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## **Applications now being accepted for Smart Growth America's 2013 free technical assistance workshops**

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*Washington, DC* –Smart Growth America is now accepting applications for its 2013 free technical assistance workshops. Communities interested in learning about smart growth strategies are welcome and encouraged to submit an application for one of 12 technical assistance tools.

Smart Growth America's technical assistance program, now in its second year, helps to facilitate local solutions to local issues and concerns, so that participating communities are able to grow in ways that benefit families and businesses while protecting the environment and preserving a sense of place.

"Smart Growth America's technical assistance provides the tools and training needed to help local leaders and residents make their communities more prosperous and livable," says Roger Millar, Vice President and Director of Smart Growth America's Leadership Institute. "Last year, we worked with 15 communities across the nation to help them design and implement effective 'home grown' smart growth strategies. With continued grant funding, we anticipate working with even more communities in the coming year."

Smart Growth America will again offer 12 technical assistance workshops as part of the free program. These include:

- Implementing smart growth 101;
- Planning for economic and fiscal health;
- Sustainable land use code audit;
- Complete streets workshop;
- Using LEED-ND to accelerate the development of sustainable communities;
- Walkability workshop/audit;
- Regional planning for small communities;
- Smart growth zoning codes for small cities;
- Transportation performance measurement;
- "Cool planning";
- Parking audits; and
- Implementing transit-oriented development 101.

As a national leader in the field, Smart Growth America possesses extensive experience working with communities to help them use land strategically, make the most of existing resources and invest strategically to catalyze private development.

### **How to apply**

Visit <http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/technical-assistance/free-annual-workshops> to download full application guidelines and apply online. Smart Growth America will also host a webinar to discuss its technical assistance program and the application process at 2 PM EDT on Thursday, September 27, 2012. Interested? Register [here](#).

The technical assistance is provided with grant support from US EPA's Office of Sustainable

Communities under their Building Blocks for Sustainable Communities Program. The Building Blocks program funds quick, targeted assistance to communities that face common development problems. Three other nonprofit organizations—Cascade Land Conservancy, Global Green USA and Project for Public Spaces—also received competitively awarded grants under this program to help communities achieve desired development outcomes.

### **Workshops for hire**

In addition to our annual free workshops, Smart Growth America's technical assistance is available year round for a fee. Our expert staff can help your community achieve its development goals.

Learn more at <http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/technical-assistance/>.

**Smart Growth America** is the only national organization dedicated to researching, advocating for and leading coalitions to bring smart growth practices to more communities nationwide. From providing more sidewalks to ensuring more homes are built near public transportation or that productive farms remain a part of our communities, smart growth helps make sure people across the nation can live in great neighborhoods. For additional information visit [www.smartgrowthamerica.org](http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org).

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