

**Pennsylvania Planning Association  
Professional Development Series**

**The Inside Scoop on the New Pennsylvania Standards for Residential Site Development**

Co-sponsored by the Smart Growth Partnership of Westmoreland County

**March 28, 2008**

**Registration: 12:00 pm**

**Program: 1:00 – 4:00 pm**

**University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg  
Hempfield Room of Chambers Hall**

Current planning trends encourage more sustainable, low-impact forms of design. However, a gap exists between the desire for these and barriers to their implementation in local ordinances. A new set of recommended standards -- backed up with research and case studies -- provide guidance to fill that gap. A comprehensive overview of this new document is the focus of this workshop.

- 1) Participants will learn about examples of actual developments and municipalities where more sustainable, low-impact designs have been successfully built. These will serve as positive examples of what participants might be able to achieve in their localities.
- 2) Participants will gain an understanding of how it is possible to have a measure of consistency in land development standards while still allowing flexibility in how communities are designed.
- 3) Participants will see the value in having ordinances that are based on sound research and how to separate the policy-making aspects of design review from technical determinations.

The program will consist of a data-rich as well a graphically illustrated presentation. The presentation will be a lecture/question/discussion format. We will provide an overview of each topic, supplemented with case study and research data, and then take questions at the end of each topic overview – the goal is a highly interactive, audience participation program.

**Instructors include:**

**Scott A. Brown, PE** is a Senior Engineer with Pennoni Associates Civil/Site/Landscape Architecture Division in the State College, PA office. He is a member of ASCE. Previously Scott was with The Pennsylvania Housing Research Center where he served as the Residential Site Development Specialist. His specialties include residential and commercial site development, stormwater management and urban drainage design, and river and watershed engineering. Scott earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering as well as a Master of Science in Civil Engineering with a concentration in Hydrology and Hydraulics from The Pennsylvania State University.

**Dr. Alex Duran** is the Land Use and Development Specialist at the Pennsylvania Housing Research Center, part of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at Penn State. He also teaches sustainable residential land development to civil engineering students. Prior to coming to Penn State Alex worked for the National Association of Home Builders Research Center and as an environmental engineer in the land development consulting industry. He has also worked as a state water pollution control regulator and as a technical specialist in organic waste recycling. Alex has a background in chemistry and in environmental engineering science, including a Bachelor of Science degree from Yale and a doctoral degree from Harvard. He is a licensed Environmental Engineer in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

**Kelleann Foster, RLA, ASLA** is an Associate Professor and Assistant Department Head in Penn State's Landscape Architecture Department. She has twenty-five years of practice experience and has taught community design and site engineering courses for 17-years at Penn State. Her expertise includes community design and planning, with emphasis on the relationship between policies and the impact of their implementation, especially in how the public understands the results. Her work has received national and international recognition. She is also Managing Partner of the VICgroup, a PA-based firm that helps community's transform policies into multimedia communication. She has a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree from Penn State and a Masters in Landscape Architecture from the University of Massachusetts.

Pennsylvania Planning Association has applied for three (3) Certification Maintenance Credits for this program.

**TO REGISTER:**

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Note: Pre-registration is required. Please register no later than March 24.