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SEATTLE GREEN FACTOR WORKSHOP SERIES

To support recent commercial land use code changes, the City of Seattle Department of Planning & Development is pleased to announce a new workshop series on the Seattle Green Factor.

Presented to help applicants, landscape architects and developers understand and apply the principles of the Seattle Green Factor, the workshop series will:

- explain what the green factor is;
- reveal how the green factor works;
- connect you to experts who have successfully integrated landscaping strategies that get you the green factor credit; and
- cover techniques to successfully implement green walls, green roofs, rain gardens, rainwater harvesting, plant selection, irrigation and landscape management plans.

Seattle Green Factor is a new program intended to increase the amount and quality of urban landscaping in new development in Commercial Zones while providing flexibility for developers and designers to efficiently utilize their properties. The green factor is one of many commercial land use code changes that became effective Jan. 20, 2007, as part of the [Neighborhood Business District Strategy](#).

Upcoming Events...

Visit www.seattle.gov/dpd/greenfactor for more details on the program, including background information, worksheets for calculating your green factor and the

- **March 19-21
National Playground Safety
Institute**
- **March 20
Solutions for Stormwater
Management**
- **April 13
LARE Study Session -
Section E**
- **April 27
LARE Study Session -
Section C**

green factor plant list.

Tentative dates for the continuation of this lunchtime series include :

- Mar 21: Rain Gardens & Permeable Paving Systems
- Apr 4: Rainwater Harvesting
- Apr 18: Plant Selection for Healthy Landscapes
- May 2: TBA
- May 16: Landscape Management Plans as Required
- May 30: Healthy Soils for Beautiful Plantings

For updated information please go to our website at www.seattle.org/dpd/greenfactor .

ON THE WATER PROGRAM

AIA Seattle has mobilized active advocacy on the Seattle central waterfront question(s) -- as a feature of the On the Water program that forms the core of local observance tied in to this year's national celebration of the 150th anniversary of the 1857 establishment of the AIA.

On the Water welcomes visions and stories of urban waterfront design for an intense visibility campaign, to feature various publications and events -- including a review of entries by a Mayors/Councilmembers Council to convene at UW Gould Hall April 12.

The program entries welcome from folks from all design disciplines, including students. For more information [click here](#).

JUMP START TO A SECURE, CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE!

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Please join us May 7th at Microsoft's Conference Center in Redmond, WA, to learn the latest in national efforts to accelerate and integrate alternative fuel and plug-in electric hybrid vehicle development for national security and a cleaner environment. As you can see from our opinion piece in the Seattle Times last week featuring Ford's CEO Alan Mulally, the auto industry is paying attention. Their leaders and their vehicles will be the focus of our day.

Click [here](#) to read our Seattle Times article, ***Recharging the Nation's Energy Policy***.

VOLUNTEER AT KRUCKEBERG GARDEN AND GET FREE PLANTS OR COUPONS FOR USE IN THE NURSERY

Dear Garden Volunteers,

With all the publicity surrounding the Shoreline Bond that passed last year, we have been seeing a greater number of first-time visitors. This year we are expecting that number to continue to grow. Those of us who have watched these positive developments also want to see that new-comers are suitably impressed by mulched trails, raked beds, and the rare and beautiful species in the Garden rather than weedy patches of herb Robert or shotweed. In order to get ahead and stay ahead of the weeds this year, we are going to try two new approaches – getting the work parties going a bit earlier in the spring and having them twice-monthly, on average. We hope that, if you can't make it to one of the Sunday work parties, you can make it to the other one each month.

In addition to the pleasure of spending time in the lovely surroundings of this "piece of paradise", you will receive free plants and/or coupons for discounts at the nursery. Garden staff will be on hand to help you identify weeds, and give tours during breaks so you can also learn more about the rare and beautiful species.

The following is our work party schedule for the year. As usual, we'll be working from noon to 4pm each Sunday. Please mark your calendars!

Mar 18, Apr 1, Apr 15, Apr 29, May 6, May 20, Jun 3, Jun 17, Jul 1, Jul 15, Jul 29, Aug 12, Aug 26, Sep 9, Sep 23, Oct 7, and Oct 21

OUR FIRST WORK PARTY IS MARCH 18th!

[More Information...](#)

SOLUTIONS FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

The state of Washington currently promotes sustainable design. A new state/federal stormwater permit will soon encourage approximately 80 jurisdictions in Western Washington to allow for low-impact development (LID). This conference was organized so experts in sustainable design and local government can help you navigate the obstacles regarding LID.

Presenters will discuss the reasons behind the State's implementation of LID regulations, along with Best Management Practices, feasibility studies and various solutions to managing stormwater runoff. There will also be an opportunity for you to interact with the presenters through question-and-answer sessions.

Event Details

Tuesday, March 20, 2007, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
Washington State Convention and Trade Center, Rooms
606 and 607

800 Convention Center Place, Seattle, WA 98101

Enrollment Fee: \$25 pre-registration. \$35 at the door
(Fee includes lunch and \$5 parking voucher)

Seating is limited to the first 150 registrants so sign-up today!

For more information please contact Dan Davidson at
425 452 2456 or ddavidson@mutualmaterials.com.

WASLA MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

2006-2007 Mentorship Program

It's that time again! WASLA is seeking professionals to participate in the Mentorship Program for the remainder of the 2006-2007 school year. The time commitment is between 1-4 hours per month and involves both inviting students to your office to see your work AND offering critiques of their work. Each pair will determine the best way to work together, and we will do our best to match students with professionals who share similar interests.

If you are interested in participating in this worthwhile program, please send the information below to Carrie Culp at carriec@highridge.com.

Information needed: Name, Phone, Email, Company, Address, Professional Focus/Interests.

[More information...](#)

ULI SEATTLE

Save the Date! Employer Assisted Housing for a Competitive Workforce

Under Robin Snyderman's leadership, the Housing program at Chicago's Metropolitan Planning Council has intensified its ability to increase the number of informed stakeholders committed to successful public housing reform and to a range of quality housing options near jobs and transit throughout the region.

Speaker: Robin Snyderman, Housing Director, Metropolitan Planning Council, Chicago

Tuesday, April 17, 2007
7:30 - 9:00 AM
Bertha Knight Landes Room
Seattle City Hall

City of Seattle event. Free admission. RSVP to HousingSpeakers@Seattle.gov.

Housing Our Workforce: Why Business Leaders Should Care

Ron Terwilliger will address an increasing national crisis: a huge number of fully- employed people, from teachers to hospital workers, are not able to live close to where they work. He will provide a roadmap to

change this pattern in a way that benefits both workers and communities.

Speaker: Ron Terwillger, Chairman and CEO of Trammel Crow Residential, Atlanta

Tuesday, September 18, 2007
7:30 - 9:00 AM
Seattle venue TBD

ARCHITECTS WITHOUT BORDERS

AWB would like to invite you to participate in a March 31st Charrette to generate design ideas for the Habitat for Humanity's Westway Housing Development in Federal Way.

This is a great opportunity for multidisciplinary design collaboration with landscape architects and architects. The Westway Project is a Community Rehabilitation with a large range of issues to address. Below is a site description, a project description, proposed charrette schedule and additional information.

The Site

Westway is a 1960's subdivision with 130+ units (approx. 60% owner-occupied). The subdivision has one point of entry/exit, with a small community center and police substation located at the entry. The housing units are mostly single-family homes and duplexes, with one street of 6-plex units. H4H is interested in AWB role in entry enhancement options, fence options, individual house remodels, yard design and native plant selection options, storm water issues, community building re-design and other visionary brainstorming for future development of vacant lots and park space. Habitat is currently working toward remodeling and upgrading the substandard houses in the neighborhood. They are working on 3 levels of home remodels: intensive remodels (occupants must move out), minor re-models (ex: new appliance, windows, etc.), and other minor repairs (patching roofs).

AWB Project

AWB proposes to organize a day-long design charrette with AWB volunteers, Habitat staff and other Westway experts. The focus of the charrette will be the entry, individual lots (home & yard), plant selections, community building, stormwater ideas and visions for the overall site. AWB will compile information from the charrette and present the information to Habitat.

[Click here](#) to read "Habitat finding new ways to help," a Seattle Times article from August 2006.

Saturday March 31

Site Visit

Discuss the Issues

Divide into Groups to address different issues

Potential Groups

Individual Site (Landscape)

Individual Home Improvement (Architects)

Entry Solutions (Arch & Land)

Overall Site – Stormwater Improvements (Landscape & Engineer)

Community Building (Architects)

Rejoin as the whole group to meld ideas

Later date

Present Solutions (possibly one person from each group presenting the ideas to H4H)

Compile Information for use at the April 28th H4H

Volunteer Day

Compile information for future use

For more information please contact: Liz Westbrook at lizw@brumbaugh-assoc.com or 206-297-4431.

[More information on AWB...](#)

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