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## My Despair at American Land-Use Planning

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This morning I stood on a high mountaintop at sunrise. I watched the cracks in the thick boiling gray layers of cloud turn red and gold and saw the orange ball of the sun blast through. I looked across a fair valley at a towering forest-covered peak. I saw the light from the newly-risen sun sparkle off of the greatest river to flow into the Pacific south of the Columbia and north of the Colorado. And I despaired.

Why did I despair? I despaired because of the state of land-use planning in America.

Let me back of half an hour. I awoke to the sound of chirping birds. I looked out of the window of the house that my wife and I bought with the (very generous) Berkeley faculty-housing subsidy. Back when we did the numbers and bought this house four and a half years ago, we calculated that we could afford a two-and-one half bedroom house in Berkeley, or a four bedroom house in the next towns over, so we landed in Lafayette. While searching we discovered this house—a house with five acres attached to it, but five acres under a “scenic easement” which essentially turns them into a wild park but leaves us responsible for upkeep, and most importantly fire safety. The acres thus subtract from the value of the house.

But we bought it. Thus when I wake up I can look out in any of the four compass directions and not see another house or another soul. Instead when we look out on our five acres we see grassland... tall oaks... creek... marsh... blackberry patch... giant redwoods (well, they're only eighty feet tall)... pampas grass (which depresses the arborist: it's far from native)... We also see the cute and not so cute woodland creatures... sparrows... jays... crows... racoons... mule deer... squirrels... red-tailed hawks (and once a golden eagle)... skunks... coyotes (the ex-Bulgarians who used

to live next door thought they were large foxes)... turkey vultures (to eat the remains of the deer brought down by the coyotes)...

I put a leash on the dog, and walk out onto the five acres. We climb the hill whose top is a quarter mile away. We arrive at the top and look across the great Diablo Valley at sunrise. I see Mt. Diablo perhaps ten miles away rising from its base (100 feet above sea level) to its top (4000 feet above sea level). I see forest, grassland, scrub oak. In the distance I see the Sacramento River sparkling in the dawn sun as it winds its way to San Francisco Bay.

But suppose I look to my left, up at the very top of the hill. I see a forest of fifteen cellular phone antennas surrounded by a barbed wire fence. On the barbed wire fence is a sign: “Radiation levels may exceed allowable limits. Keep moving. Do not stop.”

I look down, and see the 12 lanes of Interstate 680 merge with the 10 lanes of State Highway 24 just next to the Walnut Creek Bay Area Rapid Transit Station. Just beyond the 22 lanes of highways we see the large blocks of the department stores of Broadway Plaza and Broadway Pointe... Macys... Nordstroms... the smaller blocks of the yuppie specialty and grocery stores... Williams Sonoma... Restoration Hardware... Oakville Grocery... Barnes and Noble... Andronicos under construction... Whole Foods Market under construction...

In my immediate neighborhood the local population density is only 100 people per square mile: only 11 people in the tenth of a square mile surrounding our house. Yet we live less than 2 miles away from 22 Lanes of freeway, 2 major department stores, and a rapid transit station. (But we have no highway noise, we live in the sound shadow of the ridges to our north and east.)

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I am excited to be serving as the Northern Section Director for 2001 through 2002. During this next year the Board will concentrate on completing the Northern Section web site and encourage more diverse participation in the Section. This Section of APA has a wealth of talented planners—the largest in California! It is one of my goals as Director that we provide a professional and social forum to share knowledge and ideas.

I am also excited to be working with a talented group of planners on the Board including Sowmya Parthasarathy, Hing Wong, Rebecca Lave, Mark Rhoades, Jerry Haag, Pierce MacDonald, Don Bradley, Kearey Smith and Billy Gross. Our Planning Team (the Board) for the Northern Section has a lot of energy and great ideas to improve information flow in the Section—through the new web page—and to develop programs on professional development to serve our membership. We are always looking for new “talent” to work with us on the Board of Directors. Call or email me if you are interested in participating! Several people have already contacted me and our membership on the Board is growing and filled with new ideas!

I encourage all of you to come to our socials and events (which alternate month to month). These events are a good opportunity to network with other planners and to hear what is going on in other jurisdictions. Our last event included a diverse crowd of planners from the East Bay and San Francisco. Michael Caplan from the City Manager's Office in Berkeley spoke about the downtown revitalization of the City. It was great to hear how the process developed and what worked and didn't work. All our events and social gatherings are located near public transportation so getting there after work should be a breeze. Hope to see you at our next event!

## Professional Notes

**Cathy Woodbury**, AICP/ASLA, recently joined Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District in the San Francisco Bay Area as Planning Manager. In addition to directing the planning activities already under way, she will be coordinating the District's effort to annex and preserve 114,000 acres of open space along the Pacific Coastline in San Mateo County, which has been identified as having national significance. Cathy also co-represents the District on the San Francisco Bay Trail Project Steering Committee.

**Kelsey Moldenke** recently joined the CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering Group, Inc. Moldenke received his Master's in Planning from MIT and joins the firm as a project planner. He will assist with forward planning and entitlements.

Calthorpe Associates is pleased to announce the promotion of **Timothy Rood**, AICP from Senior Associate to Principal. Mr. Rood, an architect and planner, leads the firm's regional planning efforts and is currently Principal-in-charge of the firm's Smart Growth Twin Cities regional growth strategy. Mr. Rood holds master's degrees in architecture and urban planning from U.C. Berkeley, where he was a U.C. Transportation Center fellow.



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## LAST CALL

### SECTION AWARDS NOMINATIONS 2001

This is the second and final announcement soliciting nominations for the Northern Section awards program. Nominations will be reviewed by a jury of Northern Section planners and judged against criteria of innovation, transferability, originality, quality and implementation. This is an opportunity for you and your elected and appointed officials to receive recognition for the excellent work done in our Section. And it is a chance to share your ideas and successes with your fellow planners.

### 2001 NORTHERN SECTION AWARDS BANQUET

Reservations deadline June 15th

The time has come to join your colleagues in honoring the excellent planning efforts conducted in the Northern Section. Northern Section award winners will go on to compete in the state, and, if successful, the national levels. The banquet affords you the opportunity to learn about these programs in a relaxed and enjoyable atmosphere.

Once again the awards banquet will be held at the Fort Mason Officers Club on the beautiful San Francisco waterfront. A social hour and no host bar is scheduled to begin at 6:15 with dinner and the awards

To receive further information and application materials, please contact:

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Deadline for applications is April 13, 2001

presentations to follow at 7:15 on June 22nd. This is a popular event with about 100 planners attending each year, so sign up now.

To secure your reservations, mail your check made out to NSCCAPA for \$32/ person by June 15th to:

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See you there!

## THE SHARED LIVING RESOURCE CENTER (SLRC) PRESENTS THE NEW MILLENIUM "COMMUNITY" TOUR

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2001, 8:00 A.M. TO 5:30 P.M.

This tour is for YOU—families, couples, & singles seeking Cohousing, AND, city officials, planners, architects, lenders, and for profit and non-profit housing developers.

We will see FIVE outstanding urban infill examples in the East Bay and Davis, California, of Cohousing Communities and ONE Limited Equity Housing Cooperative in Berkeley.

These tours, led by Ken Norwood AICP, Architect, and Planner, directly address the critical issue of how to promote Sustainable Urban Development that protects Farmland & Open Space while creating Smart Growth and Transit Villages that encourage re-use, re-hab., & Infill in Family-Friendly Mixed Use Neighborhoods.

### Tour Arrangements

TOUR COST is \$70; bring your lunch. Make reservations by phone to 510-548-6608; Payment by check to SLRC Tour, address below, or by charge card on the phone.

CANCELLATION POLICY is \$50 refund before April 20th, and \$30 refund for later cancellations only if the bus seats are all taken by someone else before April 28th. The sign-ups have already begun, overflow from the Feb. 3rd. tour which had the full 28 people.

LUNCH. Important! Bring your lunch to eat in the "N" Street Cohousing's totally redesigned backyards—a must see. There is no room on the schedule for stops at a store.

MEETING PLACE & TIME: Meet at 2337 #9 Parker Street @ 8:00 a.m. on April 28th. Take I-80 to Ashby Ave. , or BART to dntn. Berkeley, & a 5 min. bike or bus ride, or 15 min. walk.

## Despair ... *(continued from page 1)*

Greater San Francisco is boiling over with construction. However the growth poles of the metropolitan area are thirty miles to the east, in places like Antioch, Livermore, and over the Altamont Pass. The town of Lafayette in which I live fights any proposals to significantly increase its density, just as Oakland and Berkeley to our west fight any proposals to increase their density, and San Francisco as well wants to stay San Francisco—and not become Manhattan.

Yes there can be no doubt that human welfare would become greater if San Francisco did become more dense (like Manhattan), if Oakland and Berkeley did become more dense (like San Francisco), if Lafayette did become more dense (like Berkeley). For one thing, the enormous social waste of two-hour-long commutes would be avoided. For another, higher population densities support more things to do: the City Council of Lafayette wishes that its downtown were denser and more active, yet has a hard time grasping that the shortage is not of retail or office space but of people living nearby to buy stuff at the retail and office space.

The way American politics is structured, there is no way for greater San Francisco to make the collective decision to become a denser, less sprawl-ridden metropolis. Barring the stick of much higher energy prices to make people demand more apartments in the city rather than houses in Antioch because they will be unable to afford the commute, it will not happen.

I look down. All twelve lanes of Interstate 680 are bumper-to-bumper. All five lanes of State 24 heading toward San Francisco are bumper to bumper. It is 7:23, seven minutes after the upper limb of the sun rose above the last of the coast ranges to my east. Rush hour has been ongoing for an hour and a half already. "You get to the Bay Bridge after 5:45, and you are in trouble," my luncheon companion of the day will say.

So I despair.



## AICP Exam Preparation Study Manuals

*By Michael R. Waiczis, AICP*

AICP Exam Preparation Guidebook Comprehensive exam guide (\$29.00 - 160 pages)

Practice and Teaching Exams 900 practice questions (\$25.00 - 120 pages)

Glossary of Planning Terms for AICP Candidates (\$15.00 - 70 pages)

Legal and Regulatory Study Guide for AICP Candidates (\$15.00 - 60 pages)

A Commentary to the List of Subject Matter for the AICP Exam (\$20.00 - 100 pages)

The AICP Exam Preparation Guidebook and Practice and Teaching Exams may be purchased for \$49.00 (plus \$3.50 postage) for the pair; all five books may be purchased for \$84.00 (plus \$5.00 postage). To purchase these books send your request with a check or M.O. made out to Mike Waiczis to 815 Fordham Avenue, Clovis, CA 93611. Need more info? Contact Mike directly at 559-298-9770 (h), 559-896-2610 (w), or e-mail him at [mrw36@csufresno.edu](mailto:mrw36@csufresno.edu). Visit: [www.planningexam.com](http://www.planningexam.com)



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## Transportation Impact Fees and Excise Taxes: A Survey of 16 Jurisdictions

By *Connie B. Cooper, FAICP*

**Summary:** The report compares impact fees and excise taxes used by 15 cities and one county to fund growth-related transportation improvements. The fees and taxes are evaluated according to several factors including service or benefit districts; fee calculations; fee schedules; legal challenges; project funding and eligibility; and developer participation requirements. The jurisdictions profiled are from 15 states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Missouri, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas and Utah.

There is an introduction by Eric Damian Kelly, FAICP, who provides a historical and legal perspective on development exactions. Kelly touches on two important U.S. Supreme Court rulings—the “rational nexus” test (the Nollan case) and the “rough proportionality” test (the Dolan case)—as well as on several state court decisions involving impact

fees. Also included are summary tables, the American Planning Association (APA) policy guide on impact fees, a model development impact fee statute and reading list.

**About the Authors:** Connie B. Cooper, FAICP, is president of Cooper Consulting Company, Inc., and a principal with Cooper Ross, which has offices in Birmingham, Ala., and Atlanta, Ga. She specializes in comprehensive land-use planning, development regulations and community outreach and goals setting.

Eric Damian Kelly, FAICP, is a planner and lawyer who is a professor of urban planning at Ball State University and a vice president of Duncan Associates. Kelly is also a general editor of Matthew Bender’s 10-volume treatise, “Zoning and Land Use Controls,” and is a regular contributor to “Land Use Law & Zoning Digest” and other APA publications.

## APA Launches Online Legislative Action Center

The APA website now offers users a new service designed to help planners get involved in influencing federal policy and legislation. APA’s online Legislative Action Center, launched in February, puts members closer than ever to their elected representatives in Washington. With a few keystrokes, members will be able to use the APA website to find and contact their Senators and Congressman.

The new service allows users to look up Members of Congress using just a zip code. Complete contact and staff information can be found for all Members of Congress and congressional committees. Schedules for committee meetings and floor activity will be available online, and users can access the latest APA legislative action alerts and sample letters

to Congress. In addition, the center features the ability to send emails to Members of Congress directly from the APA website.

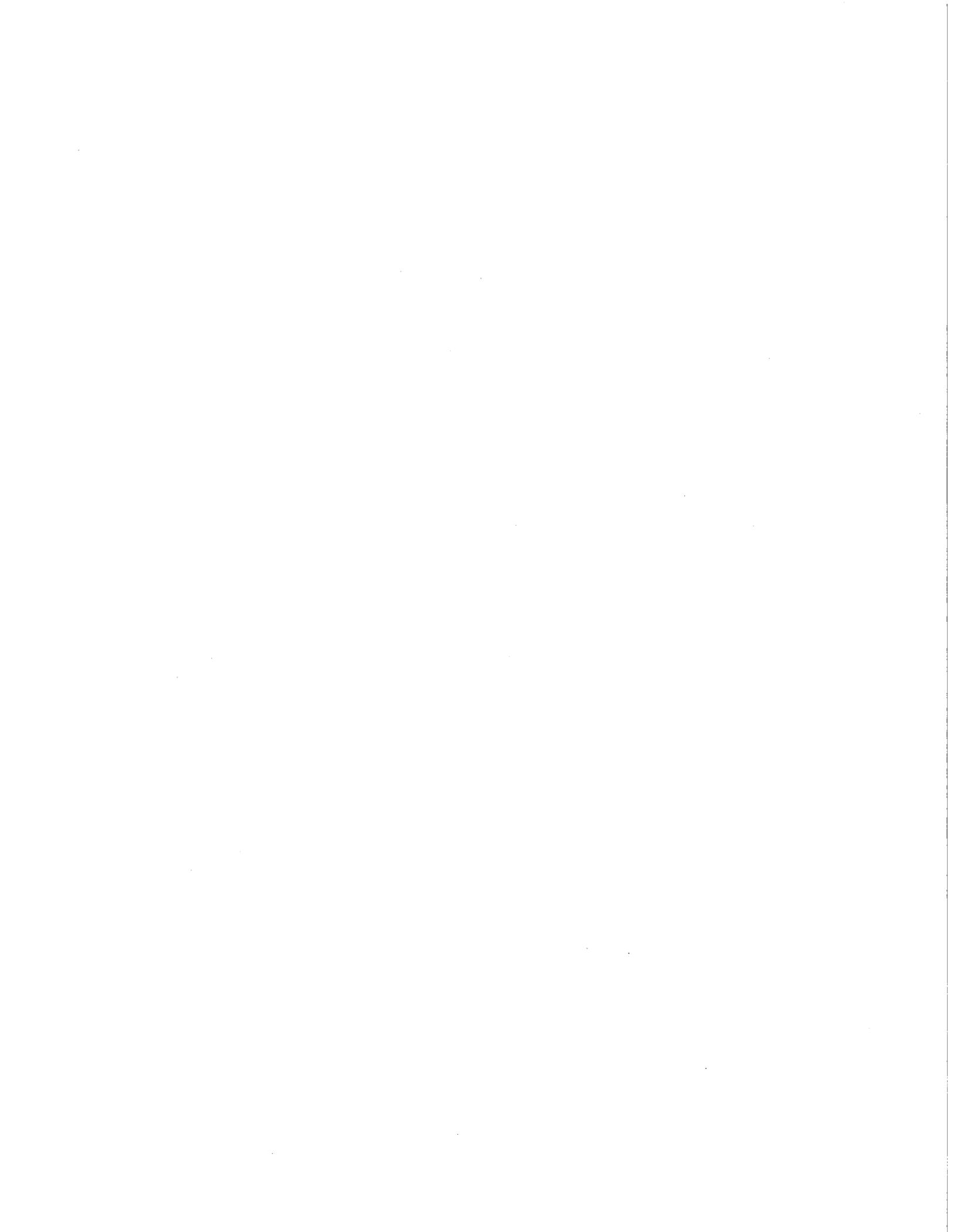
The action center will keep members informed about the very latest happenings on Capitol Hill and allow them to take action in support of legislation to advance good planning. APA hopes to use the new technology to support its federal legislative priorities and expand its chapter-based grassroots advocacy program.

It’s never been easier to make your voice heard in Washington. To access the legislative action center, log on to the APA website at <http://www.planning.org> and go to the Legislative and Policy area.

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with these issues before through planning and zoning at local, regional, state, and federal levels. If interested, contact the project’s principal investigator, Sanjay Jeer, AICP, Research Department, American Planning Association, 122 South Michigan Avenue, Suite 1600, Chicago, IL 60603, [landslides@planning.org](mailto:landslides@planning.org).





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**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYST.** LSA is also seeking one or more environmental planning generalists, with 1-3 years experience and bachelor's degree in planning, environmental science, natural resources, or related discipline. LSA operates as an employee stock ownership program (ESOP) company with exc. benefits (vacation; holiday; medical, dental and optical; 401(k); profit sharing; and ESOP contribution). Equal opportunity employer. Compensation for each position will be commensurate with experience and demonstrated abilities. Please send letter of interest and resume to: Lynette D. Stanchina, Principal, LSA Associates, Inc., 2215 Fifth Street, Berkeley, CA 94710

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**TRAFFIC ENGINEER/TRANSPORTATION PLANNER**

The Duffey Company, a San Francisco transportation/environmental planning firm, is seeking an innovative traffic engineer/transportation planner with 5 to 10 years experience in multi-modal transportation analysis with an emphasis on traffic. Experience with traffic capacity software and traffic micro-simulation models required. Candidate must be able to manage traffic, transit, parking, bicycle, and pedestrian impact assessment and conduct travel demand analysis. Experience with rail transit projects a plus. Familiarity with the environmental process as it pertains to transportation impact assessment, desirable. Candidates should have a Masters degree in traffic engineering/transportation planning. Good writing and editing skills, ability to work cooperatively with others, and a strong sense of personal initiative are required. Flexible work-week. Send resume to Rebecca Kohlstrand, Senior Associate at The Duffey Company, 414 Jackson Street, Suite 404, San Francisco, CA 94111 or rkohlstrand@tdc-sf.com.

**SENIOR TRANSPORTATION PLANNER**

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Recent development trends in the U.S. suggest increasing demand to build on land subject to landslides. Whereas the land-use implications of earthquakes and flooding have received a fair amount of attention by government, landslide hazards have not. Complicating this problem, landslide-susceptible areas are not always easily identified. Although a number of successful techniques for identifying and mitigating landslide hazards has been developed by planners, the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and other organizations, this information has not always reached planners and other public officials dealing with the hazard.

To address these issues, the research department of the American Planning Association (APA) with support from the USGS has embarked on a program to identify solutions from many disciplines to aid local planners. This program will result in the following products:

- A guidebook for local planners that will bring together the science, best practices, and planning solutions for dealing with landslide hazards
- Training and workshops for local planners and planning commission members

- An introduction to hazards mapping including integration of hazard mapping into land-use maps using GIS and computer-based mapping; and,
- A curriculum for use by planning schools to incorporate landslide hazard reduction into planning programs.

The APA plans to publish a Planning Advisory Service report and provide other products online. The project web site (<http://www.planning.org/Landslides>) currently has a draft outline of the guidebook, general information about landslides, including a computer simulation of an actual slide prepared by USGS. Planners wanting to learn more before the guidebook is complete may want to use the annotated bibliography or join the "Landslides-L" mailing list, both of which are accessible from the web site.

Planners interested in this topic are encouraged to join the mailing list or serve as contributors to the project (author, case study investigator, or serve as a technical expert). The project staff are looking for active participation of planners from public and private sectors who have dealt

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## Publication for Housing and Community Development Professionals

FieldWorks is a publication of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development designed for housing and community development professionals. It provides information about the people and programs that are building stronger communities through the Nation. Each bimonthly issue also includes Web sites and upcoming events to boost professional development.

Articles featured in the January/February issue of FieldWorks include:

Oklahoma addresses housing shortage. Miami public housing offers continuum of care. Utah promotes affordable rural housing. Rural housing resources on the Internet. Portland Market aids Maine farmers. FieldWorks' calendar of upcoming events.

To read the latest issue of FieldWorks, visit the HUD USER website at: <http://www.huduser.org/periodicals/fieldworks/0201/fworks.html>

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## April

- 5 Leslie Gould from the City of Oakland will give an informal presentation on recent downtown redevelopment initiatives in Oakland. There will be socializing time from 6:30-7:30pm, followed by the presentation from 7:30 to 8:30pm. The presentation will be held at the Association of Bay Area Governments offices, located at 101 8th Street in Downtown Oakland, directly across from the Lake Merrit BART station.
- 13 Deadline for submitting nominations for Northern Section APA Awards
- 28 The Shared Living Resource Center (SLRC) Presents the New Millenium "Community" Tour Saturday, April 28., 2001, 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## May

- 3 APA social at Pacific Coast Brewing Company in Oakland from 6:30 - 8:30pm. Appetizers will be provided by APA.

## June

- 7 Presentation by SMWM on the Transbay Terminal Project at 6:30pm. Location to be determined.

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