

Big Sky or Big Sprawl – The Last Best Place in the Past, Present, and Future

10th Anniversary of the Montana Smart Growth Coalition

September 19th, 2008– In the Campus Center at Carroll College – see the map below.

8:30 to 5:00 (the agenda is subject to change)

- Keynote – Geoff Anderson, CEO and President of Smart Growth America, and the former head of US EPA’s Smart Growth Program under President Bush.
- National and Statewide Smart Growth Leaders
- **Governor Brian Schweitzer (invited)**
- Organizational Displays and Educational Materials

7:45-8:20 Registration

8:30 Welcome – Judy Smith, Board Chair, Montana Smart Growth Coalition

8:45 Back to the Future: Celebrating MSGC – Rachel Winer, Executive Director of Idaho Smart Growth, will share her thoughts on why MSGC is important to Montana and the West

9:00 Keynote – Geoff Anderson, President and CEO, Smart Growth America – the Untapped Market for Smart Growth

10:15 Break

10:30 Workshops – Concurrent Sessions:

- City County Coordinated Urban Growth Area planning – creating great cities and towns from the grassroots up (Tim Davis, Kelly Casillas, Roger Millar, Greg Sullivan, Alan Peura)
- Making Smart Growth a Reality: Financing for Smart Growth and Affordable Housing (Judy Smith, **Banker**, Bruce Brensda)
- Water and Growth 1: Septics, Septics Everywhere – And Not A Drop to Drink? (Dick Thweatt, Steve Kilbreath, Tim Burton, Lee Jordan, John LeFave)
- Communicating Smart Growth: Perspectives from Three Experts – In a world overwhelmed by competing concerns, how can we make an effective case that smart growth needs to be prioritized? (Jon Catton, Amy Frykman, David Goldberg)

12:00 Networking Lunch

1:00 Workshops – Concurrent Sessions:

- Smart Growth and Transportation: Creating the Vital Connection Between Where We Grow and How We Get Around – and How and Where State and Federal Transportation Dollars Can Be Spent to Create Smarter Growth (Jim Sayer, Roger Millar, Lynn Zanto, Ilana Preuss, Bob Stevens)
- Keeping Our Wide Open Spaces Wide Open – From Citizen Initiated Zoning Districts to County-wide Zoning (Dennis Glick, Doris Fischer, Bri West, Terry Murphy, Ron Hanson, Warren Vaughan)
- Water and Growth 2: Protecting senior water rights (Tim Davis, Jim Carlson, John Tubbs, Mark Aagenes)
- Designing the New Montana – Best development Practices for our Towns and Rural Landscapes (Randy Carpenter, Ralph Johnson)

2:30 Coffee Break

2:50 - Improving the Effectiveness of Our Smart Growth Efforts – Panel Discussion, Jon Catton will moderate and interview a panel of national and local smart growth leaders on keys to their success

4:00 The Governor’s Perspective – The Governor’s Chief Policy Advisor, Hal Harper will share his thought on why communities and counties need to plan for and manage their growth in a way that keeps the Last Best Place Special

4:30 Closing remarks and 10th Year Anniversary Celebration – Champagne Reception

- **Registration** -

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Registration Fee \$25 enclosed (includes lunch, coffee/tea, and champagne reception) – ____

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