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President's Corner - "I 'm a' Ramblin' On"

It won't be long - this is my last contribution to the President's Corner! I will gladly surrender this "bully pulpit" to your new President, Jerry Weitz. You can look forward to new ideas, fresh energy and strong leadership from Jerry and new members of the Board. I am not disappearing, but look forward to playing some new roles on the Board. In particular, as Past-President, I see the need to press three important priorities to the Board next year - planning legislation, planning education, and communication.

Legislation: One thing that I care passionately about is pushing planning to the next level with better legislation and better tools for planners in Georgia. Many of the planning tools that have been tested and used successfully in other states are not legally or politically feasible in Georgia. Each year that goes by without the tools we need is a year closer to crisis (transportation, air quality, water quality, water supply, affordable housing) and further from the quality of life that future Georgians want and need. This will be a ten year effort. Join me in forming a braintrust for better planning legislation.

Education: Planning education is another arena of crisis and opportunity. I am not talking about the quality of planning instruction at Georgia Tech and our other colleges and universities. They are among the best in the nation. However, there is huge gap between the level of planning education available through our colleges, and the level of planning practice in the hundreds of local planning commissions and planning departments in Georgia. (That is the only place where it really matters!) We need to dedicate a substantial share of our effort in GPA to the continuing education of practicing planners and planning officials. We must narrow the gap between theory and practice by increasing the call to planners and Planning Commissioners to seek continuing education, and by improving the availability of interesting and relevant courses. GPA is getting ready to roll out the Community Planning Institute for this winter. GPA is also working with DCA, Atlanta Regional

Commission, UGA and Ga Tech to develop a statewide, coordinated approach to continuing education for planners and Planning Commissioners. Join this effort.

By the way, a recent survey by the APA Planning and Women Division found that the top three ways practicing planners prefer to learn is #1 - through Workshops (like CPI); #2 - from one-on-one peer exchange; and #3 - from statewide Planning Conferences (like we are about to have in Savannah). Join GPA at the Fall Conference Oct. 22-24, and join me in developing more opportunities for peer exchange.

Communication: Finally, none of the great ideas we have will go anywhere without better communications. How well do we communicate with each other about professional practice? What do non-planners know about us? How can we have more influence in the things that matter - legislation, housing, land economics, and natural resource management? The APA has just published a written Communications Plan that delves into some of these questions.

Hats off to our GPA Chapter Services Committee and Membership Sub-committee because they have a first draft of a new GPA brochure - a first cut at putting our message into an attractive and easy to pass-along format. Join me in passing the message along.

This only begs the question, "What IS our message"? Do we need a GPA Communications Committee? Think about that and let me know what you think.

Gary A. Cornell

Events! Events! Events!

In this issue:

- **Atlanta Regional Redevelopment Forum**
Marietta, October 6, 2003
- **DCA Land Based Classification Standards Workshop**
Macon, October 10, 2003
- **URISA Annual Conference**
Atlanta, October 11 - 15
- **GPA Fall Conference**
Savannah, October 22 - 24, 2003
- **DCA Housing Conference and Magnolia Awards**
October 29, 2003
- **GPA Community Planning Institute**
Jekyll Island, November 5 - 7, 2003
- **GPA 2004 Spring Conference**
Macon, March 17 - 19, 2004

"Bubba, you can kiss your October goodbye!"



Looking ahead... GPA Spring Conference 2004

There is no more beautiful place in the springtime than Macon during Cherry Blossom Festival time. I cannot promise you that the cherry blossoms will be in bloom during the GPA Spring Conference to be held March 18 and 19, 2004 at the Crowne Plaza. I can promise you that there will be many great sessions, tours, and opportunities for you and your family to enjoy the sights, sounds, and beauty that occurs during the first weekend of the Cherry Blossom.

A block of rooms have been reserved for Wednesday and Thursday at a rate of \$79, and the hotel has agreed to keep this

group rate for the weekend so you and your family can plan to stay to enjoy the many great events that will be part of the Cherry Blossom Festival. There will also be several event packages that will be available during the Conference registration.

Put this date on your calendar, and make sure to bring the family. If you want, you can begin making reservations by calling 478-746-1461. Look forward to seeing all of you in Macon.

Phil Clark

Sponsor and Exhibitor Opportunities for the 2003 Georgia Planning Association Fall Conference



Be a sponsor or exhibitor at the Georgia Planning Association's annual fall conference in Savannah, October 22nd-24th.

Our program is chock full of an exciting selection of sessions, mobile workshops and special events. Last year we had 200 people registered, and we are expecting an even greater turnout in Savannah!

Exhibition space will be available at the Marriott Riverfront in the Oglethorpe Room for \$600. All conference breaks and the Wednesday Evening Awards Reception will be held in the Oglethorpe Room. Exhibition space in the hallway near the meeting room is available for \$450. Free display space will be available to public agencies in high traffic areas throughout the conference.

For those not wishing to set up an exhibit, sponsorships are available at several levels. GPA Conference Sponsors will be listed in a very large and prominent display at the conference entrance and other areas. Logos if provided can be included.

This year, make a choice to be an important part of the conference, and the promotion of good planning in Georgia!!!

Interested? Please send a fax to Lee Sutton at (912) 264-7312 or email him at lsutton@arches.uga.edu for details and the complete package. You can also download the information package and registration form at the GPA web site: www.georgiaplanning.org.

Congratulations

Please congratulate Debbie Miness, who has been selected to the Class of 2003-2004 by the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership (IGEL). I nominated her as a representative from the Georgia Planning Association. Other members of GPA who have been selected to this prestigious institute this year include Dr. Cheryl Contant, AICP, Helen Tapp, AICP, Patty McIntosh, Tom Weyandt, and Stacy Patton. Way to go!!

IGEL was created by a partnership between the Governors' Environmental Advisory Council and the J. W. Fanning Institute for Leadership at UGA. It is a year-long training and professional development process for current and emerging leaders to provide a forum for developing an understanding of the complexity and diversity of environmental issues in Georgia and to build more trust and leadership for creative problem solving in Georgia's environmental arena.

Gary Cornell, AICP, President, GPA


GPA Fall Conference Program Announced

The Preliminary Program for this year's Fall Conference is laid out on the following pages. We'll be running five parallel tracks from 1:00 Wednesday, October 22, until Noon on Friday, October 24, including an all-day workshop on Thursday with Randall Arendt.

GPA Fall Conference Highlights:

- *Forty interesting and informative sessions*
- *Award program recognition of significant planning achievements*
- *Mobile workshops to view planning issues and activities*
- *Opportunities for networking*
- *FUN*

Wednesday, October 22, 2003					
12:00 - 4:00 - Pre-function area next to Oglethorpe Room - Registration					
12:00 - 7:00 - Oglethorpe Room and Pre-function Area - Exhibits					
12:00 - 5:00 - Wednesday Afternoon Mobile Workshops					
Mobile Workshop # 1 - Historic Walking Tour (fee \$10/no capacity limit) - Historic Savannah Foundation will provide a unique walking and/or bus tour of the Downtown Historic Landmark. <u>This tour to be repeated Thursday afternoon.</u> Comfortable walking shoes advised.					
	Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D	Room E
1:00 - 2:30 Group 1 Sessions	Urban Design Session - sponsored with assistance of APA Urban Design Section)	Air Quality	Access Management Programs for States, Counties, and Municipalities	PlanBuilder/Minimum Standards - Part I - DCA	AICP Exam Session I
2:30 - 2:45 - Afternoon Break - Oglethorpe Room					
	Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D	Room E
2:45 - 4:15 Group 2 Sessions	Influence of Social, Cultural, and Physical Factors on Gardens in the South	Port Wentworth New Town Concept	Integrating Transportation Management and Corridor Planning Projects	PlanBuilder/Minimum Standards - Part II - DCA	AICP Exam Session II
4:15 - 5:00 - Award Presentations - Oglethorpe Room					
5:00 - 7:00 - Awards Reception - Oglethorpe Room and Pre-function area					
7:00 - Whenever - River Street Pub Crawl - Browse the shops and pubs along River Street - Watch for information about itinerary and specials					

Thursday, October 23, 2003					
8:00 - 12:00 - Oglethorpe Room and Pre-function Area - Exhibits and Registration					
8:00 - 5:00 - Thursday All Day Mobile Workshops					
<p>Mobile Workshop # 2 - University of Georgia Marine Extension Service (fee \$25/capacity limit 25) - The Marine Extension Service works to increase the efficiency of existing marine industries, to identify new industries that do not harm the environment, and to increase public awareness and understanding of coastal ecosystems. The coordinated programs of research, advisory services and education carried out from offices in Athens and Atlanta and from facilities on Skidaway Island, Savannah and Brunswick extend economic and cultural benefits throughout the state and region. Workshop travels by boat to Skidaway Research Center on Skidaway Island - along the way, examples of shoreline impacts will be viewed and discussed - lunch included - arranged and hosted by Lee Sutton, UGa Marine Extension</p> <p>Mobile Workshop # 3 - Ossabaw Island (fee \$25/capacity limit ??) - Workshop travels by van to Ossabaw Island - lunch included - arranged by Fred Hay, Georgia DNR. Comfortable clothing advised.</p> <p>Mobile Workshop # 4 - Campus Planning (fee \$25/capacity limit 8) - Workshop travels to Statesboro to hear presentation on campus planning at GSU, and tour Raptor Museum and Botanical Gardens at GSU - will also go to Bamboo Gardens in SW Chatham County if time permits - tour arranged and hosted by Teresa Concannon, CGRDC</p>					
Time? (All day) - Golf: (fee \$50) - Southbridge Golf Course on I -95 - contact yphillips@glynncounty.org for more information					
8:00 - 11:30 - Thursday Morning Mobile Workshops					
<p>Mobile Workshop # 5 - Georgia Ports Authority Garden City Port Terminal (fee \$15/capacity limit 15) - <i>Bus transportation provided by the City of Savannah Department of Community Planning & Development.</i> This 45-minute guided tour of more than 838 acre Garden City Port Terminal will feature a review of the Georgia's world class container port with more than 7,700 linear feet of berthing space which is the longest berthing space on the east coast of the United States - tour arranged by Alex Ikefuna and Mary Huffstetler</p>					
8:00 - 8:30 Annual GPA Business Meeting - Ballroom					
	Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D	Room E
8:30 - 10:00 Group 3 Sessions	Thomas Square Neighborhood - Tom Wilson and Lee Einsweiler - MPC sponsored session	Pooler and Daimler/Chrysler - Vernon Martin 	Transportation for Livable Communities	Cell Phones and HPD - Section 106 Rules	Conservation Subdivision Design as a Tool for Building Community- wide Open Space Networks Randall Arendt (all day workshop)
10:00 - 10:15 Morning Break - Oglethorpe Room					

Thursday, October 23, 2003 (continued)					
	Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D	Room E
10:15 - 11:45 Group 4 Sessions	Revitalizing Vacant and Abandoned Properties in Savannah - Martin Fretty	The Zoning Clinic - Jim Duncan/Bill Ross	National Transportation Planning Issues	Visioning - Vernon Ryle/Barry Bissonette	Randall Arendt all day workshop (continued)
12:00 - 1:45 - Luncheon/Keynote Speaker and Annual Chapter Awards Presentation - Katherine Ross [title], Georgia Tech (invited) - Individual tickets will be sold for this event at \$25					
2:00 - 5:00 - Thursday Afternoon Mobile Workshops					
Mobile Workshop # 6 - Historic Walking Tour (fee \$10/no capacity limit) - Historic Savannah Foundation will provide a unique walking and/or bus tour of the Downtown Historic Landmark. <u>This tour is a repeat of the Wednesday afternoon tour.</u> Comfortable walking shoes advised.					
Mobile Workshop # 7 - Rebuilding Savannah's Traditional Inner -City Neighborhoods Tour (fee \$15/capacity limit 21) - <i>Bus transportation provided by the City of Savannah Department of Community Planning & Development.</i> This guided tour will show the City of Savannah's Showcase Program is transforming distressed neighborhoods into opportunities for infill development, affordable housing and home ownership and neighborhood revitalization. The tour will feature the Historic Cuyler -Brownsville and Beach Institute neighborhoods. Participants will learn how the neighborhoods changed and how commitment was secured for the duration of the planning effort and implementation.					
2:00 - 5:00 - Oglethorpe Room and Pre-function Area - Exhibits and Registration					
	Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D	Room E
2:00 - 3:30 Group 5 Sessions	Ocmulgee River Archeology - Terry Jackson	Economic Development - Joy Wilkins	Take Your Show on the Road: Use of Mobile Information Booths in Atlanta Area Transportation Study Public Involvement - Nathan Conable	Ethics Session - Sue Schwartz	Randall Arendt all day workshop (continued)
3:30 - 3:45 Afternoon Break - Oglethorpe Room					
	Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D	Room E
3:45 - 5:15 Group 6 Sessions	Context Sensitive Highway Design - MPC sponsored session	Tourism and Economic Development	Requirements for Transportation Elements - DCA Session	Planning Commissioner Training - Mike Chandler	Randall Arendt all day workshop (continued)
6:00 - 8:00 Reception - at the hotel in the Atrium and on the Riverfront plaza. Individual tickets will be sold for this event at \$30					
8:00 - ? (Optional) Ghost Tours (fee \$20/no capacity limit)					

Friday, October 24, 2003					
8:00 - 12:00 - Oglethorpe Room and Pre-function Area - Exhibits and Registration					
8:00 - 11:30 - Friday Morning Mobile Workshops - need times and list of workshops					
Mobile Workshop # 8 - Hutchinson Island Development (fee \$15/capacity limit 15) - Tour by water taxi to new hotel and mixed-use development across the Savannah River from the Marriott.					
Mobile Workshop # 9 - Savannah Resource Recovery Facility (fee \$15/capacity limit ??)					
Mobile Workshop # 10 - Savannah Development and Renewal Authority, Broughton Street and Martin Luther King Blvd./Montgomery Street Corridor Revitalization Tour (fee \$15/capacity limit 15) - <i>Arranged by the Savannah Development and Renewal Authority.</i> This guided walking tour will focus on downtown commercial retail and residential development with emphasis on Broughton Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. The tour will feature a collaborative effort designed to create an action agenda, revitalize inner-city commercial corridors, promote redevelopment and attract investment. Comfortable walking shoes advised.					
	Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D	Room E
8:45 - 10:15 Group 7 Sessions	Historic Preservation Division Program - Barry Brown	Georgia Conservancy Program - Patty McIntosh	Environmental Justice in Transportation Planning - Rolanda Daniel	Unified Development Codes - Gail Easley	DCA Quality Growth Forum - Chrissy Marlowe
10:15 - 10:30 Morning Break - Oglethorpe Room					
	Room A	Room B	Room C	Room D	Room E
10:30 - 12:00 Group 8 Sessions	Fulton County Government Session - Geneasa L. Elias,	Historic Preservation Session - Robin Williams (arranged by SCAD)	The Coastal Georgia Greenway Implementation Strategies - Jo Hickson	Zoning Without Boundaries - Denise Abboud	Community Character - Lane Kendig - MPC Sponsored Session
12:30 - ?? - Fishing Trip (fee) - contact yphillips@glynncounty.org for more information					

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Registration Fees:

	Fee	Enclosed
Regular Registration - Postmarked Friday, October 3 or earlier	\$185	_____
Late Registration - Postmarked October 4 or After	\$205	_____
Student Registration (attached certification from school)	\$55	_____

Note: Individual tickets will be available on site for the Thursday Luncheon and Reception

Mobile Workshops (all are first come, first served):

① Historic Walking Tour A (10/22 Afternoon)	\$10	_____
② Skidaway Research Center/Impacts of Shoreline Development (10/23 All Day)	\$25	_____
③ Ossabaw Island Tour (10/23 All Day)	\$25	_____
④ Statesboro GSU Campus Planning (10/23 All Day)	\$25	_____
⑤ Georgia Ports Authority (10/23 Morning)	\$15	_____
⑥ Historic Walking Tour A (10/23 Afternoon)	\$10	_____
⑦ Rebuilding Savannah's Traditional Inner-City Neighborhoods (10/23 Afternoon)	\$15	_____
⑧ Hutchinson Island Development (10/24 Morning)	\$15	_____
⑨ Savannah Development and Renewal Authority, Broughton Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard./Montgomery Street Corridor Revitalization (10/24 Morning)	\$15	_____

Fun Events:

① Savannah Ghost Tour (10/23 Evening after Reception - 90 minute walking tour)	\$20	_____
② Golf Tournament (10/24 Afternoon)	\$50	_____
③ Fishing Trip (10/24 Afternoon) - price TBA; please check if you would like information	_____	_____

Total Fee Enclosed: \$_____

Hotel Reservations: Rooms are \$145/night for single or double - call the hotel directly at (912) 233-7722 and mention the Georgia Planning Association conference.

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WORKING TO BETTER OUR COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENT

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs Announces The 3rd Annual Housing Conference and Magnolia Awards Program

Outstanding achievements in affordable housing will be celebrated once again this year when the Georgia Department of Community Affairs hosts the Third Annual Housing Georgia Conference and Magnolia Awards Program at the Georgia International Convention Center. The October 29th event will recognize achievements in the areas of Affordable Rental Housing, Creative Partnerships, Emergency Shelter/Services, Homeownership, Local Government Initiatives, Special Needs, and Superior Design. A special "Housing Champion" award will also be given to recognize the ongoing contributions of an individual or group in promoting affordable housing.

In addition to recognizing housing successes in Georgia, the conference provides an excellent opportunity for participants to interact with housing professionals from many facets of the industry and to learn the secrets of success from award

finalists. Workshops will be organized around the seven award categories, with finalists discussing their activities. The sessions will be followed by a luncheon and awards presentation, hosted by DCA Commissioner Mike Beatty and featuring a keynote address by Stacy Stewart, CEO of the Fannie Mae Foundation.

"Quality, affordable housing is vital to Georgia's economy and quality of life," as said by Carmen Chubb, Director of DCA Housing Finance. "That's why we're excited to bring so many folks from the housing industry together to recognize those who work so hard to create affordable housing in our state."

For more information on the Housing Conference, log onto our website at www.magnoliaawards.org. If you have additional questions, contact Sherrie Massie at 404-679-0650 or by email at information@magoliaawards.org.



URISA's Conference Atlanta

URISA's 41st Annual Conference will be held in Atlanta (downtown at the Marriott Marquis), October 11-15. There are many important GIS sessions scheduled... from homeland security to public health issues. Also featured will be the introduction of the first class of Certified GIS Professionals and a closing plenary session to Promote National Data Partnerships & Collaboration.

The Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) is a non-profit association of professionals using Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and other information technologies to solve challenges in all state and local

government agencies and departments. URISA promotes the effective and ethical use of spatial information and information technologies for the understanding and management of urban and regional systems.

Georgia's planning professionals may register for the conference or can take advantage of an Exhibit Hall Pass to familiarize themselves with the latest in government technology.

Contact Wendy Francis at (847) 824-6300, wfrancis@urisa.org, or visit the conference website, www.urisa.org, for more information.

Atlanta Regional Redevelopment Forum--Marietta

Please join us for the next Atlanta Regional Redevelopment Forum on Monday, October 6, 2003 in Marietta. The event is co-sponsored with ULI Atlanta District Council, Georgia Planning Association (GPA) and the City of Marietta. Cost is only \$10 and includes lunch!

Many have attended and/or participated in previous Redevelopment Forums held in Decatur, Roswell and Duluth. This is a great opportunity to learn about local government redevelopment efforts, challenges and successes in other parts of the Atlanta region and country. This session should be no exception. In addition to City of Marietta staff, the line up includes two very knowledgeable national speakers with diverse backgrounds.

David Goldberg is the Communications Director with Smart Growth America and was previously a writer with the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and co-creator of the Horizon section.

Rick Bernhardt is the Executive Director of the Metro Nashville-Davidson County Planning Department. Prior to this position, he was the Director of the City of Orlando's Planning and Development Department for 17 years.

For more details contact Jennifer Fine at 404.463.3307 or [jfine\(c~atlantaregional.com\)](mailto:jfine(c~atlantaregional.com)).

Milton Newton, AICP, retires from MPC after 36 Years of Service



Helen Stone, Chair, MPC (L), presenting Milton Newton with a retirement award



Milton Newton, AICP, expressing appreciation for his recognition

On August 19, the Chatham-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC), recognized Milton L. Newton, AICP, for thirty-six years of public service to the community. Mr. Newton worked for MPC as a planner for 36 years, six of

those years as the executive director. Originally from Rossville, Georgia, and with a background in urban geography, Mr. Newton started his career as an entry level planner. Prior to serving as the executive director, he was the assistant executive director for several years. Ms. Helen Stone, Chair, Metropolitan Planning Commission, presented the recognition award to Mr. Newton, and called his retirement the end of an era. Asked about what he plans to do with his time, Mr. Newton responded that he would travel all over the world. He just returned from a six-week tour of Europe. Mr. Newton's advice to planners is "perseverance and adaptability are the major keys for a successful planner career." Milton, we wish you well in your retirement.

Article by Alex Ikefuna, Vice President, Chapter Services

Land Based Classification Standards Workshop Macon

When: Friday October 10, 2003

Where: Georgia Music Hall of Fame at 200 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. in Macon, Georgia 31201

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the American Planning Association invite you to attend a free workshop on the American Planning Association's Land-Based Classification Standards (LBCS) that have been proposed to replace the current system of land use classification in the State of Georgia. This advanced land use mapping standard is now an option for use under the Revised Minimum Planning Standards for Local Comprehensive Planning. Please see the LBCS web site at <http://www.planning.org/lbcs/> for information on the standard before the workshop. Sanjay Jeer, APA's principal investigator on the LBCS project, will present this daylong workshop. You are also invited to bring examples of Georgia land use maps for a discussion on conversion strategies. Please pre-register and direct questions to Terry Jackson at 404.679.4946 or email him at tjackson@dca.state.ga.us

We will also discuss how LBCS has already been incorporated into the ESRI Parcel Data Model as well as upcoming software and data model enhancements that will help you implement LBCS into planning applications. Even if you attended the previous workshop you may want to attend this one too because many new features have been added to the APA LBCS Web site and the training materials for this workshop are new.

If you will attend please register to confirm your seat. You can find the registration form at the GPA web site event registration page, <http://www.georgiaplanning.com/announcement.htm>, or call/contact Terry Jackson at 404.679.4946 or email him at tjackson@dca.state.ga.us.

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Blueprints Partners News & Notes

By Bill Ross ty

The Blueprints Partners are involved in several ongoing projects around the State. Here is a highlight of recent activities:

The **Home Park** Community Improvement Association presented a copy of the award it recently received from the Georgia Planning Association for its Greater Home Park Master Plan to the Georgia Conservancy at the Conservancy's Executive Committee meeting in July. One of the first Blueprints technical assistance workshops was done in Home Park and this led to the community's desire to complete and implement a master plan for their area. The Conservancy has been involved since the original workshop as a master plan steering committee member and as a sounding board for ideas about fundraising for plan implementation.

The Blueprints **Macon** workshop has focused on applying for a National Heritage Corridor (NHC) designation for a portion of the Ocmulgee River. The draft NHC study was presented to the Macon steering committee on May 21. A subcommittee of the group is focusing on increasing the amount of public participation around the NHC study and process. On July 1 that subcommittee met and outlined plans for the next several months with the first step being a release of the draft NHC study to the steering committee members for their review. The Macon steering committee will discuss the study at its September 22 meeting. Once approved by the steering committee, the NHC study will then be shared with an expanded steering committee in an effort to increase stakeholder input into the process.

Meetings are being coordinated throughout the **Lower Chattahoochee RDC** with the county staff in the RDC's eight-county region. These meetings are an opportunity to educate county staff and elected officials about the Middle Chattahoochee Blueprints project. Presentations will be made about this Blueprints project at the Clay and Harris County Commission meetings in October.

Blueprints staff met with the director of the Savannah College of Art and Design's (SCAD) Building Arts department to discuss SCAD's involvement in a community design workshop for **Sandfly**, a historic African-American community near Savannah. Blueprints has been working with the community since early 2002 and a workshop is tentatively planned for fall quarter. The Georgia Conservancy has begun working with other SCAD departments in preparation for the workshop.

The Blueprints Partners recently completed its project in **Conyers and Rockdale County**. Drawing on affected property owners, elected officials, and both City and County staff, the Partners directed a series of workshops that produced a future land use plan for an area encompassing brownfield redevelopment, retail strip center redevelopment, new development, and the incorporation of infrastructure improvements into the area.

GPA's representatives on the Blueprints Partners Steering Committee are Inga Kennedy and Bill Ross ty. Inga can be contacted at inga@bellsouth.net; Bill can be reached at theyounger@planross.com. The Blueprints Partners are: The American Institute of Architects, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Georgia, the American Society of Landscape Architects, the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia, the Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, the Institute of Transportation Engineers, the Georgia Conservancy, Georgia Tech, the Georgia Municipal Association, the Georgia Planning Association, the Greater Atlanta Homebuilders Association, the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, Southface Energy Institute, and the Urban Land Institute.

CORRECTION

In the August issue of the Georgia Planner, we inadvertently failed to recognize and welcome Dan Basso as a new AICP member. We sincerely apologize to Dan for the oversight and are embarrassed by his omission. Rest assured that the guilty party has been severely dealt with.

Way to go, Dan! Congratulations on your achievement.



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J ♦ O ♦ B ANNOUNCEMENTS

Urban Design Committee Meets

The GPA Urban Design Committee met on August 15, 2003. Members present were Michelle Wright, Brian Borden, Tracy Dunnivant and Committee Chairman Paul Souidi.

The committee members discussed the importance of streetscape to a community. Borden said he felt it was more than just benches and tables. He said the goal of streetscape should be to create an experience. Dunnivant discussed Carrollton's

streetscape project and its use of the local artisans. Souidi said he would like to explore ways for planners to creatively work with the issue of a railroad running through the middle of a town. Wright gave examples of cities that have dealt with the problem.

Souidi asked the members to come up with some possible GPA spring conference topics for the next meeting. Dunnivant suggested a course on revitalizing greyfields.



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