

“Smart Planning for a Green Future”

A Message From: 1000 Friends of Florida & the Future Is Now Foundation

Overview:

Sustainability & Economic Vitality for Florida Communities

No-cost on-line events and services are now-available to assist Florida agencies, organizations and communities. “Smart Planning for a Green Future” is the theme, encompassing green planning, clean energy, sustainable economic development and more. Live on-line events are being hosted monthly featuring state and national experts. A Virtual Resource Center and state conference are also included. Events kickoff August 11 and 18. Sponsored by: 1000 Friends of Florida and the Future Is Now Foundation. For details and to hold your space:
<http://www.energysmartplanning.org/Webinars.html>

Full Notice:

Smart Planning for a Green Future

No-Cost On-Line Events & Services in Support of Florida Communities

The “Green Future” Webinar series begins soon. Be-our-guest for the events below. All will take place live and on-line (no special-equipment or know-how required). See details and reserve-your-place now at: <http://www.energysmartplanning.org/Webinars.html>

Session # 1

Smart Planning for Communities: Tapping Green Energy Strategies for High Power Returns

August 11, 2011 2:00-4:00 PM EDT

Presenters:

- Mitchell Silver, AICP, PP - **President, American Planning Association & City of Raleigh, NC Chief Planning & Economic Development Officer and Director, Department of City Planning**
- Paula Thomas, City of Raleigh, Manager, Office of Sustainability, City of Raleigh, NC
- Randall Reid, County Manager, Alachua County FL & **Sustainability Committee Chair, International City-County Management Association**

- Sean McLendon, Manager, Sustainability Program, Alachua County

Brief:

Discover the realm of possibilities for communities through the integral relationships between smart planning, green energy, sustainability and jobs/economic vitality. Learn about landmark practices, approaches and models that can be replicated in Florida communities. 2 *CM/AICP*

Session # 2

Clean Energy Technologies for Communities

August 18, 2011 2:00 – 4:00 PM EDT

Presenters:

- Dr. James Fenton, Director - Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC)
- Jay Levenstein, Deputy Commissioner - Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (DACS)
- Roger W. Taylor, Principal Project Manager, National Renewable Energy Laboratory, US Department of Energy
- Jolyn Newton, State Program and Technical Assistance Director, Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance

Brief:

Energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies offer communities a host of benefits. Gain a close-up look at the technology options, including those available now or near term and others to plan for in the future. *AICP/CM Pending*

Session # 3

Sustainability & Energy Planning for Communities

September 22, 2011 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Presenters:

- Jared Lang, Program Manager, Green Government Initiative, National Association of Counties
- Tammy Zborel, Senior Associate, Sustainability Program, Center for Research and Innovation, National League of Cities

- Alexander Dane, Project Leader, Strategic Energy Planning, National Renewable Energy Laboratories/US Department of Energy
- Tad McGilliard, Director of Sustainability, International City-County Management Association

Brief:

Communities across the country have been surveyed for their sustainability projects and strategies. Learn from the experience of others in or relevant to Florida communities. Also benefit from strategic guidance on how to plan for and implement clean, green communities. Access powerful-new-resources for local- support. *AICP/CM Pending*

Session # 4

Transportation Alternatives for Energy Efficiency

October 4 - 6, 2011 (tentative dates)

Brief: Many options exist for making communities more energy efficient through transportation choices ... from land use planning and development practices to public transportation and operational systems to alternative fuel vehicles and a whole lot more. Find out what your community can do to tap significant efficiencies (and related benefits) for now and the long haul.

Additional events in the series will be announced throughout the year, along with a Virtual Conference & Expo planned for the Spring 2012.

The on-line sessions are designed to provide training, technical assistance and educational support to: local governments, community planners, environmental & planning officials, economic development agencies, professions & trades that serve communities, utilities, educational institutions, nonprofits, community leaders and others..

Continuing education credits for planners (AICP – CM) are being applied for regarding most sessions in the series. Other credits also may apply.

Further details about these and other Web-events and services of the initiative are at: www.EnergySmartPlanning.org.