

No Adverse Impact - the "Do No Harm" Principle

Terri Turner, Georgia Association of Floodplain Management (GAFM)
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NAI is an approach that ensures that the action of any property owner does not adversely impact others - it's strength is that it encourages local decision making to ensure that future development impacts will be identified and mitigated – it is a truly comprehensive strategy for reducing flood losses.

9/30/2009 -- 2:45 - 4:00
CM: 1.25

The Greening of the City

Steve Cover, Managing Principal, HOK Architects and Planners
Dennis Creech, Executive Director, Southface Energy Institute
Monte Wilson, Group Vice President, RLA

This session will explore how Atlanta is becoming a role model for how to become a green city. The panel will explain how through planning and land development strategies, new building construction technologies and innovations, and how City workers are conserving energy, saving resources and reducing travel time and costs.

9/30/2009 -- 4:15-5:30
CM: 1.25

Development of a Conservation Overlay Ordinance: Newton County Blueprints Project

Katherine Moore, Growth Management Program Manager, Georgia Conservancy
Randy Roark, Professor Emeritus, Georgia Tech College of Architecture

A stakeholder-driven process through which a conservation overlay ordinance was developed as a foundation to the community's vision for a sustainability-based Countywide economic environment. Project was undertaken by the Georgia Conservancy, The Center for Community Preservation and Planning, and Prof. Randy Roarke with Georgia Tech's City & Regional Planning Program.

10/1/2009 -- 9:00-10:15
CM: 1.25

Adopting a "Triple Bottom Line" approach to environmental sustainability

Lindsay Kieselbach Ritter, CH2M Hill OMI

Chris Miller, AICP, City of Sandy Springs

David Schmid, CPESC, City of Sandy Springs

This session will focus upon the use of a "triple bottom line" approach which recognizes opportunities to enhance environmental and social concerns in the delivery of city services without compromising economic viability. The City of Sandy Springs' new Water Conservation Ordinance will be highlighted during the presentation.

10/1/2009 -- 10:35-11:50

CM: 1.25

Planning for Regionally Important Resources

Rebecca Bom, GA DCA

Brad Calvert, Principal Planner, Atlanta Regional Commission

Andrew Szwak, Manager, Georgia Land Conservation Program

Protecting cultural and natural resources in Georgia's communities is important. This session explores the Regionally Important Resources process as a way to do this, by teaching how to identify and determine significance of these resources and how to develop maps that are useful in identifying a statewide network.

10/1/2009 -- 1:30-2:45

CM: 1.25

TDR Workshop

Christine McCauley, Executive Director, Madison-Morgan Conservancy and Buckhead Heritage Society

A workshop designed to take the participants through the entire TDR process from designing sending and receiving areas, to designing the process for accepting and holding TDRs, to working with the many different partners involved in a TDR program, to assessing and redesigning the TDR program.

10/1/2009 -- 3:05-4:20

CM: 1.25

The Planners Guide to LEED

John Cantrell, Interior Designer and Sustainability Leader, HOK
Dan Shultz, Development Director, City of Chamblee
Avanish Pendharkar, AICP, Senior Urban Designer, HOK

Every planner needs to know about LEED, regardless of whether your jurisdiction is considering a LEED ordinance. This session will present an overview of green building and site design principles along with an introduction to the LEED rating system.

10/2/2009 -- 8:30-9:45

CM: 1.25

Green Communities

Maia Davis, Principle Planner, ARC
Chuck Hunt, Cobb County
Lynn Pierson, City of Alpharetta
Lena Stevens, City of Decatur

The Green Communities Program is a voluntary certification program for jurisdictions in the 10-county Atlanta region to encourage local governments to become more sustainable. Certified Green Communities set an example by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, conserving energy, investing in renewable energy, conserving water, conserving fuel, reducing vehicle miles traveled, reducing waste and protecting and restoring the community's natural resources.

10/2/2009 -- 10:00-11:15

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