**Smart Growth/Sustainable Zoning For Small Cities and Rural Areas**

**TENTATIVE WORKSHOP AGENDA**

**February 2012**

**Day 1**

SGA consultant flies in late afternoon to host community. Meets briefly with local staff re logistics, schedule, etc.

Optional evening open house/public powerpoint presentation explaining small city/rural smart/sustainable growth concepts and priority code/plan fixes to achieve local smart growth goals by SGA consultant. Presentation followed by discussion of what residents see as their vision of smart/sustainable growth and development in their community, what are key community smart growth/sustainability topics.

**Day 2**

All day workshop with 12-15 member stakeholders group--city/county/regional officials, representatives from private sector (developers, economic development organizations, etc.), representatives of non-profits (environmental organizations, citizen groups, etc.).

*9:00 to 9:15 a.m.* Introductions

*9:15 to 10:15 a.m.* What Is Smart/Sustainable Growth For Small Cities and Rural Areas?

Presentation explaining the explaining small city-rural smart/sustainable growth concepts and priority plan/code fixes to achieve local smart growth goals by SGA consultant. What are other communities doing to tune-up their land use policies, plans, and codes to promote smart/sustainable growth and development?

*10:15 to 12:00 noon* Selecting Key Smart Growth/SustainabilityTopics To Focus Plan/Code Audit

Discussion with stakeholders group of sustainable development issues:

* Confirm key smart growth/sustainability topics in our community (e.g., natural resource protection, targeted growth areas (e.g., downtown) alternative energy, housing diversity, etc.)? Add/adjust topics identified by staff prior to workshop.
* What are some of the community’s goals in key smart growth/sustainability topic areas?
* What has the community accomplished to date? (e.g., sustainability plans, capital investment policies, code amendments to promote smart growth and sustainability, etc.)?
* What shape are our land use plans, policies, codes, and ordinances in to address smart/sustainable development and promote community goals in those areas? Identify specific shortcomings if possible.

*12:00 to 1:30 p.m.* Lunch With Elected Officials and Community Leaders (not in morning session)

Short presentation by SGA consultant of smart growth land use code concept and summary of morning discussion. Goal is to hear from elected officials and other community leaders and get their take on what are key smart growth/sustainability issues and challenges in the community and their priorities:

* What is your reaction to key smart growth/sustainability topic list and policy/code shortcomings from morning session?
* What are your priorities for smart growth/sustainable community development? Changes in policies? Plans? Code amendments?
* Potential hurdles to advancing priority amendments and possible responses.

*1:30 to 2:30 p.m.* Stakeholder Group Discussion—Priority Smart Growth/Sustainable Code Amendments

Discussion of feedback from lunch session and identification of potential priority amendments to local growth and development policies, plans, and codes for community to work on.

*2:30 to 3:30 p.m.* How To Conduct A Thorough Smart Growth/Sustainable Code Audit

Step-by-step guidance by SRA consultant on how to conduct a more detailed, thorough smart growth/sustainable land use code audit, including the key step of setting priorities among potential amendments.

*3:30 to 4:30 p.m.* Implementation Strategies

Discussion of potential hurdles (e.g., staff resources, political resistance, lack of planning foundation, costs/benefits, etc.) to making needed policy/plan/code amendments and how other communities have addressed or overcome them.

*4:30 to 5:00 p.m.* Wrap Up and Next Steps

*5:00 p.m. Adjourn*