion dollars) on pedestrian safety. This amounts to only \$2.00 per person spent on pedestrian/bicycle projects in a state where 18% of all traffic deaths were pedestrians. The report says 162 pedestrians died in Massachusetts in 2000 and 2001.

"Pedestrian safety continues to take a backseat to road building in Massachusetts, and these statistics demonstrate that. In Massachusetts, where many of our communities have traditional development patterns that make them conducive to walking, our transportation spending should enhance rather than erode this pattern," said Bennet Heart, Communities Project Director at the Conservation Law Foundation.

"The STPP report makes crystal clear that pedestrian facilities and safety are grossly underfunded by state and federal governments. The fabric of our neighborhoods, the independent mobility of our children and the quality of our health are all strengthened by walking," said Ann Hershfang of WalkBoston. "WalkBoston supports the call for fair funding on pedestrian safety and walkways."

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Warren Waterfront Project Moves Forward

The Trust for Public Land Purchases Eastern Yacht Property

In early November, The Trust for Public Land (TPL), a nonprofit conservation organization, announced its purchase of roughly 1.25 acres from Eastern Yacht Services, Inc. and EYS Properties LLC. This acquisition marks a major milestone in a joint initiative with the Town to maintain the Warren Waterfront National Register Historic District's maritime heritage, provide public access to the waterfront, and create new economic opportunities.

TPL is currently placing permanent historic preservation and public access easements on the property's six parcels, and selling each of them to private buyers for uses that are compatible with the Waterfront Plan put forward by the Warren Waterfront Study Committee.

Anticipated uses for the six parcels include art studios, retail shops, a bakery and cafe, a wooden boat restoration shop, short-term storage for fresh fish, and private residences.

"I would like to congratulate the many fine people who volunteered their time and energy to make this dream a reality," said Warren Town Council President Frank J. Alfano. "I am so proud of the team effort by the citizens of Warren who have been working on this issue. Clearly the benefits of our combined efforts will be felt for decades. I am especially thankful for the dedication and hard work of the Warren Waterfront Study Committee, town manager Michael Abbruzzi, town solicitor Tony DeSisto, the Warren Planning Board, my fellow councilmen, the Trust for Public Land, and the many citizens who have given valuable input."

"The Town of Warren stands out as a community that is committed to protecting its unique character and marine heritage," said Valerie Talmage, director of projects for TPL.

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Massachusetts Chapter

Tom Broadrick, AICP, APA-MA President

The Holidays are upon us and thoughts of greeting friends we have not seen in a while and staying close to family fill our days. But we also have to work! And during these next few months I hope you will be able to participate in a few events and programs that your Board of Directors is focusing on: That great listserve that Chris Skelly and Laura Harbottle have set up for all of us is fantastic. How many emails are YOU reading a day. What a way to stay informed and of course hear back from those who must not have to work for a living and can answer all our questions! How about that Zoning Reform Working Group? Please get on that list too so you can lend your support, make yourself heard, and see just how we are going to change MGL c. 40A and 41 in this Commonwealth! Finally, I hope that this will get to all of you in time to urge you to attend the December Holiday Luncheon. The flyer was in last month's Newsletter and if you lost it, just fax Peter Lowitt, AICP at 978-772-7577 and he will accommodate you. Remember this is also the joint Awards Ceremony with the Massachusetts Association of Planning Directors (MAPD) and will be a fun time for all.

We just finished with the final wrap up meeting for the very successful 2002 APA Region 1 Leadership Conference at the Westin Hotel in Providence, RI, this past September 12 – 14, 2002. I know many of you submitted proposals that show off how we in Massachusetts are "Planning Outside the Box and Connecting Plans and People"! Guess what? We are already planning for the next Tri-state Conference to be held in Connecticut. For those who don't know, we rotate from Massachusetts, to Rhode Island, to Connecticut and back again. So, dust off those proposals, get them ready to submit and PLEASE let me know if you want to join in the "planning" for this exciting event! It is a great way to get involved in the Chapter, meet new friends, make planning contacts and further your understanding of this planning profession.

I won't say this again until we get closer to the Tri-State Conference, but...thanks to the members of the Region 1 Championship Volleyball Tournament Massachusetts Chapter Team for their excellent win over all!!! We can be challenged by anyone, anytime, anywhere! And we will win! So, CT and RI, put your teams back together!

Don't forget to make plans for the Annual Conference in Denver March 29 - April 2, 2003. Share this experience with 5,000 of your fellow planners! Think Snow! Think Mass Ski Party! Then think about the 2003 Legislative & Policy Conference May 11-13 in Washington, D.C. I encourage you to attend any and all regional conferences near you.

I hope you will talk with our Regional and Committee Representatives about issues facing Massachusetts Planners as well as contacting our other Board Officers and me. Issues of a national interest are best addressed through Donald Krueckeberg, FAICP, Region I Commissioner, and Frank J. Popper, APA Region I Director, both of whom can be reached via their phone numbers on the back page.

I look forward to hearing from all of you on any APA or Mass Chapter issue upon which you may have a question, idea or comment. My *NEW* e-mail address: tom.broadrick@town.barnstable.ma.us

Rhode Island Chapter

Marilyn Cohen, AICP, Chapter Acting President

On November 21st, 35 planners from all over Rhode Island gathered at the Casino at Roger Williams Park to begin the development of our Chapter Work Plan. This effort is being supported by an APA Chapter Presidents Council grant. The grant allowed for retaining a professional facilitator to assist us with the strategy session and the compilation of the ideas and issues generated at the session; and the costs of the Casino and dinner. Some innovative ideas emerged focused on such areas as networking, particularly as it relates to Planning student activities. A student mentor program was suggested as well as participation in Orientation programs at Rhode Island institutions with planning or planning-related programs. Also suggested were some targeted areas for chapter emphasis over the next few years including smart growth, affordable housing, and support for the role of the state planning office. A preliminary report from the facilitator is due in December and the results will be reported here in the Newsletter. The next step will be to draft the Work Plan and hold an iterative process that allows for Chapter member input in to its final form and adoption.

In a recent issue of the Newsletter it was reported that the Governor's Growth Planning Council had forwarded to Governor Lincoln Almond a report recommending the creation of Growth Centers and Priority Funding Areas. The chapter is represented on the Growth Planning Council and Thom Deller, Immediate Past President of the Chapter is to be commended for his role in the subcommittee that developed the report, which was adopted by the Council. Governor Almond has now passed an Executive Order directing Statewide Planning to establish the process for designating the Growth Centers and requiring state agencies to inventory funding resources that can be directed to the Growth Centers.

Finally, welcome to the Planning "fold" to David Dodes who has been appointed Town Planner for the Town of West Warwick and to Kristin Means who was appointed as the Barrington Town Planner. The next few months will be busy and I anticipate your active participation. When you have a chance, check out our Website at riapa.org for the latest news.

Announcing New Editors

The Board of Directors is happy to announce the new Co-Editorship of the Chapter Newsletter which up until this issue has been under the guidance for last four years of Ezra Glenn, AICP, environmental planner with McGregor Associates in Boston. The Board is very proud of the work Ezra has done for us and rests assured the new editors, Sabine Dietrich of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission and Jennifer Goldson, AICP, of the Brookline Department of Planning & Community Development will take over where Ezra left off. Congratulations to all!

Planning Commissioners and Local Elected and Appointed Officials

I am very pleased to have been recently appointed by the American Planning Association's (APA) Board of Directors as your Region I representative on APA's Planning Officials Advisory Committee. Committee members serve as the voice of planning officials within APA leadership. Moreover, the committee oversees the development of the national program for planning officials, called the Planning Commissioners Service. (For more information, go to www.planning.org/podo/contents.htm.)

As your link to the APA Board, please let me know what you think. What sessions, special events and workshops would you like included at national conferences? What are your special concerns? How can your membership in APA help you to be a better citizen planner? I look forward to your input and supporting you over the coming year! Thanks!

Phil Klotz, AICP, c/o Local Government Commission; Pennsylvania General Assembly, Senate Box 203078, Harrisburg, PA 17120-3078; Phone: 717-787-7680; Fax: 717-772-4524, E-mail: pklotzlgc@yahoo.com

URI Planning Courses in Providence

Housing and Community Development : City planning as applied to urban policy in cities and metropolitan areas. Includes social, economic, and physical planning in the context of community development programs and management processes. Instructor: Dr. Howard Foster, Associate Professor. Sponsored by the RI Office of Municipal Affairs Community Development Block Grant Program for RI practitioners.

Urban Design and Physical Planning: Significant concepts of historical and contemporary urban form ranging from entire cities to architectural details. Emphasis on urban design methods, process, and elements. Instructor: Dr. Farhad Atash, Professor.

Both courses held at URI Providence Campus and starting 1/22/03. For tuition rates, fees, and to register call (401) 277-5000 and request the schedule of courses at the College of Continuing Education.

Posted by Marjorie E. Jensen, Associate Professor, URI Department of Community Planning & Landscape Architecture. (401) 874-2983 or marjorie@uri.edu.

Arts & Prosperity in North Adams, MA

How does a dying working class town end up betting its future on art? A documentary called "Downside UP" that will air on PBS stations early next year shows how it was done in North Adams, Massachusetts. With 80 percent of its downtown buildings closed, North Adams "united blue-collar locals with art world luminaries" to create America's largest museum of contemporary art, MASS MoCA (the Massachusetts Mu-



seum of Contemporary Art). In the process, North Adams was reborn. The documentary was screened for about 300 people in October at the APA Michigan Chapter conference and was followed by a panel discussion. It is available for purchase or rental now through the producer's website. *Producer website: http://www.newday.com/films/Downside_Up.html*

Distinguished Leadership Award for a Student Planner

APA just announced that Meg (Margaret) Ounsworth, a graduate student at UMass LARP and President of the Planning Student Organization for the Department, will receive the Distinguished Leadership Award for a Student Planner at the Denver APA Conference. She was cited for applying sustainable principles in her work as a Park Ranger at Baxter State Park in Maine and in her work for a Community Development Corporation. She was also cited for her work as President of the PSO in organizing lectures and other events to link the students with the Chapter and practicing planners.

2003 AICP Exam

DEADLINES

12/9/02 - Application submission deadline for those applying to AICP for the first time. Fee: \$60
3/3/03 - Test site registration submission deadline for applicants who have received approval notice to take the exam. Fee: \$325
5/10/03 - Test Date

GO ONLINE!

Register for the AICP exam online: planning.org

NEW CD-ROM PREP COURSE

AICP will offer the National Exam Preparation Course on CD-ROM for purchase, beginning January 2003, through the APA Planners Book Service: planning.org/bookstore. For more information contact Planners Book Service: 312.786.6344 or Carolyn Torma: 312.431.9100

REDUCED EXAM FEE SCHOLARSHIPS

AICP has scholarships for each chapter PDO to select recipients based on financial need and/or minority preference. Selected candidates pay \$55 instead of the usual \$325 exam fee. For more information, please contact your local chapter PDO or Michael DeVone Jones, AICP Membership and Database Manager, 202.872.0611 x1024 (mjones@planning.org).

Grants for Historic Preservation and Preservation Planning

The National Trust for Historic Preservation's Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$10,000 for projects that contribute to the preservation or the recapture of an authentic sense of place. Individuals and for-profit businesses may apply only if the project for which funding is requested involves a National Historic Landmark. Funds may be used for professional advice, conferences, workshops and education programs.

The National Trust's Preservation Services Fund provides nonprofit organizations and public agencies matching grants from \$500 to \$5,000 (typically from \$1,000 to \$1,500) for preservation planning and education efforts. Funds may be used to obtain professional expertise in areas such as architecture, archeology, engineering, preservation planning, land-use planning, fund raising, organizational development and law as well as preservation education activities to educate the public.

For more information about these grant programs, contact the National Trust Regional Office nearest you. A list of regional offices is available at www.nthp.org/about_the_trust/regional_offices.html

2nd Annual Community Planning Team Charrette

Over 50 planners gathered in Chicago's West Humboldt Park neighborhood last year to participate in the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) second annual community planning team charrette. The charrette, which was held last April during the APA National Conference in Chicago, brought together planners and community residents who worked collaboratively to shape a vision for the community's future.

This year at the 2003 APA National Conference in Denver, AICP will be sponsoring a community planning team charrette to explore the redevelopment possibilities and planning challenges created by the relocation of Denver Children's Hospital. The 10-acre site to be redeveloped is adjacent to two other healthcare facilities and surrounded by a dense mixed-use residential area. Two redevelopment possibilities that will be studied include re-integrating the blocks in the residential neighborhood and expanding the existing healthcare facilities. Other planning issues that will be examined during the charrette are desirable urban design and historic preservation. Planners will work collaboratively with area stakeholders to develop recommendations for future redevelopment of the site.

The charrette will be held on Saturday, March 29 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Registration is required. All registration information and forms will be available in the preliminary conference program, and on the American Planning Association website at www.planning.org. If you have any questions about the charrette, contact Megan Valdiserri in the APA Washington Office at 202.872.0611 x 1013 or at mvaldiserri@planning.org.

Nominate a Community Leader

Every year, Leadership for a Changing World recognizes 20 outstanding leaders and leadership groups not yet broadly known beyond their immediate community or field. Nominated community leaders may work in fields that include: community development; economic development; environment and environmental justice; and human development. Awardees receive \$100,000 over two years to support their work and \$30,000 for additional learning activities.

Leadership for a Changing World, launched in September 2000, is a program of the Ford Foundation in partnership with the Advocacy Institute in Washington, D.C. and the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University. The program seeks to raise awareness that leadership comes in many forms and from diverse communities by recognizing the achievements of outstanding leaders. It provides financial and other support for their work and brings them together periodically over two years; conducts research with awardees about how leadership is perceived, created and sustained; and contributes to a broader public conversation about community leadership.

Deadline for nominations is January 7, 2003. The application and nomination guidelines can be downloaded in PDF format at <http://leadershipforchange.org/nomination/>

BSA Conference Seeking Case Studies

The Boston Society of Architects is organizing a national conference discussing how to counteract sprawl by building more compact, mixed-use developments. The conference will be held September 12-14, 2003 in Boston and will be cosponsored with the American Institute of Architects. One of the key elements of the conference is a design competition for case study sites in Greater Boston including: 1) an urban infill site; 2) small city redevelopment; and 3) suburban/exurban development of "greenfield" sites or redevelopment of old shopping centers or industrial/office parks to create compact mixed uses.

The planning committee for the conference is seeking possible case studies for design in the suburban/exurban category in Eastern Massachusetts. Any municipality, developer, community organization, or individual is welcome to nominate a site for the design competition. The chosen site will obtain free professional design ideas for developing or redeveloping the site. *Anyone wishing to nominate a case study site in the suburban/exurban category, should contact committee member Jim O'Connell, National Park Service, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02460; phone: 617-223-5222; email: Jim_O'Connell@nps.gov.*

The deadline for nominations is 12/20/02.

Report Measures Sprawl in Metropolitan Areas Across U.S.

Measuring Sprawl and Its Impact, a new report from Smart Growth America, takes an in-depth look at cities across the U.S. and measures sprawl through different aspects of development. Reid Ewing of Rutgers University, Rolf Pendall of Cornell University and Don Chen, executive director of Smart Growth America, spent three years analyzing the U.S. Census and other national data sets in an effort to define, measure and evaluate sprawl and its effects on communities.

The researchers created a matrix that uses 22 variables to rate 83 metropolitan areas on four different aspects of their development: residential density; neighborhood mixes of homes, jobs and services; strength of “activity centers” such as entertainment or shopping and downtown areas; and street network accessibility.

According to the report, the most sprawling city is Riverside-San Bernardino, California while the least sprawling is New York City. Although many people will be interested in the ranking of their city, the co-authors of the study hope that the findings will help cities or regions focus on the areas that are hurting them the most.

The full report, metropolitan area fact sheets, and a peer-reviewed research paper are all available at www.smartgrowthamerica.org/sprawlindex/sprawlindex.html

Smart Growth: The Future of the American Metropolis?

This essay by Bruce Katz, published by the London School of Economics and Political Science, reviews the current state of smart-growth and metropolitan thinking in the United States. The review concludes by identifying the key challenges the smart-growth movement needs to address if it is going to succeed in shaping sustainable metropolitan communities.

The full essay is available in PDF format at www.brookings.edu/urban

U.S. Conference of Mayors Addresses Role of Tourism in Metro Economies

The U.S. Conference of Mayors released a new report entitled *The Role of Travel and Tourism in America's Top 100 Metropolitan Areas*. It contains data on the vital role of tourism in metro economies, as well as the impact of the recession and 9/11 on tourism jobs and dollars. Mayors and travel industry leaders also developed an action plan to boost travel and tourism.

The report and the action plan are available at www.usmayors.org

First History of Cape Cod as a Resort

The first history of Cape Cod as a vacation resort, *Becoming Cape Cod: The Creation of a Seaside Resort*, has recently been published. Authored by James O'Connell, it traces Cape Cod's resort history from its discovery by Henry David Thoreau before the Civil War to the present day. It is lavishly illustrated with rare historical postcards.

Becoming Cape Cod traces the history of preservation efforts on the Cape, including the Cape Cod Commission, Cape Cod National Seashore, and the Old King's Highway Historic District. Author O'Connell drew upon his experiences as economic development officer at the Cape Cod Commission in writing this book. He currently works as a planner for the National Park Service

Becoming Cape Cod is divided into three main sections: 1870-1920, on the early years of the resort; 1920-1950, on the impact of the automobile on creating a tourist region with common marketing, a plethora of attractions, and a strong heritage appeal; 1950-2000, on measures taken to preserve the Cape in the face of overdevelopment.

The decisive moment for the Cape's development was the coming of the automobile during the 1920s. For the first time, tourists were able to explore the entire region. As a result a plethora of cottage colonies, restaurants, antique shops, and historical landmarks appeared.

After World War II, a boom ensued that continues to the present day. Cape Cod's greatest challenge has been preserving the natural environment, historic buildings, and cultural traditions that have shaped the Cape's sense of place. Part social history, part cautionary tale, *Becoming Cape Cod* meditates upon how to preserve authentic places against continuing growth pressures.

Becoming Cape Cod is available at local bookstores. It has been published by University Press of New England, of Hanover, NH, and sells for \$26.

Sprawl's Impact on Military Installations

The National Governors Association (NGA) Center for Best Practices released an issue brief on Military Installations Pressured by Sprawl. The brief outlines sprawl's impact on military installations, also known as encroachment, which governors are attempting to address because of their importance to state economies, as well as national security. Encroachment is becoming a broader issue as 80 percent of the communities surrounding the nation's military bases are experiencing above average urban growth, potentially impeding the ability of the bases to train troops.

With spreading land development threatening the effectiveness of U.S. military bases, NGA outlines steps taken in several states to coordinate urban growth and base usefulness. For instance, some states have passed legislation that establishes high noise and accident potential zones near military installations and developed zoning codes that support compatible development of land located within these zones.

The six-page issue brief is available in PDF format at www.nga.org/cda/files/100802SPRAWL.PDF

New England's 'Classical Ruins' Vanishing

Columnist Tom Condon meditates on the disappearing New England stone wall in the Hartford Courant: "Something there is that doesn't love a wall, said our man Robert Frost, referring to the classic stone walls that crisscross the New England countryside.

He blamed 'frozen-ground-swell' and hunters. If he were around today, he'd point the finger at real estate developers, stone dealers and, until quite recently, the state Department of Transportation.

Frost's metaphorical point aside, we're losing these great icons of New England's past, losing them to sprawl, greed and short-sightedness, losing them yards at a time or miles at a time. Ancient green and gray loaves and balls of stone are being carted off to be used as landscaping stone. ... We should appreciate them, and save them. They are ... the closest thing we have to classical ruins."

Read the Courant column: www.ctnow.com/news/local/hc-condon1024.artoct24,0,6483521.column?coll=hc-headlines-local

Arts Mean Business

The nonprofit arts are a \$134 billion industry in the United States—one that supports nearly five million full-time equivalent jobs and generates billions in household income and government revenue, says a recent report from Americans for the Arts. The group says "Arts & Economic Prosperity" shows that "the arts mean business," both locally and nationally: "

Nonprofit arts organizations, which spend more than \$53.2 billion in their communities annually, leverage a remarkable \$80.8 billion in additional spending by arts audiences - spending that pumps vital revenue into restaurants, hotels, retail stores, parking garages, and other local businesses.

By demonstrating that investing in the arts yields economic benefits, *Arts & Economic Prosperity* dateline-admin@list.planning.org lays to rest a common misconception: that communities support the arts at the expense of local economic development."

Americans for the Arts homepage: www.artsusa.org/default.asp

Read the report: www.artsusa.org/pdf/Summary%20Report%20for%20Website.pdf

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The Art of Entertaining, Downtown

What's the role of entertainment and arts in bringing a downtown to life? The Kansas City Star examines the tricky business of reviving a city in light of Kansas City having "missed the wave of entertainment development washing over American downtowns since 1990."

Comparing the city with 16 similar-size inland cities like Charlotte, Denver, Milwaukee, and Memphis, the newspaper found that 14 added new sports venues, 10 built or renovated performing arts centers, and nine opened

new retail malls - all downtown while Kansas City opened nothing comparable.

"Yet," the story adds, "the truth is, mega-attractions alone are no cure-all for downtowns. ... Cities still build downtown attractions because, in many cases, the attractions are magnets that can spur even more investment around them, boost a city's tax base and ultimately add to the community's quality of life."

At the end of the online story are links to more Star pieces about reviving downtown.

Read the Star article: www.kansascity.com/mls/kansascity/news/local/4206635.htm

Habitat for Humanity Building High-Rise Prototype

Habitat for Humanity in San Francisco has begun framing and construction work on a high-rise project that the group hopes will become a prototype for low-income housing in expensive urban areas.

The 5-story, 8-unit building was designed pro bono by Berkeley architect Marcy Li Wong. The building is on Mission Street on land donated by the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency Habitat's partner is the ACB Housing Partners Foundation.

Ground was broken last summer on the building, which will be the tallest new Habitat structure built anywhere in the world. The organization is known for its rehabilitation of single-family homes for low-income families.

The building will feature parking on the ground floor and two condominiums on each of the four upper floors. Construction on the \$1.6 million project is expected to take 14 months.

S.F. Habitat for Humanity: www.habitatsf.org/

ACB Housing Partners Foundation: www.acbankers.org/

Little Benefit in D.C. Congestion Plans

New Potomac River crossings and a new Washington, D.C.-area expressway aimed at easing traffic congestion would bring more development and more traffic, according to a just-released technical analysis commissioned by Environmental Defense and other groups evaluates. Any benefits would be small and be outweighed by the costs, the report concludes.

The executive summary of the report, *More Sprawl, More Traffic, No Relief*, summarizes the conclusions: "The study concludes that either of [two] alignments... would spur sprawl, traffic, and pollution growth, especially in the western portion of the region, while failing to relieve traffic problems on many existing roads. ... [A]verage county level traffic congestion would increase by 5 percent in Prince William, 4 percent in Montgomery, 3 percent in Frederick, and 1 percent in Fairfax, compare to the No Build scenario. ... Under either alignment, inner suburban and urban jurisdictions would experience some reduction in traffic due

to declining economic and travel activity caused by loss of job and housing growth.”

Read the news release: www.environmentaldefense.org/article.cfm?ContentID=2386

Report executive summary: www.environmentaldefense.org/documents/2383_ExecSum.pdf

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“We are delighted to be helping the Town Council and Waterfront Study Committee create new economic opportunities while also ensuring that future generations will have access to the town’s historic waterfront.”

“Without the Trust for Public Land, the Town of Warren would not have been able to carry out this forward thinking plan,” said Davison Bolster of the Warren Waterfront Study Committee. “This project sets the standards and the direction of our waterfront’s development. By combining public access, historic preservation and economic development, we are stabilizing this historic working waterfront and the adjacent neighborhood.”

Recently proposed as the site of a condominium development, the Eastern Yacht property consists of six parcels on Water, Church, and Baker Streets and includes approximately 700 feet of frontage on the Warren River. It also includes two residences, an historic bank building, boat slips and a waterfront “barn” and shed. TPL purchased the land for \$1.65 million.

TPL began negotiating the purchase last January, at the request of the Waterfront Study Committee. Last June, the Study Committee made formal recommendations to Warren’s Town Council, which included maintaining a working waterfront, providing public access, preserving historic buildings, and keeping as much of the land on the tax rolls as possible. The Town Council endorsed the recommendations on June 18, 2002.

A gift from local business owner Luther Blount, who last year generously pledged \$1 million towards the Town’s acquisition of the waterfront, will help cover a portion of the costs. As a result of this extraordinary gift, the Town of Warren will not need to contribute any municipal funds to the acquisition.

“I would like to commend Davison Bolster and the Waterfront Study Committee for guiding this project,” said Luther Blount. “I am happy the waterfront is being kept for the public, and hope that the potential for tourism development will be kept in mind.”

The Trust for Public Land is a national conservation organization dedicated to conserving land for people to enjoy as parks and open space. Since 1972, TPL has protected more than 1.4 million acres nationwide, including nearly 100,000 acres in New England. To learn more, visit www.tpl.org.

Contacts: Erin Rowland, Public Affairs Director, The Trust for Public Land, (617) 367-6200 x321
Davison Bolster, Warren Waterfront Study Committee, (401) 245-2277, davisonbeaux@juno.com

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According to the STPP report, no state spends more than 2.7 percent of its federal funds on sidewalks, crosswalks, traffic calming, speed humps, signals, multi-use paths, or safety programs for cyclists or pedestrians. This is in spite of a 40 percent increase in federal transportation dollars flowing to the states in the last few years, and regulations that make it easier to use what were once “highway funds” on a wider variety of transportation projects. In addition to analyzing funding and pedestrian fatality data, Mean Streets 2002 also found that dangerous streets are discouraging people from walking and may be contributing to the rise in obesity.

Because the Boston metropolitan area has a comparatively high percentage of pedestrians, and because Massachusetts actually spends more on pedestrian safety than most states, the metropolitan region and the state ranked favorably with most other metropolitan regions and states cited in the report.

Congress will have a historic opportunity to address these issues next year when it takes up the renewal of the nation’s surface transportation law, TEA-21. At issue is how over \$200 billion in federal transportation funds will be spent.

In response to these findings, STPP and CLF support the following recommendations to protect and accommodate pedestrians:

1. **Match the Level of Funding to the Level of the Problem.** If 18% of traffic fatalities are pedestrians, a similar amount of safety funding should be directed to protecting pedestrians. Investments in pedestrian facilities should be highest in the areas where the most pedestrians are killed.

2. **Build Walk-Friendly Streets.** State and local governments should include safe access for bicyclists and pedestrians on all streets and roads except for limited access highways.

3. **Safe Routes to School Program in TEA-3.** Create a new federal source of funding for building bicycle and pedestrian facilities and traffic calming around schools in the next federal transportation law.

STPP is a national not-for-profit coalition of more than 800 organizations working to ensure that transportation policy and investments strengthen the economy, promote social equity, and make communities more livable.

The Conservation Law Foundation works to solve the environmental problems that threaten the people, natural resources and communities of New England. CLF’s advocates use law, economics and science to design and implement strategies that conserve natural resources, protect public health, and promote vital communities in our region. Founded in 1966, CLF is a nonprofit, member-supported organization. CLF’s website, clf.org, is updated every weekday.

EMPLOYMENT

Planner, Department of Planning and Community Development, Brookline, MA

The Town of Brookline is seeking qualified candidates for the position of Planner with the Planning Division of the Department of Planning and Community Development. This is an exciting opportunity to join the Department which is leading a number of important planning initiatives including the development of a new comprehensive plan and an update of the zoning by-law.

The Planner will serve as a key member of the comprehensive planning team. The Planner will also provide services to the Planning Board and Board of Appeals. The Planner will report to the Chief Planner.

Candidates must demonstrate the following: Knowledge and experience with comprehensive planning, zoning and community participation principles, practices and techniques; Excellent communication, analytical, graphic and report writing skills; Experience with the interpretation and application of zoning and related land use regulations; Experience with site plan, design and development review processes and procedures; Ability to work independently and as a member of a planning team; Experience with: ArcView; MS Office, including Word, Excel and Power Point; and Quark Xpress and Front Page a plus.

Qualifications include: Bachelor's degree in planning, architecture, landscape architecture or a related field. Two years prior experience with a public and/or private planning agency or firm is also desired.

The starting salary will be \$49,000.

Please send resume, cover letter, salary history and three current references by January 17, 2002 to: Town of Brookline, Human Resources Department, 333 Washington Street, Brookline, MA 02445.

The Town of Brookline is an Equal Opportunity Employer

Zoning Enforcement Officer/Assistant Planner, Town of Coventry, RI

The Town of Coventry is accepting Applications for the position of Zoning Enforcement Officer/Assistant Planner. The Candidate should have good communication skills and have demonstrated skills in computers and writing. The position will involve the interpretation and enforcement of the Town of Coventry Zoning Ordinance, and the administration of applications to the Zoning Board of Review. Experience with zoning regulations and related land-use regulations is required. The position will be supervised by the Director of Planning and Development. Additional experience in the following areas will be essential: field investigation and contact with the public; permitting and code enforcement; implementation of comprehensive plans; community organization and outreach; subdivisions and land development projects; budgeting; growth management; and economic development. Applicants should have a Bachelors Degree in Planning or a related field and have a minimum of 3 years experience in a municipal planning, building or permitting department, with demonstrated abilities in plan review, code interpretation, and assistance to the public. Submit resume to Francis A. Frobel, Town Manager, 1670 Flat River Road, Coventry, RI 02816.

Downtown Manager, Framingham, MA

The Town of Framingham, MA (population 67,000) is accepting applications from qualified individuals for the position of Downtown Manager. The community seeks a dynamic individual to lead revitalization of Downtown Framingham.

RESPONSIBILITIES: Implement Downtown Economic Development Strategic Plan; review goals and objectives, develop work plans, conduct business recruitment (market niche and entertainment anchors), devise funding strategies and seek additional private and public resources to implement current and future phases of the plan; Implement Downtown Facade and Signage Improvement Program; Manage Micro-enterprise Loan Fund and provide needed technical assistance, to include: general business counseling (planning) services, assisting applicants with product definition, market, competition, strategy, organization; Assist local businesses in permitting process; Act as liaison with Downtown businesses, Downtown organizations (such as Downtown Solutions, BRAMA, etc.) and with residents and neighbors; Provide technical assistance and capacity building services for community based organizations

REPORTING RELATIONSHIPS: The Downtown Manager reports to the Director of Planning and Economic Development; The Downtown Manager receives policy direction from the Framingham Economic Development Industrial Corporation (EDIC) and two liaison members to the EDIC from the Community Development Committee

SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND ABILITIES REQUIRED: Bachelor's Degree in Business, Public Administration, Economics, or Planning and Master's Degree preferred; Three (3) years paid professional experience in economic development and/or business development required with above educational preparation [Five (5) years preferred]. Experience in Downtown management/revitalization preferred; Effective written and oral communications skills. Knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel strongly preferred. Experience with basic web design software a plus;

Direct experience and knowledge in administering economic development and marketing programs on behalf of private organizations, municipalities, state, or similar organizations; Demonstrated effectiveness and direct experience in securing federal and state financial assistance for communities and private businesses; Demonstrated experience in raising private finance capital, loan packaging, and other economic development activities; Proven ability to interact with and assist diverse community groups.; Multi-lingual a plus.

Compensation: \$46,484 - \$55,569

Resumes accepted until qualified candidate is hired.

SEND RESUMES TO: Town of Framingham, Human Resources Department, 150 Concord Street, Room B-7, Framingham, MA 01702

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CALENDAR

December 3: Land Use & Ground Water Management Challenges in New England

A conference sponsored by the American Ground Water Trust. Register online at 222.agwt.org or call (608) 228-5444. Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Marlborough, MA.

December 9: AICP application submission deadline for those applying to AICP for the first time. Fee: \$60

December 13: MAPA/MAPD December Holiday Luncheon

Located at the Seaport Hotel - World Trade Center, Boston. Please FAX, mail, email or call in your reservations to Peter Lowitt, Devens Enterprise Commission, 43 Buena Vista, Devens, MA 01432, (978) 772-8831 x313, FAX (978) 772-7577, peterlowitt@devensec.com, by 12 noon Friday December 6th. Cost is \$35.00 for APA member and free for MAPD members.

December 16: Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence Deadline

Applications are now available for the 2003 RBA award cycle from the Bruner Foundation. For more info, see page 7 or visit www.brunerfoundation.org or Bruner Foundation, 130 Prospect Street, Cambridge, MA 02139. 617-715-3184 or fax 617-876-4002.

January 7: Nominate a Community Leader Deadline for Nomination

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February 19, 2003: "The Design of Contested Urban Space," Boston

Boston Society for Architects Lecture Series at the Boston Public Library. Free, 6:00 p.m. Info: 617-951-1433x221 or www.architects.org.

March 3: AICP Test site registration submission deadline for applicants who have received approval notice to take the exam. Fee: \$325

March 29 - April 2: APA National Conference, Denver

April 23, 2003: "Designing Cities to Celebrate Urban Life," Boston

Boston Society for Architects Lecture Series at the Boston Public Library. Free, 6:00 p.m. Info: 617-951-1433x221 or www.architects.org.

May 10: AICP Test Date

May 11-13: 2003 Legislative & Policy Conference, Washington D.C.

May 21, 2003: "Art, Architecture, and Public Spaces," Boston

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June 26-29, 2003: TrailLink 2003: Designing for the Future Rails-to-Trails Conservancy's International Trails and Greenways Conference, Providence, RI

For more information go to www.railtrails.org/traillink2003.

September 12-14: BSA National Conference, Boston, MA

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