

THE PLANNER'S ROLE IN RECOVERY

WHAT RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES FACE THE PLANNING PROFESSION AS WE (HOPEFULLY) HEAD TOWARDS ECONOMIC RECOVERY?

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Introduction: Responsibilities & Opportunities

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Planners' Responsibilities







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Planners' Opportunities



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- Developer-funded infrastructure
- Assumptions:
 - The right to develop is a commodity that can be leveraged.
 - Developers make more profit than they really need.
 - Demand for development will always exceed supply of sites.
 - Everything will continue to increase forever



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Market & Economic Challenges

Market and Economic Challenges Facing Communities

- Planners face a multitude of issues coming out of the Great Recession:
 - 1. How do I get my tax base growing again?
 - 2. Managing an oversupply of empty boxes
 - 3. Managing the oversupply of residential lots
 - 4. Does New Urbanism/Smart Growth still work?
 - 5. Getting the word out about our community



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Bridging the Gap between Planners and Our Public

- If the "vision" is our product, who are our customers, and how do we convince them to buy it?
 - Political Framework
 - The Public Process
 - The Real Estate & Finance Community
- How have those roles changed since the bubble popped?



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Bridging the Gap Between Planners and the Real Estate Community

- What does the development process look like and what role does planning play?
- Why do the best-laid plans so often go astray?
- What can your community do to accelerate and sustain its recovery?



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