



Call for Participation

Salisbury University

SMART GROWTH DAY

Wednesday, April 28th, 2010

Salisbury, Maryland

The Department of Geography and Geosciences of the Henson School of Science & Technology is pleased to invite you to participate in the “Smart Growth Day” being held at Salisbury University on April 28, 2010. This one-day conference/forum celebrates Maryland’s remarkable smart growth initiative by providing a forum to discuss smart growth applications through engaging state and local planners, developers, elected officials, planning commissioners, environmentalists, and other stakeholders in constructive discussions of Maryland’s future growth.

Invited keynote speakers include Mr. Richard Hall, Maryland Secretary of Planning; Dr. Gerrit Knaap, Director of the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education; Mr. John Frece, Director of Smart Growth Program, EPA; and Former Governor Parris N. Glendening. Presentations, panels, colloquies, and roundtables on a broad range of the issues encountered in developing and applying best practices will be given and organized by professional planners and interested groups.

We encourage you to participate in the Smart Growth Day by presenting a paper on best practices in smart growth, or by organizing a panel (a group of 3-5 formal presentations with a moderator), by developing colloquies (formal discussions without paper presentations), or by simply forming or participating in a roundtable (informal discussions on a growth issue). Forum topics on applications of smart growth principles can include, but are not limited to: reducing urban sprawl and creating compact development, preserving environmentally sensitive areas, promoting diversity and equity, providing a wide range of transportation choices, developing different tools and approaches to manage urban growth, using land and infrastructure efficiently, revitalizing central cities, balancing economic development and environmental protection, improving housing affordability, and conserving natural and cultural resources.

The conference will take place on the beautiful campus of Salisbury University (SU), a public comprehensive university located on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. SU has served the citizens of the Eastern Shore and beyond for over 80 years. The Department of Geography and Geosciences has a long established commitment to planning on the Eastern Shore, educating the next generation of planners about smart growth and sustainability principles, as well as state-of-the-art tools to examine the land-use problems of today and tomorrow.

For questions, inquiries or further information contact Dr. Amal K. Ali (akali@salisbury.edu and/or 410-543-6457).

Proposal Submission: Please send proposals (up to 250 words) to Dr. Amal K. Ali (akali@salisbury.edu). For proposals of panels, colloquies, and roundtables, please indicate the topic of discussions and names and affiliations of potential participants.

Proposal Deadline—Monday, February 15, 2010 (11:59 PM).

Proposal acceptance notices will be sent by February 22, 2010.

Registration: There will be NO registration fees, but registration is required by contacting Dr. Amal K. Ali.