

Six Views on Smart Growth and New Urbanism

Papers from six scholars who participated in a national symposium on Smart Growth and New Urbanism have been collected and published in the academic journal, *International Regional Science Review*.

The special issue of *IRSR*, entitled, "From Smart Growth to New Urbanism: Multidisciplinary Views on the American Spatial Pattern," is the result of a May 2002 conference co-sponsored by the University of Maryland's National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education and the Congress for the New Urbanism. The conference was the National Center for Smart Growth's inaugural event and attracted scholars from a variety of institutions and disciplines who were invited to write and present papers.

"The intent of the symposium was not to promote either Smart Growth or New Urbanism, but to explore the scientific foundations that underlie both," wrote Gerrit Knaap and Emily Talen, editors of the *IRSR* volume. Knaap is executive director of the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education and Talen is with the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

The papers included in the April 2005 quarterly edition of *International Regional Science Review* (Volume 28, Number 2) focus on topics as disparate as information technology and urban form; the transportation-land use connection; the effects of urban patterns on ecosystems; the multiple impacts of the built environment on public health; the social agenda of the New Urbanism movement; and, a comparative study of Smart Growth and urban development pattern.

"To the uninformed and imprecise, new urbanism is synonymous with smart growth, but there are significant differences," Knaap and Talen write in the journal's introduction.

Contributors include:

- Ivonne Audirac, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Florida State University, on the topic of “Information Technology and Urban Form: Challenges to Smart Growth;”
- Susan Handy, Department of Environmental Science and Policy, University of California, Davis, on “Smart Growth and Transportation-Land Use Connection;”
- Marina Alberti, Department of Urban Design and Planning, University of Washington, on “The Effects of Urban Patterns on Ecosystem Function;”
- Lawrence D. Frank, School of Community and Regional Planning, University of British Columbia, and Peter Engelke, doctoral candidate, Department of History, Georgetown University, on the “Multiple Impacts of the Built Environment on Public Health: Walkable Places and the Exposure of Air Pollution;”
- David Brain, Department of Social Sciences, New College of Florida: “From Good Neighborhoods to Sustainable Cities: Social Science and the Social Agenda of the New Urbanism;” and,
- Yan Song, Department of City and Regional Planning, University of North Carolina, on “Smart Growth and Urban Development Pattern: A Comparative Study.”

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