

August 31, 2009 KC Regional Planning Roundtable

Events/Announcements

(This list is not all-inclusive of relevant MARC activities – see www.marc.org for more information)

September

- **Long-Range Transportation Project Call for Projects Deadline – Sept. 4 at 4 pm**
Project commenting period through September
http://www.marc.org/2040/Plan/Project_Solicitation/index.aspx
- **4A Collaborative Meeting (sustainability effort of AIA, APA, APWA, and ASLA) - Sept. 4**
11:30 am at MARC
For more info., see <http://foraysofdesign.wikispaces.com/>
- **Linking the Natural Environment and Transportation Planning Survey**
Will be distributed to city/county planners and engineers on Sept. 8
Survey Deadline: Sep. 22
- **International Viewpoints on Sustainability with Michael Willis – Sept. 11**
8 – 10 am at the Kauffman Conference Center, 4801 Rockhill Road, Kansas City, MO
For more info. and to register, go to: <http://www.marc.org/Sustain>
- **Sustainable Success Stories Call for Projects – Tentative RFP release date: Sept. 15**
For more information, contact Jillian Hishaw at jhishaw@marc.org
- **MARC's Annual Meeting with Angela Glover Blackwell of PolicyLink - Sept. 16**
3:30 – 5:30 pm at the Little Theater, 301 W. 13th Street, Kansas City, MO
For more info. and to register, go to: <http://www.marc.org/annualmeeting.htm>
- **Webinar - Urban Design and Equitable Development – Sept. 17**
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
1.5 AICP CM
To register, go to this webpage: <https://catalog.cerkit.rutgers.edu/course/display/9394>
- **Sustainability, Green Development and the Law with Robert Freilich – Sept. 17**
6 pm at the E.E. (Tom) Thompson Courtroom, UMKC School of Law, 500 E. 52nd, KC,MO
1 AICP CM pending
RSVP by calling 816-235-1644 or e-mailing pinkmanm@umkc.edu
For more information, see this flier: <http://www.law.umkc.edu/events/GageLecture/STD.pdf>
- **Introduction to Rain Gardens – Sept. 24**
6 – 8 pm at Sylvester Powell Community Center, 6200 Martway Street, Mission, KS
To register, go to: http://www.marc.org/Sustain/Water_Quality/mission_raingardenintro.asp
- **Rain Garden Design, Construction, Installation, and Maintenance – Sept. 24**
1 – 3 pm at Sylvester Powell Community Center, 6200 Martway Street, Mission, KS
To register, go to:
http://www.marc.org/Sustain/Water_Quality/mission_raingardenconstruction.asp

- **Linking Environmental and Transportation Planning Advisory Group Meeting – Sept. 28**
9:30 – 11 am at MARC
For more information, go to: <http://www.marc.org/transportation/conservation.htm>

October

- **Ethics and Development with Joe VanBellegem – Oct. 2**
8 – 10 am at the Downtown Marriott, 200 West 12th Street, Kansas City, MO
For more info. and to register, go to: <http://www.marc.org/Sustain>
- **3rd Annual Heartland Energy Policy & Climate Protection Symposium with Jonathan Lash and Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson – Oct. 2**
10:30 – 2 pm at the Regnier Center, Johnson County Community College, 12345 College Blvd., Overland Park, KS
To RSVP, send an email to: smith@kcchamber.com
- **Introduction to Rain Gardens – Oct. 7**
6 – 8 pm at Sar-Ko-Par Trails Park, Legler Barn, 87th & Lackman, Lenexa, KS
To register, go to: http://www.marc.org/Sustain/Water_Quality/lenexa_raingardenintro.asp
- **First Suburbs Coalition – Oct. 9**
8 am at the North Kansas City Community Center, 1999 Iron
Please RSVP to Eliza Waterman at ewaterman@marc.org
- **Webinar - LEED-ND – Oct. 15**
Noon - 1 pm
To sign up, go to: http://www.oaconsulting.com/contactus/LEED_webex_signup.htm
- **Webinar - Green Highways and Green Streets for 21st Century Infrastructure: Strategies, Technologies and Funding – Oct. 21**
10:30 am – noon at MARC
RSVP to Lisa Pool at lpool@marc.org. See this webpage for webinar details:
<https://secure.asce.org/ASCEWebSite/WEBINAR/ListWebinarDetail.aspx?ProdId=15607>
- **Parking Lots to Parks Workshop – Oct. 28**
9 am – 1 pm (location TBD)
For more information, contact Jillian Hishaw at jhishaw@marc.org

Green Impact Zone

The Green Impact Zone is a national place-based model underway in the heart of the Kansas City urban core. The premise of this initiative is to concentrate not only resources, but integration, coordination, and public and private partnerships in one targeted community to demonstrate that such targeting can literally transform that community. The initiative includes housing rehab and weatherization programs, community policing and services, job training and placement, and health and wellness programs, all built around a comprehensive neighborhood outreach program and using sustainability as a catalyst for this transformation.

The targeted strategy suggested for this zone by Congressman Emanuel Cleaver is aimed at transforming the community to a thriving sustainable neighborhood, not simply hold the decline at bay. To do this, the zone has assembled not only the core leadership within the neighborhood and community development organizations in the zone, but also the programmatic, not-for-profit, private, and civic leadership in support of a comprehensive strategy to transform the entire zone. <http://www.marc.org/greenimpactzone>

EPA/DOT/HUD Livability Partnership

On June 16 the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) joined with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) to help improve access to affordable housing, more transportation options, and lower transportation costs while protecting the environment in communities nationwide. Through a set of guiding livability principles and a partnership agreement that will guide the agencies' efforts, this partnership will coordinate federal housing, transportation, and other infrastructure investments to protect the environment, promote equitable development, and help to address the challenges of climate change. During a U.S. Senate hearing on this collaboration, Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood said: "Our goal is to build livable communities, where safe, convenient and affordable transportation is available to all people, regardless of what mode they use. For the past 50 years, most government investment in transportation has undermined this goal."

The six guiding principles are as follows:

1. Provide more transportation choices
2. Promote equitable, affordable housing
3. Enhance economic competitiveness
4. Support existing communities
5. Coordinate and leverage federal policies and investment
6. Value communities and neighborhoods

<http://www.epa.gov/dced/2009-0616-epahuddot.htm>

Livable Communities Act

On August 6 this bill was referred to Senate committee. It was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. If passed by both houses of Congress and signed by President Obama, this Act would establish an Office of Sustainable Housing and Communities and create competitive grants that towns and regions could use to develop long-range plans that link land use, economic development, housing and transportation. It would also set up federal grants to help communities add bikeways and sidewalks, redevelop polluted or abandoned industrial properties and attract private builders for commercial and residential development near transit stations.

http://www.washingtonwatch.com/bills/show/111_SN_1619.html