



July 1, 2010

Dear Colleague,

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are pleased to invite you to a one-day, statewide, community dialogue to examine the Partnership for Sustainable Communities. Through the Partnership, which was launched in June 2009, our agencies are committed to building more livable communities, where housing and transportation goals are met while simultaneously protecting the environment and promoting equitable economic development.

The purpose of this event is increase awareness and understanding of the Partnership for Sustainable Communities; to receive input from state, regional, and local participants about opportunities and needs to inform our efforts; and, to catalyze an enhanced level of participation throughout Washington. We are interested in engaging a wide variety of stakeholders. We recognize that this partnership will require cross-sector and collaborative planning, investment and implementation. We are interested in your views on what we can do to have the most meaningful impact on the livability of our communities in the Pacific Northwest.

To facilitate this engagement, we have asked the Runstad Center for Real Estate studies in the UW College of Built Environment to organize this community dialogue for DOT, HUD, and EPA with transportation, housing and environmental leaders from across Washington. The event will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup> at Gould Hall on the UW – Seattle campus. The accompanying invitation from the Center includes details about the event and how you can RSVP.

Please join us and other Washington stakeholders on July 21<sup>st</sup> in Seattle.

Sincerely,

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HUD Region 10

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I am pleased to announce that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have asked the University of Washington's Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies to convene a one-day, statewide, community dialogue to discuss the new federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities. Please take a minute to read the accompanying letter from the agencies' Region 10 leaders. You are invited to participate in this invitation-only dialogue which will take place in Seattle at the College of Built Environments – Gould Hall Court, on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 from 10:00am to 3:30pm.

Registration is limited and will be structured to ensure balanced participation based on subject area focus (transportation, housing, and environment), geography (statewide, regional, local), sector (public, private, academic, NGO) and other factors. The purpose of the event, as the Administrators' letter explains, is to "increase awareness and understanding of the Partnership for Sustainable Communities; to receive input from state, regional, and local participants about opportunities and needs to inform our efforts; and, to catalyze an enhanced level of participation throughout Washington." The meeting will include presentations by the agency Administrators and invited speakers, as well as break-out discussions to generate ideas and recommendations for encouraging the development of sustainable communities throughout Washington State.

Please RSVP by clicking here (<http://partnershipforsustainablecommunities.eventbrite.com>) as soon as possible. Registration is free and lunch will be provided. If you are unable to attend, we welcome your suggestion for an alternate representative from your organization but we cannot guarantee that all such requests can be honored. You may direct questions to Suzanne Cartwright at [suzanne5@uw.edu](mailto:suzanne5@uw.edu) or 206.616.9042.

I hope you will join us for an engaging day of dialogue on this important topic.

Sincerely,

George Rolfe, Director and Associate Professor

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