

SMART GROWTH LINKS

There are a number of links to “Smart Growth” websites. Not all of them use the term “Smart Growth” which is a term of art for the field of planning and land development. But the corollary terms reflect many of the same principles. For further reading or discussion on “Smart Growth,” these websites are commended to you. The points of view are diverse, and the commendation is not for any particular point of view but for a better understanding of the public and private debate.

From the International City County Managers Association, the leading professional organization for public management:

<http://www.icma.org/main/topic.asp?tpid=8&hsid=1>

From SprawlWatch, an Advocacy Group

<http://www.sprawlwatch.org/frames.html>

From the Congress of New Urbanism, an Advocacy Group:

<http://www.cnu.org/>

From the US Environmental Protection Agency, with a natural resources primary focus:

<http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/>

From the Urban Land Institute, the leading professional organization of the development industry concerned with community design and content. The ULI leads in discussions for practical mixed use development and redevelopment. I recommend use of the on-site search engine for particular topics:

<http://www.uli.org//AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home>

From the Smart Growth Network, an entity that serves as an information and referral service:

<http://www.smartgrowth.org/Default.asp?res=800>

From the Transportation Research Board of the National Academies, a focus from a transportation viewpoint. I recommend using the search engine for topics:

<http://gulliver.trb.org>

From Smart Growth America, a leading Advocacy Group:

<http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/>

And, from the American Planning Association, various primers and technical works on Smart Growth and related items. I recommend using the search engine, but here is the link to the primer:

<http://www.planning.org/sgreader/>

Smart Growth has a very strong “form component.” For plans to be implemented, various codes have evolved through time. The firm Duany Plater Zyberk has made one available on line through “Town Paper.” Others are also on line, each with its own perspective. The DPZ is provided as one good example that is helping define the public and private discussion on the product of Smart Growth.

<http://www.tndtownpaper.com/current.htm>