Advanced Approaches: Addressing Community Growth

What’s this about?

This workshop series is designed for communities in The Last Green Valley who are interested in learning more about innovative zoning techniques and wastewater treatment alternatives that can be used to promote smart development strategies and minimize sprawling development patterns.

Workshop 1: May 8, 2008     Smart Zoning Techniques – The Tale of Two Grotons

Groton, Connecticut and Groton, Massachusetts are both implementing innovative zoning techniques to promote smart development patterns. Many of our communities do not allow alternatives to large lot development anywhere in town. As a result, it is often impossible to recreate or expand the New England village centers that we cherish throughout our region. Come see what these communities and others are doing to promote more compact, mixed use development in areas that work for them.

Workshop 2: May 21, 2008     Wastewater Treatment Alternatives & Smart Growth

One of the most limiting factors to implementing smart development patterns in rural areas is a lack of public water and sewer systems. Until recently individual septic systems have been our only wastewater treatment option, even in historic village centers. Rhode Island is using alternative treatment systems to allow more compact development and to address failing systems in village centers. Come learn about RI's experiences and see what alternatives are available to Connecticut towns.

The Green Valley Institute is a partnership of:
Workshop 1: A Tale of Two Grotons
Zoning Techniques that Promote Smart Development

Michael Murphy, AICP is Director of Planning and Development and Matt Davis, AICP is Manager of Planning Services with the Town of Groton, CT. In November 2007, Groton adopted smart zoning regulations designed to encourage mixed-use development in areas where it makes sense. The regulations will “encourage affordable housing, reduce dependency on the automobile and recapture some sense of place.” Come learn from Groton’s experiences adopting and implementing these new regulations.

Peter Flinker, ASLA, AICP is a principal with Dodson Associates, Ashfield, MA. Peter has worked with numerous communities to help them identify innovative strategies such as form-based zoning and mixed use overlays districts to promote smarter development. Most recently he’s been working with Groton, MA to help them redevelop their town center. Peter will share his experiences working with small towns who are considering completely new forms of zoning.

Workshop 2: Wastewater Treatment Alternatives
Options for Promoting Smarter Growth Patterns

George Loomis is with the University of RI Cooperative Extension and is Director of the New England Onsite Wastewater Training Center. Lorraine Joubert is with the RI NEMO (non-point education for municipal officials) program. George and Lorraine will share their experiences addressing wastewater treatment issues in small towns and rural areas. They will let us know how alternative systems can play a role in revitalizing Main Street or rebuilding an historic village center.

Dennis Greci from CT Department of Environmental Protection will present the alternatives that are currently available for addressing wastewater treatment issues in rural CT. He will let us know the pros and cons of different approaches and how CT DEP is working with towns to address these issues in rural areas.

Both workshops will be held at the EASTCONN’s Education Center, Rte 6, Hampton, CT

DIRECTIONS: From the west, follow Rte 6 for 2.6 miles past the intersection of Rte 198, EASTCONN’s Center will be on your left.

From the east, follow Route 6 for 1.8 miles past the intersection of Rte 97, EASTCONN’s Center will be on your right

Questions?
Contact GVI at 1-860-774-9600 or email susan.westa@uconn.edu

Location and Info

Registration

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☐ May 8th 6-8:30pm Workshop 1
☐ May 21st 6-8:00pm Workshop 2

$15 per workshop including a light dinner

We can provide light dinner and handouts only to those who have registered and paid one week in advance.

Space is limited and registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

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Please return this form with your check, payable to QSHC, to:

The Green Valley Institute
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Registration will begin at 5:45 p.m. We will make every effort to begin and end sessions on time!

A light dinner will be served and take-home literature provided.