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## Conferences and Events...

### April 3: Recycling Extravaganza

The Recycling Extravaganza, a collection event for hard-to-recycle items in its sixth year, will be on its very own day to kick off the 2016 Earth month for St. Louis Earth Day. The extravaganza will be held at St. Louis Community College – Forest Park Campus, 5600 Oakland Avenue, from 10 AM – 2 PM. Free and open to the public. Everything from CFL light bulbs, pet supplies, carpeting and bicycles to used shoes and small appliances. Start collecting and planning your spring cleaning accordingly. Pi Pizzeria food truck will be on site 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Bring only items listed on [www.stlouisearthday.org/events/festival/rex/](http://www.stlouisearthday.org/events/festival/rex/).

### April 7: The Green Leap: Conserving Biodiversity in Subdivision Development Webinar

Participants will learn about the challenges and opportunities to conserve natural resources when land is subdivided. The way forward is challenging, and the presentation outlines a range of techniques, research, policy tools, and educational strategies that could be used to engage key stakeholder groups. In particular, participants will learn about the importance of addressing decisions made during the design, construction, and post-construction phases of new subdivision development. This webinar will be held April 7 at noon, CT. Attend at <http://goo.gl/2vucuc>.

## Conferences and Events Further Out

**April 13 – 15: Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association (MfSMA) Annual Conference** “The Three R’s: Risk, Recovery and Resilience” at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center (Osage Beach). Go to [www.mfsma.org](http://www.mfsma.org) for more information and to register to attend.

**April 13 State and Local Climate and the Energy Webcast Series - Solar for All: Making it Happen in Low-Income Communities** is sponsored by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The 3<sup>rd</sup> of a series this webcast will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30 PM CST and will provide a nationwide overview of community solar (shared solar) and rooftop solar programs available to low-income households, and will feature case study discussions by solar energy policy experts to illustrate the opportunities, challenges,

and benefits of providing low-income households access to solar energy. To register <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3795662946328688641>

**April 13 – 14: Save the Date: Join us for the Sustainable Energy Conference and learn about sustainability** from the perspective of thought leaders in the energy sector. This knowledge-sharing event brings together leaders from industry, academia, and government to open the dialogue about sustainability and our energy future. For more information: <http://sefconf.mst.edu/>.

**April 20: Big Rivers, Big Problems, Big Solutions:**

**Presented by the U.S. Green Building Council and the Construction Specifications Institute – Greater St. Louis Chapter**, this luncheon meeting focuses on exploration of the history, management, and development of the Mississippi River Basin. Presenter Nick Reding will provide a narrative overview of modern river and flood plain management. Derek Hoferlin will discuss a holistic view of the Mississippi river basin, pulling upon collaborative research he and his students have conducted. David Wilson will examine the private rewards and public risks of flood plain in-fill development. Wednesday, April 20, 2016, from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM at the Engineers Club of St. Louis, 4359 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108. Registration: \$10 – USGBC-MGC Members; \$15 – Non-members. For information and registration go to: <http://goo.gl/mPMFE4>.

**April 21: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Partners in Governance Conference – In Government We Trust?** This year's Partners in Governance Conference will be held on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30AM-3:30PM at University of Missouri – Columbia to consider how local and state government agencies may build and maintain trust with citizens? Partners in Governance is a joint effort of the Institute of Public Policy at the University of Missouri, the Missouri Municipal League and The Center for Ethics in Public Life at UMSL. Conference speakers include Jim Robertson, Managing Editor at the Columbia Daily Tribune and Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment of the Mid-America Regional Council. A full schedule will be available on the Registration page as the conference date approaches. General Registration \$55, Students \$20. Go to <https://goo.gl/H3OI2z> or Contact Tracey Potts for more information [PottsT@missouri.edu](mailto:PottsT@missouri.edu)

**April 24: 2016 St. Louis Earth Day Festival** - Join in this community tradition to learn about sustainable products and services offered by local businesses and organizations, meet area non-profits that share Earth Day values, catch local musical acts and performance art, participate in a number of hands-on educational activities, and enjoy diverse cuisine featuring local, organic, vegetarian, and vegan options. Earth Day will be held on the Muny Grounds, Forest Park, April 24, from 10 AM – 6 PM. The 2016 Festival will include special features, like yoga classes all day for adults and children, a rock climbing wall, and a Pet Adoption Experience Area. Event entry is free; the Earth Day Festival is a welcoming place where all are invited for celebration and learning. Go to <http://www.stlouisearthday.org/events/festival> for all the event details.

**April 28 The Future of Land Use in a Region of Driverless Cars**, Autonomous (computer driven) cars may be available for purchase within five years – bringing in the largest change in transit since the internal combustion engine replaced the horse. What are the real estate implications of this change? What are the facts around autonomous car development? Could they really be available within 5 years? Will Uber and Lyft type providers – using autonomous cars – begin to replace the privately owned car as a prime means of transit? What are the possible implications for the urban environment and land use, for parking, and for public transit? On April 28th, Urban Land Institute St. Louis will present industry and academic experts who will provide their views on these and other questions surrounding autonomous vehicles. For more information and to register: <http://stlouis.uli.org/event/future-land-use-region-driverless-cars/>

**May 4: Where We Stand, St. Louis is Aging: Are We Ready?** - Over the next 30 years, the number of St. Louis residents 65 or older will increase by 77 percent. This program will consider the importance of this changing demographic and how we compare nationally. With the help of expert presenters and panelists, we will explore the needs of our aging population; the policies and resources needed to address this trend; and the possible consequences if we are not ready. Go to <http://www.ewgateway.org/wws/wws.htm> for more information.

**June 9-10 Missouri Municipal League Elected Officials Training Conference** - The Missouri Municipal League will be conducting the Elected Officials Training Conference June 9-10 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia. Conference sessions will emphasize the knowledge base all newly elected officials will need to govern effectively, such as budgeting, ethics, economic development, planning and zoning, and more. The changes that continually occur in the municipal arena make this a Conference relevant for all officials (not just newly elected). To register go to: <http://goo.gl/XOoQY0>

## What's in the News...

### In national news...

#### Reports of 'Mega-Commutes' Greatly Exaggerated

Though a hassle it may be, chances are your commute does not qualify as a "mega-commute." Joe Cortright writes in Super long commutes: a non-big non-growing, non-problem. "A 2013 Census study defined 'mega commuters' as those traveling more than 90 minutes and more than 50 miles each way. They found that while mega commuting grew from about 1.6 percent of all commuters to 2.7 percent between 1970 and 2000, the share of such long commutes was flat to declining from 2000 to 2011." In fact, more people enjoy short and easy commutes, with the average clocking in around 30 minutes. Some are luckier still. "The 2014 American Community Survey reports that nearly 20 million Americans, about 16 percent of all commuters, have self-reported commute times of 0 to 5 minutes." In the end, many see long commutes as a worthwhile (and often temporary) trade-off for other benefits. "Part of what this should highlight is the important role that personal choice plays in commuting. Most people consciously make choices about where they want to live, where they will look for work, and how long a commute they can endure.

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/KPGCJD>

Source: *City Observatory*, March 15, 2016

### In regional news...

#### Tech Salaries Decline in St. Louis

Technology professionals in St. Louis have for years enjoyed fast salary growth. But that growth has slowed, according to the latest figures provided by Dice.com. The average tech professional in St. Louis made \$83,582 last year, a 10.9 percent drop from 2014. In 2014, according to the same research, St. Louis tech pros grew their salaries by more than 23 percent to an average of \$93,800, which ranked 29th

among U.S. cities. Still, St. Louis' average tech salary is better than the Missouri average of \$83,045, a figure that slipped 1.4 percent compared with salaries from 2014. Unsurprisingly, tech executives made the highest salaries on average, earning \$145,133. Other tech managers were the fastest growing job category, with an average salary of \$129,129, up 8.8 percent from 2014. Read the full story at: <http://goo.gl/RkXaBX>

Source: *St. Louis Business Journal*, March 29, 2016

## In local news...

### METROPOLITAN ST. LOUIS SEWER DISTRICT: Two Initiatives on April 5 ballot

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) has placed two separate proposals on the **April 5, 2016**, ballot. The first, Proposition Y, deals with wastewater. The second, Proposition S, deals with stormwater.

**Proposition Y – Wastewater Bond Authorization:** If Proposition Y is approved, MSD will issue \$900 million in bonds, which will keep wastewater rate increases lower over the next four years. If Proposition Y is not approved, wastewater rate increases will be higher over the next four years.

**Proposition S – Stormwater Service Equalization:** If Proposition S is approved, MSD will rollback and eliminate several taxes; eliminate the stormwater fee; and institute or leave in place two service area wide taxing districts. The overriding benefit would be that all customers would be treated equally under the new system with the same tax rates and the same level of stormwater service.

For more information on Proposition Y and Proposition S, visit:

<http://www.stlmsd.com/our-organization/organization-overview/2016-ballot-initiatives-%E2%80%93-proposition-y-proposition-s>

## Online Resources...

### The Economic Security Database

The Basic Economic Security Table (BEST) Index estimates income needed for families to meet basic needs and for economic security based on family size, ages of children, location, and presence of employment-based benefits. The Elder Index estimates income needed for retired people over the age of 65 to meet basic needs based on household size, location, homeowner versus renter, and health status. Workers, advocates, policy makers, researchers and social service providers who build stable families and communities require a contemporary understanding of the living costs families face and the incomes that allow workers and elders to make ends meet and prepare for the future.

For more information go to: <http://www.basiceconomicsecurity.org/>

## Jobs...

**Policy Analyst**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$36,756: <http://goo.gl/NFEjVI>

**Community Engagement Coordinator II**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$38,592: <http://goo.gl/NIYdCc>

**Project Planner**, City of Chesterfield, \$48,854/yr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**Planning Intern**, City of Chesterfield, \$12/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**Forestry Technician**, City of Chesterfield, \$37,290.05/yr.: <http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html>

**Alternative Transportation Coordinator**, Washington University, starting \$17.73 - \$22.61/hr.:  
<https://goo.gl/JjGTtG>

**GIS Intern**, City of Hazelwood, \$10/hr.: e-mail [rjfrank@HAZELWOODMO.ORG](mailto:rjfrank@HAZELWOODMO.ORG) to request job posting

**Public Administration Intern**, City of Hazelwood, \$10/hr.: e-mail [rjfrank@HAZELWOODMO.ORG](mailto:rjfrank@HAZELWOODMO.ORG) to request job posting

**IT Intern**, City Of Wentzville, \$10.61/yr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Business Manager I**, City of Wentzville, \$19.16/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Dispatch Officer**, City Of Wentzville, \$17.42/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Wastewater Operator III Electrical**, City of Wentzville, \$19.15/hr. <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Engineering Technician**, City of Wentzville, \$21.55/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Wastewater Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**P. T. Wastewater Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**P.T. Front Desk Attendant**, City of Wentzville, \$8.42/hr. starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Engineering Intern**, City of Wentzville, \$10.60/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Wentzville, \$13.09 starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Director of Community Development**, City of Columbia, IL., \$75,000+/-: <http://goo.gl/QEFpnM>

**Engineering Intern**, City of O'Fallon, IL, \$12/hr.: <http://goo.gl/PfiCB9>

**GIS Intern**, City of O'Fallon, IL, \$8.50 to \$10/hr.: <http://goo.gl/Dmv5Ti>

**Planner/GIS Coordinator**, Belleville, IL: <http://www.belleville.net/Jobs.aspx>

**Records Clerk**, City of Eureka, \$28,500 starting: <http://goo.gl/JESZNI>

**Day Camp Director**, \$11.50/hr.; **Asst. Day Camp Director**, \$10/hr.; **Inclusion Assistant**, \$10/hr.; **Camp Counselor**, \$7.65-\$8.85/hr.; **P.T. Maintenance**, \$12/hr.; City of Maryland Heights: <http://goo.gl/GSCvXa>

**Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Maryland Heights, \$37,784-\$40,868/yr. starting DOQ:  
[www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources](http://www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources)

**Community Forester**, Beyond Housing: <http://www.beyondhousing.org/about-us/careers>

**Summer Seasonal Laborers**, City of Clayton, \$8.50 -\$10.00/hr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Accounting Associate**, City of Creve Coeur, \$34,344 - \$49,008: <http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx>

**Police Officer**, City of Florissant, \$45,593 starting, \$50,148 after probation: <http://goo.gl/mokRGx>

**President/CEO**, HeartLands Conservancy: <https://goo.gl/c7D8Im>

**Community Builders Graduate Research Asst.**, CBN at UMSL, \$600-\$700/m. plus full tuition:  
<http://goo.gl/3ggeWd>

**P.T. Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Manchester, <http://goo.gl/MjaPKr>

**Planning Specialist (Strategy and Innovation)**, County of St. Louis, \$45,406-\$54,475/yr.:  
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/stlouis>

**Building/Grounds Maintenance Worker**, City of Fenton, MO, \$12.30-\$18.02/hr.: <http://goo.gl/yJyhI9>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Fenton, MO, \$13.74-\$21.37/hr.: <http://goo.gl/yJyhI9>

**Maintenance Laborer (Seasonal Position)**, City of Fenton, MO. \$9.00/hr.: <http://goo.gl/yJyhI9>

**GIS Services Manager**, starting from \$59,255 to \$88,883/yr.: **Director of Community Development**, starting range \$102,086 - \$160,361/yr.: **Division Director-Humane Services**, \$63,381-\$81,476/yr.: **Erosion Control Inspector**, \$44,710.25/yr.: **Director-Transportation**, \$84,360-\$132,530/yr. County of St. Charles, <https://goo.gl/ACJ7Oy>

**Communications Officer/ Police Dispatcher**, City of O'Fallon, MO, \$17.50-\$18.39/hr.:  
[www.ofallon.mo.us/hr](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/hr)

**President/Executive Director Intern**, Lemay Development Corporation (LDC), for more information email or send resume to [dbaringer@lemaydevelopment.org](mailto:dbaringer@lemaydevelopment.org).

**Energy Efficiency Intern**, U.S. Green Building Council- Missouri Gateway Chapter:  
<http://goo.gl/M3YD2O>.

## Grants...

### Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program

The FY2016 Body Worn Camera (BWC) Policy and Implementation Program will support the implementation, including the purchase, deployment, maintenance, data storage, and policy development of a body-worn camera program, and the necessary policies for law enforcement agencies. The program will play a critical role in the creation, implementation, and evaluation of problem solving approaches that incorporate BWCs into officer practice in selected jurisdictions. Eligible applicant's city, county and state governments. Go to <https://www.bja.gov/funding/BWCPIP16.pdf> for more information.

### Small Agency Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program

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## Farmers Market Promotion Program

Approximately \$13 million in competitive grant funds in fiscal year (FY) 2016 is available to be awarded through the Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP). The purpose of the FMPP is to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets by developing, improving, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to, or assisting in the development, improvement, and expansion of, domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourist activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Go to <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp> for more information.

## Department of Homeland Security – FEMA, Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program Grant

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grants Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administrations of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The Grants Programs Directorate administers the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants as part of the AFG Program. FP&S offers grants to support activities in two categories: (1) activities designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate incidences of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards ("Fire Prevention and Safety Activity") and (2) research and development activities aimed at improving firefighter safety ("Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activity"). The program guidance document provides potential applicants with the details of the requirements, processing, and evaluation of an application for financial assistance for both of these activity areas. For more information:

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=282157>

## Conservation and Trails Grant

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, has announced that the grant rounds for the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) are now open. LWCF grants are available to cities, counties and school districts to be used for outdoor recreation projects. RTP grants fund trail-related projects and are available to local and state governments, school districts, for-profit and non-profit organizations, and businesses. For more information about either of these programs, to download the grant applications, and to register for a grant application workshop, visit <https://mostateparks.com/page/55065/outdoor-recreation-grants>.

## Missouri Main Street Grants

Missouri Main Street offers three matching grant programs providing up to 75 percent of the costs: Affiliate Grant, People Energizing Places (PEP), and Strategic Teams Engaging Places (STEP). These grant programs continue the mission of MMSC that is to provide the tools and resources for downtown revitalization to Missouri communities. MMSC is a 501(c)3 and financially supported by funding from the State of Missouri, Missouri Department of Economic Development, grants, sponsors, members, and other donations. Contact the MMSC office at 417-334-3014 or email Keith Winge at [kwinge@momainstreet.org](mailto:kwinge@momainstreet.org) for more information about these programs.

## Quotes..

*"When the winds of change blow, some people build walls and others build windmills". ~Chinese Proverb*

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The St. Louis Sustainable Backyard Tour will be held on Sunday, June 12, 2016 from 11 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is looking for hosts. This free event offers a unique opportunity to see firsthand how homeowners in St. Louis City and County are transforming their private yards and in a range of environmentally sensitive ways. More than 150 families have already welcomed tour goers demonstrating such practices as composting, organic gardening, chicken and beekeeping, native plant landscaping, rainwater conservation, renewable energy production and backyard habitat creation. If you are interested in participating this year please contact Terry Winkelmann at [Terry@sustainablebackyardtour.com](mailto:Terry@sustainablebackyardtour.com) by April 29<sup>th</sup> or for more information go to [www.sustainablebackyardtour.com](http://www.sustainablebackyardtour.com)

## Conferences and Events...

### March 28 – April 1: Community Development Training with CDA Community Development Academy at Mercy Center

You are invited to attend the Community Development Academy March 28 – April 1, put on by MU Extension's Community Development Program. These intensive, hands-on, 5-day courses enhance your ability to work effectively with a wide array of community issues. The course usually has a mixture of professionals, graduate students, undergraduate students, international participants, community members, and Extension State Specialists enrolled. Take for professional development (CEUs), 3 hours undergraduate credit, graduate credit, or non-credit. Graduate students can work toward a Certificate in Community Process. CDA Course 1: Building Communities from the Grassroots (7341/4341) & Course 2: Empowering Communities for the Future (7342/4342) will be held at the Mercy Center in St. Louis this s. Register and/or find out more information at <http://muconf.missouri.edu/commdevelopmentacademy/index.html>.

### March 29: Greening Your City Workshop St. Louis Metro Section - American Planning Association Spring Workshop

Registration is now open for the 2016 St. Louis Metro Section Spring Workshop. The event will be held March 29 from 1 PM – 7 PM, at the Commerce Bank Center for Science Education, 4657 Shaw Boulevard, St. Louis. "Greening Your City" is designed around the Green Cities Challenge. Expert presenters in afternoon workshops will inform you about practical methods for implementing green practices in planning departments and other city agencies. Evening plenaries include a keynote presentation from Lynn Richards, president and CEO of the Congress for New Urbanism; a conversation with the cities that participated in the 2015 Green Cities Challenge; and the 2016 SLMS Awards Presentation. The workshop is open to anyone with an interest in the program. Cost: APA-SLMS members, students, and commissioners: \$35 per session (afternoon or evening) or \$60 for all day (entire event); Non-members - \$50 per session or \$90 for all day (entire event). Go to <http://goo.gl/gkEsa9> for more information and to register to attend.

### March 30: City of St. Louis April 5<sup>th</sup> Ballot Issue Panel Discussion Presented by the St. Louis Public Library and the St. Louis Metropolitan Research Exchange

Join the St. Louis Public Library and the St. Louis Metropolitan Research Exchange on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Central Library's Auditorium at 1301 Olive Street, 63101 for a panel discussion with local experts to examine and evaluate potential impacts of five (5) ballot issues to be decided by city residents at the April 5<sup>th</sup> Municipal Election in the City of St. Louis:

1. **PROPOSITION E:** Shall the earnings tax of 1%, imposed by the City of St. Louis, be continued for another five years?
2. **PROPOSITION F:** City proposal to issue bonds up to \$25,000,000 for the purpose of purchasing, replacing, improving, and maintaining the buildings, bridges, and equipment of the City of St. Louis – without raising property taxes.
3. **PROPOSITION 1:** Proposal by the Special Administrative Board of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis to increase the operating tax levy of the District by \$0.75 per \$100 of assessed valuation.
4. **PROPOSITION Y:** To comply with federal and state clean water requirements, shall the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) issue revenue bonds in the amount of \$900,000,000 for the purpose of upgrading sewer and drainage facilities and systems?
5. **PROPOSITION S:** Shall the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) impose a Stormwater Operations and Maintenance property tax of not more than ten cents (10¢) per \$100 assessed valuation for the purpose of providing revenue for operation of the district's stormwater utility? *If this proposition is approved, MSD will repeal the existing property tax of seven cents (7¢) and the existing monthly 24-cent or 18-cent stormwater service charge that is imposed on each MSD customer. Instead, the 10¢ tax would provide a uniform districtwide stormwater revenue system for operations, maintenance and limited capital improvements.*

This event is free and open to the public. Contact John Wagner at (314) 299-6734 or [jlwagner@bistatedev.org](mailto:jlwagner@bistatedev.org) with questions.

### **March 31: Water, Water, Everywhere - Environmental & Water Resources Institute Spring Seminar**

**Presented by THE ASCE ST. LOUIS SECTION & EWRI**

The American Society of Civil Engineers/Environmental & Water Resources Institute (ASCE/EWRI) invite you to attend this informative seminar addressing current and emerging stormwater and wastewater topics in our region. Presentations will include flood risk and mitigation, updates on Missouri stormwater regulations, monitoring initiatives of the Mississippi River, new effluent limitation guidelines for the power industry, and more. The seminar will be held at The Engineer's Club, 4359 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, March 31, from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Registration begins at 8. Six PDHs provided. The cost to attend is \$50 for members; \$70 for nonmembers, and \$25 for students. Sponsorships are available for \$150. Go to <http://goo.gl/JcvhQv> for more information and to register to attend. Questions can be directed to Phillip Blonn at (314) 335-3049 or [Phillip.Blonn@ch2m.com](mailto:Phillip.Blonn@ch2m.com).

### **March 31: Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis Awards Reception**

The Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis (CBN) will hold its fourth annual awards reception on March 31, at T-REX, 911 Washington Avenue, St. Louis. This awards reception aims to recognize leaders and organizations who display excellence in impacting community building and neighborhood revitalization in the region. Rise Collaborative Grant award winners will also be recognized. The doors will open at 5:30 PM, and programming will begin at 5:45. You are invited to join in on this evening of networking, food, fun, celebration, and recognition of the hard work and dedication of community development practitioners in multiple sectors throughout the region. Admission is free. For more information and to get tickets for the event, go to <https://goo.gl/nq7ULK>.

## April 3: Recycling Extravaganza

The Recycling Extravaganza, a collection event for hard-to-recycle items in its sixth year, will be on its very own day to kick off the 2016 Earth month for St. Louis Earth Day. The extravaganza will be held at St. Louis Community College – Forest Park Campus, 5600 Oakland Avenue, from 10 AM – 2 PM. Free and open to the public. Everything from CFL light bulbs, pet supplies, carpeting and bicycles to used shoes and small appliances. Start collecting and planning your spring cleaning accordingly. Pi Pizzeria food truck will be on site 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Bring only items listed on [www.stlouisearthday.org/events/festival/rex/](http://www.stlouisearthday.org/events/festival/rex/).

## April 7: The Green Leap: Conserving Biodiversity in Subdivision Development Webinar

Participants will learn about the challenges and opportunities to conserve natural resources when land is subdivided. The way forward is challenging, and the presentation outlines a range of techniques, research, policy tools, and educational strategies that could be used to engage key stakeholder groups. In particular, participants will learn about the importance of addressing decisions made during the design, construction, and post-construction phases of new subdivision development. This webinar will be held April 7 at noon, CT. Attend at <http://goo.gl/2vucuc>.

## Conferences and Events Further Out

**April 13 – 15: Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association (MfSMA) Annual Conference** “The Three R’s: Risk, Recovery and Resilience” at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center (Osage Beach). Go to [www.mfsma.org](http://www.mfsma.org) for more information and to register to attend.

**April 13 State and Local Climate and Energy Webcast Series - Solar for All: Making it Happen in Low-Income Communities** is sponsored by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The 3<sup>rd</sup> of a series this webcast will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30 PM CST and will provide a nationwide overview of community solar (shared solar) and rooftop solar programs available to low-income households, and will feature case study discussions by solar energy policy experts to illustrate the opportunities, challenges, and benefits of providing low-income households access to solar energy. To register <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3795662946328688641>

**April 13 – 14: Save the Date: Join us for the Sustainable Energy Conference and learn about sustainability** from the perspective of thought leaders in the energy sector. This knowledge-sharing event brings together leaders from industry, academia, and government to open the dialogue about sustainability and our energy future. For more information: <http://sefconf.mst.edu/>.

**April 21: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Partners in Governance Conference – In Government We Trust?** This year's Partners in Governance Conference will be held on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30AM-3:30PM at University of Missouri – Columbia to consider how local and state government agencies may build and maintain trust with citizens? Partners in Governance is a joint effort of the Institute of Public Policy at the University of Missouri, the Missouri Municipal League and The Center for Ethics in Public Life at UMSL. Conference speakers include Jim Robertson, Managing Editor at the Columbia Daily Tribune and Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment of the Mid-America Regional Council. A full schedule will be available on the Registration page as the conference date approaches. General Registration \$55, Students \$20. Go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/partners-in-governance-in-government-we-trust-tickets-21429031811> Contact Tracey Potts for more information [PottsT@missouri.edu](mailto:PottsT@missouri.edu)

**April 24: 2016 St. Louis Earth Day Festival** - Join in this community tradition to learn about sustainable products and services offered by local businesses and organizations, meet area non-profits that share Earth Day values, catch local musical acts and performance art, participate in a number of hands-on educational activities, and enjoy diverse cuisine featuring local, organic, vegetarian, and vegan options.

Earth Day will be held on the Muny Grounds, Forest Park, April 24, from 10 AM – 6 PM. The 2016 Festival will include special features, like yoga classes all day for both adults and children, a rock climbing wall, and a Pet Adoption Experience Area. Event entry is free; the Earth Day Festival is a welcoming place where all are invited for celebration and learning. Go to <http://www.stlouisearthday.org/events/festival> for all the event details.

**May 4: Where We Stand, St. Louis is Aging: Are We Ready?** - Over the next 30 years, the number of St. Louis residents 65 or older will increase by 77 percent. This program will consider the importance of this changing demographic and how we compare nationally. With the help of expert presenters and panelists, we will explore the needs of our aging population; the policies and resources needed to address this trend; and the possible consequences if we are not ready.

**June 9-10 Missouri Municipal League Elected Officials Training Conference** - The Missouri Municipal League will be conducting the Elected Officials Training Conference June 9-10 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia. Conference sessions will emphasize the knowledge base all newly elected officials will need to govern effectively, such as budgeting, ethics, economic development, planning and zoning, and more. The changes that continually occur in the municipal arena make this a Conference relevant for all officials (not just newly elected). To register go to: <http://goo.gl/XOoQY0>

## What's in the News...

### In national news...

#### States, municipalities can repurpose \$2B for transportation projects

The federal government is releasing about \$2 billion in previously earmarked funds for state and local governments to repurpose for transportation projects. The money must go toward work within 50 miles of the project for which funds were originally earmarked. Governments can repurpose the funding through the end of fiscal 2016.

Read the full story at [JDSupra.com/K&L Gates](http://JDSupra.com/K&L_Gates)

Source: *ICMA SmartBrief*, March 17, 2016

#### Los Angeles County's Parking Crater

A new study in the *Journal of the American Planning Association* estimates that in 2010 there were approximately 18.6 million parking spaces in Los Angeles County. That's about 3.3 spaces, or 1,000 square feet, per vehicle—literally more space for each car than for each person in the county. The authors also note that the amount of parking has continued to grow over the years, from around 2.5 million spaces in 1930, to 12 million in 1970, to 18.6 million in 2010. At 300 square feet per parking space, those 18.6 million LA County spaces would take up approximately 200 square miles. No one's arguing that *all* 18.6 million parking spaces in Los Angeles are a waste; there's an obvious need for parking, and for the automobiles that require it, in a variety of circumstances. But put together, this 200 square mile area is home to about 2.3 million people, 900,000 homes, and near one million employees.

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/Jdb1mC>

Source: *Better Institutions*, January 4, 2016



## In regional news...

### The public high schools named best in St. Louis

Thirty-five St. Louis-area schools are among 100 best public high schools in Missouri, according to recent data from Niche, a Pittsburgh-based provider of information on neighborhoods, colleges and K-12 schools.

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/BAiGkD>

Source: *St. Louis Business Journal*, March 16, 2016

## Online Resources...

### What Your Zip Code Says About You

U.S. zip codes were designed in 1963 to tell USPS how to sort your mail — but now they might tell others how you live your life. As reported *Time*, software company Esri's Tapestry Segmentation project has combined U.S. Census demographic data with marketing data to offer a picture how we live — whether you're spending Saturdays in line for the opera or for government assistance, or if you're getting takeout from Chick-fil-A or Whole Foods. All you have to do is enter your zip code to receive your postal code horoscope. You can also look up zip codes of places you'd like to visit, relocate or expand your business. In an age of big data, there's seemingly no end to what the boundless flows of information can tell us.

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/8Rijxy>

The Link to the Zip Code demographic tool: [http://www.esri.com/data/esri\\_data/ziptapestry](http://www.esri.com/data/esri_data/ziptapestry)

## Jobs...

**Policy Analyst**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$36,756: <http://goo.gl/NFEjVI>

**Sustainability Planner**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$42,552:  
<http://goo.gl/QaWKYi>

**Community Engagement Coordinator II**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$38,592: <http://goo.gl/NIYdCc>

**Project Planner**, City of Chesterfield, \$48,854/yr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**Planning Intern**, City of Chesterfield, \$12/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**Forestry Technician**, City of Chesterfield, \$37,290.05/yr.: <http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html>

**Alternative Transportation Coordinator**, Washington University, starting \$17.73 - \$22.61/hr.:  
<https://goo.gl/JjGTtG>

**GIS Intern**, City of Hazelwood, \$10/hr.: e-mail [rjfrank@HAZELWOODMO.ORG](mailto:rjfrank@HAZELWOODMO.ORG) to request job posting

**Public Administration Intern**, City of Hazelwood, \$10/hr.: e-mail [rjfrank@HAZELWOODMO.ORG](mailto:rjfrank@HAZELWOODMO.ORG) to request job posting

**IT Intern**, City Of Wentzville, \$10.61/yr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Business Manager I**, City of Wentzville, \$19.16/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Dispatch Officer**, City Of Wentzville, \$17.42/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Wastewater Operator III Electrical**, City of Wentzville, \$19.15/hr. <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Engineering Technician**, City of Wentzville, \$21.55/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Wastewater Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**P. T. Wastewater Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**P.T. Front Desk Attendant**, City of Wentzville, \$8.42/hr. starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Engineering Intern**, City of Wentzville, \$10.60/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Wentzville, \$13.09 starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Director of Community Development**, City of Columbia, IL., \$75,000+/-: <http://goo.gl/QEFpnM>

**Engineering Intern**, City of O'Fallon, IL, \$12/hr.: <http://goo.gl/PfiCB9>

**GIS Intern**, City of O'Fallon, IL, \$8.50 to \$10/hr.: <http://goo.gl/Dmv5Ti>

**Planner/GIS Coordinator**, Belleville, IL: <http://www.belleville.net/Jobs.aspx>

**Records Clerk**, City of Eureka, \$28,500 starting: <http://goo.gl/JESZNI>

**Day Camp Director**, \$11.50/hr.; **Asst. Day Camp Director**, \$10/hr.; **Inclusion Assistant**, \$10/hr.; **Camp Counselor**, \$7.65-\$8.85/hr.; **P.T. Maintenance**, \$12/hr.; City of Maryland Heights: <http://goo.gl/GSCvXa>

**Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Maryland Heights, \$37,784-\$40,868/yr. starting DOQ: [www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources](http://www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources)

**Community Forester**, Beyond Housing: <http://www.beyondhousing.org/about-us/careers>

**Summer Seasonal Laborers**, City of Clayton, \$8.50 -\$10.00/hr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Accounting Associate**, City of Creve Coeur, \$34,344 - \$49,008: <http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx>

**Police Officer**, City of Florissant, \$45,593 starting, \$50,148 after probation: <http://goo.gl/mokRGx>

**President/CEO**, HeartLands Conservancy: <https://goo.gl/c7D8lm>

**Community Builders Graduate Research Asst.**, CBN at UMSL, \$600-\$700/m. plus full tuition: <http://goo.gl/3ggeWd>

**P.T. Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Manchester, <http://goo.gl/MjaPKr>

**Planning Specialist (Strategy and Innovation)**, County of St. Louis, \$45,406-\$54,475/yr.: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/stlouis>

**Building/Grounds Maintenance Worker**, City of Fenton, MO, \$12.30-\$18.02hr.: <http://goo.gl/yJyhI9>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Fenton, MO, \$13.74-\$21.37/hr.: <http://goo.gl/yJyh19>

**GIS Services Manager**, County of St. Charles, starting from \$59,255 to \$88,883/yr.:  
<http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**Director of Community Development**, County of St. Charles, starting range \$102,086 - \$160,361/yr.:  
<http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**Division Director-Humane Services**, County of St. Charles, \$63,381-\$81,476/yr.: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**Erosion Control Inspector**, County of St. Charles, \$44,710.25/yr.: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**Communications Officer/ Police Dispatcher**, City of O'Fallon, MO, \$17.50-\$18.39/hr.:  
[www.ofallon.mo.us/hr](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/hr)

## Grants...

### Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program

The FY2015 Body Worn Camera (BWC) Policy and Implementation Program will support the implementation, including the purchase, deployment, maintenance, data storage, and policy development of a body-worn camera program, and the necessary policies for law enforcement agencies. The program will play a critical role in the creation, implementation, and evaluation of problem solving approaches that incorporate BWCs into officer practice in selected jurisdictions. Eligible applicant's city, county and state governments. Go to <https://www.bja.gov/funding/BWCPIP16.pdf> for more information.

### Small Agency Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program

The FY2016 Small Agency Body Worn Camera (BWC) Policy Implementation Program will support the implementation, including the purchase, deployment, maintenance, data storage, and policy development of a body-worn camera program, and the necessary policies for law enforcement agencies. The program will play a critical role in the creation, implementation, and evaluation of problem solving approaches that incorporate BWCs into officer practice in selected jurisdictions. Eligible applicants include city and county governments. Go to <https://www.bja.gov/funding/BWCSmallAgency16.pdf> for more information.

### Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

The National Park Service State and Local Assistance Division announces the availability of \$15 million (total) set aside in FY 2015 and FY 2016 appropriations for Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance grants for a nationally competitive grant program. Eligible U.S. state and local government agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes are invited to submit proposals for matching grants to support projects that would acquire or develop public land for outdoor recreation purposes located within or serving Census-delineated "urbanized areas": places with a population of 50,000 or more people that are densely settled. Award Ceiling: \$750,000; Award Floor: \$250,000. Go to <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=282085> for more information.

### Farmers Market Promotion Program

Approximately \$13 million in competitive grant funds in fiscal year (FY) 2016 is available to be awarded through the Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP). The purpose of the FMPP is to increase

domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets by developing, improving, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to, or assisting in the development, improvement, and expansion of, domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourist activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Go to <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp> for more information.

## **TIGER Discretionary Grants for Transportation Projects**

FY 2016 TIGER discretionary grants will fund capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. The 2016 TIGER grant program will focus on capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for communities, both urban and rural. Go to <https://goo.gl/ALHFK1> to learn more and link to the Notice of Funding Opportunity and the schedule of a series of special topic webinars that delve into various aspects of the TIGER application process. Applications are due April 29.

## **Safe Places to Play Grants**

The U.S. Soccer Foundation is accepting Letters of Inquiry for the 2016 summer grant cycle of its Safe Places to Play program, which provides grants to organizations to help them build or enhance a field space in an underserved community. Grants of up to \$25,000 (for single-field projects) and \$50,000 (multi-field projects) will be awarded in four categories: synthetic turf, lighting, irrigation, and sport court. To be eligible, applicants are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations, school, municipality, college or university, or sovereign tribal nation. LOIs must be received no later than May 27. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full application by June 3, 2016. Go to [www.ussoccerfoundation.org/grants](http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/grants) for more information.

## **Department of Homeland Security – FEMA, Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program Grant**

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grants Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administrations of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The Grants Programs Directorate administers the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants as part of the AFG Program. FP&S offers grants to support activities in two categories: (1) activities designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate incidences of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards ("Fire Prevention and Safety Activity") and (2) research and development activities aimed at improving firefighter safety ("Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activity"). The program guidance document provides potential applicants with the details of the requirements, processing, and evaluation of an application for financial assistance for both of these activity areas. For more information: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=282157>

## **Conservation and Trails Grant**

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, has announced that the grant rounds for the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) are now open. LWCF grants are available to cities, counties and school districts to be used for outdoor recreation projects. RTP grants fund trail-related projects and are available to local and state governments, school districts, for-profit and non-profit organizations, and businesses. For more

information about either of these programs, to download the grant applications, and to register for a grant application workshop, visit <https://mostateparks.com/page/55065/outdoor-recreation-grants>.

## Missouri Main Street Grants

Missouri Main Street offers three matching grant programs providing up to 75 percent of the costs: Affiliate Grant, People Energizing Places (PEP), and Strategic Teams Engaging Places (STEP). These grant programs continue the mission of MMSC, that is to provide the tools and resources for downtown revitalization to Missouri communities. MMSC is a 501(c)3 and financially supported by funding from the State of Missouri, Missouri Department of Economic Development, grants, sponsors, members, and other donations. Contact the MMSC office at 417-334-3014 or email Keith Winge at [kwinge@momainstreet.org](mailto:kwinge@momainstreet.org) for more information about these programs.

## Quotes..

*"When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace." - Jimi Hendrix*

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**Announcements...**

**Mr. Pondrom Has Left the Building**

Over the past 10 years Local Government Briefings has grown into newsletter that local officials and citizens throughout our region look forward to seeing in their inbox on Thursdays. Gary Pondrom personally committed himself to producing a resource that was consistently high value and relevant and for that we thank him. The EWG Community Engagement and Local Government Services team will work to ensure that Briefings continues to be a resource upon which you can rely. We welcome your suggestions, submissions and continued support at [Briefings@ewgateway.org](mailto:Briefings@ewgateway.org)

Thanks,  
Julie Stone and Roz Rodgers

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**Applications for Missouri Neighborhood Assistance Program Due April 22**

The Missouri Department of Economic Development's Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) is currently accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2017 Round 1. NAP applications for FY2017 Round 1 must be submitted with a postmark no later than April 22, 2016. The NAP provides assistance to community-based organizations that enables them to implement community or neighborhood projects in the areas of community service, education, crime prevention, job training, and physical revitalization. Go to <https://goo.gl/gFqutv> to learn more about the program. Go to <https://goo.gl/TiXbXH> to view an Application Workshop video.

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**Call for Projects: Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program**

East-West Gateway Council of Governments is accepting applications for Section 5310 funding. The Section 5310 program provides funding to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities, by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available. The deadline for receipt of applications is Tuesday, April 5. Applications must be sent to: East-West Gateway Council of Governments, One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600, St. Louis, MO 63102, Attn: Rachael Pawlak. Program information and applications are available at [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org).

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## Conferences and Events...

### March 19: Confluence Trash Bash – Cleanup of Area Rivers and Streams

You are invited to come out March 19 for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Confluence Trash Bash and help clean up rivers and streams in the Mississippi and Missouri River watersheds in North St Louis County and the City of St. Louis. Your help is needed to take care of these valuable resources in our community. All are welcome, and no experience required. Individual volunteers, civic groups and youth organizations are encouraged to attend. There are multiple sites located throughout the area. Sign-in is from 8 - 8:45 AM; cleanup from 9 to noon and a lunch will be provided from noon to 1 PM. Expect to get muddy and have a great time. Go to [www.greenwaynetwork.org](http://www.greenwaynetwork.org) for more information.

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### March 22: Workshop for Construction of Local Public Agency Federal-Aid Transportation Projects

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is conducting a workshop to discuss the processes of administering /constructing federal-aid projects. This workshop is intended for Local Public Agencies that have a project programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program, contractors, design consultants, or for others who would like to learn more about the construction of federal-aid projects. The workshop will be held at Maryland Heights Community Centre, 2344 McKelvey Rd., Maryland Heights, from 9 to 11 AM, March 22. Registration is available at [www.ewgateway.org/TIPWorkshops/TIP-PIW-Const.htm](http://www.ewgateway.org/TIPWorkshops/TIP-PIW-Const.htm). The deadline for registration is noon, March 18. For more information, contact Vince Kaimann at (314) 453-1750.

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### March 23: Process of Systemic Change: People to Policy Presented by Forward through Ferguson and Focus St. Louis

Attend this second forum hosted by Forward Through Ferguson and FOCUS St. Louis on the implementation phase of the Ferguson Commission report on Thursday March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:00PM at the St. Louis Public Library – Central Library Auditorium (1301 Olive St.). This interactive town hall forum will explore the process of systemic change, focusing on the current landscape of municipal courts reform. Discussion will touch on recent developments and barriers to municipal court reform, the recent Municipal Division working group report to the Supreme Court of Missouri, and what solutions and pathways exist for moving forward. Admission is free but registration is appreciated at <http://goo.gl/CCq8gs>

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### March 24: Municipal Officials Training Academy Webinar/Seminar Funding Municipal Improvements and Economic Development

The Municipal Officials Training Academy is offering a webinar with an in-person attendance option concerning economic development on March 24, from noon - 1:15 PM. The seminar, for municipal officials and employees, will cover best practices for funding municipal improvements and economic development, including discussion on revenue sources, special districts, financing techniques, and more. This seminar is designed for finance officers/directors, economic development directors, city administrators/managers, elected officials, municipal attorneys, and city clerks. The seminar is \$10 per person per seminar or the city may purchase the Tuition Option which grants the entire city access to all 2016 seminars. To register to view the seminar online, go to <https://goo.gl/tkO5Da>. To register for in-person attendance (limited to 30 persons) at Frontenac City Hall, 10555 Clayton Road, e-mail Steve Ables at [staff@sltmuni.org](mailto:staff@sltmuni.org). Whether registering online or in person, payment for attendance should be submitted to Steve Ables at 1034 S. Brentwood Blvd., Suite 410, Richmond Heights, MO 63117. For any questions concerning payment or registration, please contact Steve Ables [staff@sltmuni.org](mailto:staff@sltmuni.org), for content and certification questions; contact Erin Seele, Academy Director/Moderator, at [erin@municipalfirm.com](mailto:erin@municipalfirm.com).

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## **March 28 – April 1: Community Development Training with CDA Community Development Academy at Mercy Center**

You are invited to attend the Community Development Academy March 28 – April 1, put on by MU Extension's Community Development Program. These intensive, hands-on, 5-day courses enhance your ability to work effectively with a wide array of community issues. The course usually has a mixture of professionals, graduate students, undergraduate students, international participants, community members, and Extension State Specialists enrolled. Take for professional development (CEUs), 3 hours undergraduate credit, graduate credit, or non-credit. Graduate students can work toward a Certificate in Community Process. CDA Course 1: Building Communities from the Grassroots (7341/4341) & Course 2: Empowering Communities for the Future (7342/4342) will be held at the Mercy Center in St. Louis this s. Register and/or find out more information at <http://muconf.missouri.edu/commdevelopmentacademy/index.html>.

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## **March 29: Greening Your City Workshop St. Louis Metro Section - American Planning Association Spring Workshop**

Registration is now open for the 2016 St. Louis Metro Section Spring Workshop. The event will be held March 29 from 1 PM – 7 PM, at the Commerce Bank Center for Science Education, 4657 Shaw Boulevard, St. Louis. "Greening Your City" is designed around the Green Cities Challenge. Expert presenters in afternoon workshops will inform you about practical methods for implementing green practices in planning departments and other city agencies. Evening plenaries include a keynote presentation from Lynn Richards, president and CEO of the Congress for New Urbanism; a conversation with the cities that participated in the 2015 Green Cities Challenge; and the 2016 SLMS Awards Presentation. The workshop is open to anyone with an interest in the program. Cost: APA-SLMS members, students, and commissioners: \$35 per session (afternoon or evening) or \$60 for all day (entire event); Non-members - \$50 per session or \$90 for all day (entire event). Go to <http://goo.gl/gkEsa9> for more information and to register to attend.

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## **March 30: City of St. Louis April 5<sup>th</sup> Ballot Issue Panel Discussion Presented by the St. Louis Public Library and the St. Louis Metropolitan Research Exchange**

Join the St. Louis Public Library and the St. Louis Metropolitan Research Exchange on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Central Library's Auditorium at 1301 Olive Street, 63101 for a panel discussion with local experts to examine and evaluate potential impacts of five (5) ballot issues to be decided by city residents at the April 5<sup>th</sup> Municipal Election in the City of St. Louis:

1. PROPOSITION E: Shall the earnings tax of 1%, imposed by the City of St. Louis, be continued for another five years?
2. PROPOSITION F: City proposal to issue bonds up to \$25,000,000 for the purpose of purchasing, replacing, improving, and maintaining the buildings, bridges, and equipment of the City of St. Louis – without raising property taxes.
3. PROPOSITION 1: Proposal by the Special Administrative Board of the Transitional School District of the City of St. Louis to increase the operating tax levy of the District by \$0.75 per \$100 of assessed valuation.
4. PROPOSITION Y: To comply with federal and state clean water requirements, shall the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) issue revenue bonds in the amount of \$900,000,000 for the purpose of upgrading sewer and drainage facilities and systems?

5. PROPOSITION S: Shall the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) impose a Stormwater Operations and Maintenance property tax of not more than ten cents (10¢) per \$100 assessed valuation for the purpose of providing revenue for operation of the district's stormwater utility? *If this proposition is approved, MSD will repeal the existing property tax of seven cents (7¢) and the existing monthly 24-cent or 18-cent stormwater service charge that is imposed on each MSD customer. Instead, the 10¢ tax would provide a uniform districtwide stormwater revenue system for operations, maintenance and limited capital improvements.*

This event is free and open to the public. Contact John Wagner at (314) 299-6734 or [jlwagner@bistatedev.org](mailto:jlwagner@bistatedev.org) with questions.

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### March 31: Water, Water, Everywhere - Environmental & Water Resources Institute Spring Seminar

Presented by THE ASCE ST. LOUIS SECTION & EWRI

The American Society of Civil Engineers/Environmental & Water Resources Institute (ASCE/EWRI) invite you to attend this informative seminar addressing current and emerging stormwater and wastewater topics in our region. Presentations will include flood risk and mitigation, updates on Missouri stormwater regulations, monitoring initiatives of the Mississippi River, new effluent limitation guidelines for the power industry, and more. The seminar will be held at The Engineer's Club, 4359 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, March 31, from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Registration begins at 8. Six PDHs provided. The cost to attend is \$50 for members; \$70 for nonmembers, and \$25 for students. Sponsorships are available for \$150. Go to <http://goo.gl/JcvhQv> for more information and to register to attend. Questions can be directed to Phillip Blonn at (314) 335-3049 or [Phillip.Blonn@ch2m.com](mailto:Phillip.Blonn@ch2m.com).

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### March 31: Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis Awards Reception

The Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis (CBN) will hold its fourth annual awards reception on March 31, at T-REX, 911 Washington Avenue, St. Louis. This awards reception aims to recognize leaders and organizations who display excellence in impacting community building and neighborhood revitalization in the region. Rise Collaborative Grant award winners will also be recognized. The doors will open at 5:30 PM, and programming will begin at 5:45. You are invited to join in on this evening of networking, food, fun, celebration, and recognition of the hard work and dedication of community development practitioners in multiple sectors throughout the region. Admission is free. For more information and to get tickets for the event, go to <https://goo.gl/nq7ULK>.

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### April 3: Recycling Extravaganza

The Recycling Extravaganza, a collection event for hard-to-recycle items in its sixth year, will be on its very own day to kick off the 2016 Earth month for St. Louis Earth Day. The extravaganza will be held at St. Louis Community College – Forest Park Campus, 5600 Oakland Avenue, from 10 AM – 2 PM. Free and open to the public. Everything from CFL light bulbs, pet supplies, carpeting and bicycles to used shoes and small appliances. Start collecting and planning your spring cleaning accordingly. Pi Pizzeria food truck will be on site 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Bring only items listed on [www.stlouisearthday.org/events/festival/rex/](http://www.stlouisearthday.org/events/festival/rex/).

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### April 7: The Green Leap: Conserving Biodiversity in Subdivision Development Webinar

Participants will learn about the challenges and opportunities to conserve natural resources when land is subdivided. The way forward is challenging, and the presentation outlines a range of techniques, research, policy tools, and educational strategies that could be used to engage key stakeholder groups. In particular, participants will learn about the importance of addressing decisions made during the design,

construction, and post-construction phases of new subdivision development. This webinar will be held April 7 at noon, CT. Attend at <http://goo.gl/2vucuc>.

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## Conferences and Events Further Out

**April 13 – 15: Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association (MfSMA) Annual Conference** “The Three R’s: Risk, Recovery and Resilience” at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center (Osage Beach). Go to [www.mfsma.org](http://www.mfsma.org) for more information and to register to attend.

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**April 13 State and Local Climate and Energy Webcast Series - Solar for All: Making it Happen in Low-Income Communities** is sponsored by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The 3<sup>rd</sup> of a series this webcast will be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:30 PM CST and will provide a nationwide overview of community solar (shared solar) and rooftop solar programs available to low-income households, and will feature case study discussions by solar energy policy experts to illustrate the opportunities, challenges, and benefits of providing low-income households access to solar energy. To register <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3795662946328688641>

**April 21: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Partners in Governance Conference – In Government We Trust?** This year’s Partners in Governance Conference will be held on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 9:30AM-3:30PM at University of Missouri – Columbia to consider how local and state government agencies may build and maintain trust with citizens? Partners in Governance is a joint effort of the Institute of Public Policy at the University of Missouri, the Missouri Municipal League and The Center for Ethics in Public Life at UMSL. Conference speakers include Jim Robertson, Managing Editor at the Columbia Daily Tribune and Ron Achelpohl, Director of Transportation and Environment of the Mid-America Regional Council. A full schedule will be available on the Registration page as the conference date approaches. General Registration \$55, Students \$20. Go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/partners-in-governance-in-government-we-trust-tickets-21429031811> Contact Tracey Potts for more information [PottsT@missouri.edu](mailto:PottsT@missouri.edu)

**April 24: 2016 St. Louis Earth Day Festival** - Join in this community tradition to learn about sustainable products and services offered by local businesses and organizations, meet area non-profits that share Earth Day values, catch local musical acts and performance art, participate in a number of hands-on educational activities, and enjoy diverse cuisine featuring local, organic, vegetarian, and vegan options. Earth Day will be held on the Muny Grounds, Forest Park, April 24, from 10 AM – 6 PM. The 2016 Festival will include special features, like yoga classes all day for both adults and children, a rock climbing wall, and a Pet Adoption Experience Area. Event entry is free; the Earth Day Festival is a welcoming place where all are invited for celebration and learning. Go to <http://www.stlouisearthday.org/events/festival> for all the event details.

**June 9-10 Missouri Municipal League Elected Officials Training Conference** - The Missouri Municipal League will be conducting the Elected Officials Training Conference June 9-10 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia. Conference sessions will emphasize the knowledge base all newly elected officials will need to govern effectively, such as budgeting, ethics, economic development, planning and zoning, and more. The changes that continually occur in the municipal arena make this a Conference relevant for all officials (not just newly elected). To register go to: <http://goo.gl/XOoQY0>

## What's in the News...

### In regional news...

#### Community Groups Battling for Survival

A recent article in the St. Louis Post Dispatch explores the challenges currently faced by community development corporations. These nonprofits are established to rescue specific neighborhoods from urban decay and pay attention to neighborhoods that others won't. But, according to this piece, they are declining in number, getting less money from the government and struggling to establish themselves as a major force in St. Louis. If you are interested in this topic, also see the case study included under **Online Resources** below.

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/SGCuSv>

Source: *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, March 12, 2016

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#### St. Louis Organizations Awarded \$1.8 million in Affordable Housing Grants

The Federal Home Loan Bank of Des Moines (FHLB Des Moines), in partnership with local lenders, is awarding \$1.8 million in affordable housing grants to four St. Louis-area groups. The grants, made through FHLB Des Moines' Strong Communities Fund, will provide affordable housing to nearly 300 families in Bel Ridge, Pagedale, Vinita Park, Wellston and other St. Louis communities.

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/axWB5b>

Source: *St. Louis Business Journal*, March 11, 2016

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#### Researcher: "St. Louis segregation is a legacy of deliberate federal policy"

A researcher with the Economic Policy Institute says the federal government needs to recognize that it played a deliberate role in creating racially segregated neighborhoods in cities like St. Louis. At a Missouri History Museum Symposium, the think tank's Richard Rothstein drew a direct line between today's segregated schools and neighborhoods and two federal housing programs from the 1930s, 40s and 50s: public housing and subsidized construction. The article presents more of the details of Rothstein's argument, which traces roots back to the 1930s and finds effects in St. Louis neighborhoods Desoto-Carr and projects like Pruitt-Igoe.

Read the full story at: <http://goo.gl/MzSrJY>

Source: [www.planetizen.com](http://www.planetizen.com) March 16, 2016

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## Online Resources...

#### Tower Grove Neighborhoods: A Case Study of the Consolidation of Three Community Development Corporations

This report from Creating Whole Communities at UMSL examines the causes and effects of the merger of three community development corporations (CDCs) in St. Louis. After analyzing the environmental factors

that pressured the CDCs to consolidate, the study identifies key factors that made the merger possible and discusses the benefits of consolidation. Go to: <http://goo.gl/Yv0Ayg>

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## State Traffic Fatalities Data

The latest federal data from NHTSA indicate that 32,675 traffic fatalities occurred nationwide in 2014. While the number of fatal accidents has changed little in recent years, it's down from more than 40,000 just a decade ago. For state-by state data and comparison by year provided by Governing.com, Go to <http://goo.gl/Yqi57F>

## Jobs...

**Project Planner**, City of Chesterfield, \$48,854/yr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**Planning Intern**, City of Chesterfield, \$12/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**Alternative Transportation Coordinator**, Washington University, starting \$17.73 - \$22.61/hr.: <https://goo.gl/JjGTtG>

**Dispatch Officer**, City Of Wentzville, \$17.42/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**GIS Intern**, City of Hazelwood, \$10/hr.: e-mail [rjfrank@HAZELWOODMO.ORG](mailto:rjfrank@HAZELWOODMO.ORG) to request job posting

**Public Administration Intern**, City of Hazelwood, \$10/hr.: e-mail [rjfrank@HAZELWOODMO.ORG](mailto:rjfrank@HAZELWOODMO.ORG) to request job posting

**IT Intern**, City Of Wentzville, \$10.61/yr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Recreation Assistant**, O'Fallon, Mo., \$15.86 starting: <http://www.ofallon.mo.us/hr>

**Business Manager I**, City of Wentzville, \$19.16/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Director of Community Development**, City of Columbia, Ill., \$75,000+/-: <http://goo.gl/QEFpnM>

**Wastewater Operator III Electrical**, City of Wentzville, \$19.15/hr. <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Engineering Intern**, City of O'Fallon, IL., \$12/hr.: <http://goo.gl/PfiCB9>

**Grounds & Maintenance Worker.**, City of Warrenton, \$14 - \$15: [www.warrenton-mo.org](http://www.warrenton-mo.org)

**P.T. Grounds & Maintenance Worker.**, City of Warrenton, \$10 starting: [www.warrenton-mo.org](http://www.warrenton-mo.org)

**Records Clerk**, City of Eureka, \$28,500 starting: <http://goo.gl/JESZNI>

**Policy Analyst**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$36,756: <http://goo.gl/NFEjVI>

**Sustainability Planner**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$42,552: <http://goo.gl/QaWKYi>

**Interns: Municipal Planning; Public Works:** \$11.50/hr.; **Day Camp Director**, \$11.50/hr.; **Asst. Day Camp Director**, \$10/hr.; **Inclusion Assistant**, \$10/hr.; **Camp Counselor**, \$7.65-\$8.85/hr.; **P.T. Maintenance**, \$12/hr.; City of Maryland Heights: <http://goo.gl/GSCvXa>

**Community Forester**, Beyond Housing: <http://www.beyondhousing.org/about-us/careers>

**Summer Seasonal Laborers**, City of Clayton, \$8.50 - \$10.00/hr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Accounting Associate**, City of Creve Coeur, \$34,344 - \$49,008: <http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx>

**Engineering Technician**, City of Wentzville, \$21.55/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Wastewater Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**P. T. Wastewater Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**GIS Services Manager**, County of St. Charles, starting from \$59,255 to \$88,883/yr.: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**City Administrator**, City of Sunset Hills: <http://goo.gl/gz4NiJ>

**Director of Community Development**, County of St. Charles, starting range \$102,086 - \$160,361/yr.: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**Engineering Intern**, City of Wentzville, \$10.60/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Police Officer**, City of Florissant, \$45,593 starting, \$50,148 after probation: <http://goo.gl/mokRGx>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Wentzville, \$13.09 starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Director of Communications**, County of St. Charles, and starting range: \$76,691 - \$120,481/yr.: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**President/CEO**, HeartLands Conservancy: <https://goo.gl/c7D8lm>

**Community Builders Graduate Research Asst.**, CBN at UMSL, \$600-\$700/m. plus full tuition: <http://goo.gl/3ggeWd>

**Community Engagement Coordinator II**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$38,592: <http://goo.gl/NIYdCc>

**Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Maryland Heights, \$37,784-\$40,868/yr. starting DOQ: [www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources](http://www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources)

**P.T. Front Desk Attendant**, City of Wentzville, \$8.42/hr. starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**P.T. Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Manchester, <http://goo.gl/MjaPKr>

**Forestry Technician**, City of Chesterfield, \$37,290.05/yr.: <http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html>

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## Grants...

### Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program

The FY2015 Body Worn Camera (BWC) Policy and Implementation Program will support the implementation, including the purchase, deployment, maintenance, data storage, and policy development of a body-worn camera program, and the necessary policies for law enforcement agencies. The program will play a critical role in the creation, implementation, and evaluation of problem solving approaches that

incorporate BWCs into officer practice in selected jurisdictions. Eligible applicant's city, county and state governments. Go to <https://www.bja.gov/funding/BWCPIP16.pdf> for more information.

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### **Small Agency Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program**

The FY2016 Small Agency Body Worn Camera (BWC) Policy Implementation Program will support the implementation, including the purchase, deployment, maintenance, data storage, and policy development of a body-worn camera program, and the necessary policies for law enforcement agencies. The program will play a critical role in the creation, implementation, and evaluation of problem solving approaches that incorporate BWCs into officer practice in selected jurisdictions. Eligible applicants include city and county governments. Go to <https://www.bja.gov/funding/BWCSmallAgency16.pdf> for more information.

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### **Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program**

The National Park Service State and Local Assistance Division announces the availability of \$15 million (total) set aside in FY 2015 and FY 2016 appropriations for Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance grants for a nationally competitive grant program. Eligible U.S. state and local government agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes are invited to submit proposals for matching grants to support projects that would acquire or develop public land for outdoor recreation purposes located within or serving Census-delineated "urbanized areas": places with a population of 50,000 or more people that are densely settled. Award Ceiling: \$750,000; Award Floor: \$250,000. Go to <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=282085> for more information.

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### **Farmers Market Promotion Program**

Approximately \$13 million in competitive grant funds in fiscal year (FY) 2016 is available to be awarded through the Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP). The purpose of the FMPP is to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets by developing, improving, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to, or assisting in the development, improvement, and expansion of, domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourist activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Go to <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp> for more information.

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### **Local Food Promotion Program**

Approximately \$13 million in competitive grant funds in fiscal year (FY) 2016 is available for award through the Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP). The LFPP offers grant funds with a 25 percent match to support the development and expansion of local and regional food business enterprises to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets. There are two types of project applications are accepted under LFPP—planning grants and implementation grants. Applicants can apply for either but will receive only one type of grant in the same grant cycle. Go to <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/lfpp> for more information.

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### **TIGER Discretionary Grants for Transportation Projects**

FY 2016 TIGER discretionary grants will fund capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. The 2016 TIGER grant program will focus on capital projects that generate

economic development and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for communities, both urban and rural. Go to <https://goo.gl/ALHFK1> to learn more and link to the Notice of Funding Opportunity and the schedule of a series of special topic webinars that delve into various aspects of the TIGER application process. Applications are due April 29.

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### Safe Places to Play Grants

The U.S. Soccer Foundation is accepting Letters of Inquiry for the 2016 summer grant cycle of its Safe Places to Play program, which provides grants to organizations to help them build or enhance a field space in an underserved community. Grants of up to \$25,000 (for single-field projects) and \$50,000 (multi-field projects) will be awarded in four categories: synthetic turf, lighting, irrigation, and sport court. To be eligible, applicants are a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, school, municipality, college or university, or sovereign tribal nation. LOIs must be received no later than May 27. Upon review, selected applicants will be invited to submit a full application by June 3, 2016. Go to [www.ussoccerfoundation.org/grants](http://www.ussoccerfoundation.org/grants) for more information.

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### National Endowment for the Humanities, Common Heritage Grant

America's cultural heritage is preserved not only in libraries, museums, archives, and other community organizations, but also in all of our homes, family histories, and life stories. The Common Heritage program aims to capture this vitally important part of our country's heritage and preserve it for future generations. Common Heritage will support both the digitization of cultural heritage materials and the organization of public programming at community events that explore these materials as a window on a community's history and culture. The Common Heritage program recognizes that members of the public—in partnership with libraries, museums, archives, and historical organizations—have much to contribute to the understanding of our cultural mosaic. Together, such institutions and the public can be effective partners in the appreciation and stewardship of our common heritage. The program supports day-long events organized by community cultural institutions, which members of the public will be invited to attend. At these events experienced staff will digitize the community historical materials brought in by the public. For more information:

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=282148>

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### Department of Homeland Security – FEMA, Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Fire Prevention and Safety Grant Program Grant

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Grants Programs Directorate is responsible for the implementation and administrations of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) Program. The purpose of the AFG Program is to enhance the safety of the public and firefighters with respect to fire and fire-related hazards. The Grants Programs Directorate administers the Fire Prevention and Safety (FP&S) grants as part of the AFG Program. FP&S offers grants to support activities in two categories: (1) activities designed to reach high-risk target groups and mitigate incidences of death and injuries caused by fire and fire-related hazards ("Fire Prevention and Safety Activity") and (2) research and development activities aimed at improving firefighter safety ("Firefighter Safety Research and Development Activity"). The program guidance document provides potential applicants with the details of the requirements, processing, and evaluation of an application for financial assistance for both of these activity areas. For more information:

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=282157>

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### Bureau of Justice Statistics- 2016 Graduate Research Fellowship Program

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) Graduate Research Fellowship Program will provide awards for doctoral student's research that utilizes criminal justice data or statistics and focuses on crime, violence, and other criminal justice-related topics to accredited universities that offer research-based doctoral



degrees. BJS invests in doctoral education by supporting universities that sponsor students who demonstrate the potential to complete doctoral degree programs successfully in disciplines relevant to the mission of BJS, and who are in the final stages of graduate study. Awards will be made to successful applicant institutions in the form of a cooperative agreement to cover a fellowship for the sponsored doctoral student. Each fellowship potentially provides up to three years of support usable over a five-year period. For each year of support, BJS provides the degree-granting institution a stipend of \$35,000 usable toward the student salary and related costs, and up to \$15,000 to cover the student tuition and fees, research expenses, and related costs. For more information:

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=282114>

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## Quotes..

*“When you come into a fork in the road, it usually works out better if you know where you are going. But if the other road looks intriguing, check it out...you never know.” .... - Gary Pondrom*

*“Make it Work.” – Tim Gunn*

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**Announcements...**

**A Note From the Editor**

As many of you know, this is my last edition of Local Government Briefings as editor. For the past twelve years, I have been privileged to be the editor of Briefings. During this period, the circulation has expanded threefold. Many of you are directly responsible for Briefings' success story since you have given me positive and constructive feedback on the content and direction of Briefing newsletter. I feel that it has provided a valuable forum for serving local governments, officials and citizens. I am personally honored and humbled by your expressions of support. To all of my kind and thoughtful readers, I offer you my heartfelt thanks. May we all continue the conversation. Briefings will continue to be a weekly publication. Please e-mail future Briefings correspondence to: [briefings@ewgateway.org](mailto:briefings@ewgateway.org) or call Julie Stone at (314) 421-4220 or (618) 274-2750

Best,  
Gary

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**Applications for Mo. Neighborhood Assistance Program Due April 22**

The Missouri Department of Economic Development's Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) is currently accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2017 Round 1. NAP applications for FY2017 Round 1 must be submitted with a postmark no later than April 22, 2016. The NAP provides assistance to community-based organizations that enables them to implement community or neighborhood projects in the areas of community service, education, crime prevention, job training, and physical revitalization. Go to <https://goo.gl/gFquv> to learn more about the program. Go to <https://goo.gl/TiXbXH> to view an Application Workshop video.

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**Call for Projects: Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program**

East-West Gateway Council of Governments is accepting applications for Section 5310 funding. The Section 5310 program provides funding to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities, by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available. The deadline for receipt of applications is Tuesday, April 5. Applications must be sent to: East-West Gateway Council of Governments, One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600, St. Louis, MO 63102, Attn: Rachael Pawlak. Program information and applications are available at [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org).

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## City of Crystal Lake Park RFPs for Park and Right-of-Way Maintenance Services and Snow Removal & Ice Control

Notice is hereby given that the City of Crystal Lake Park invites proposals for 2016-2018 Park and Right-of-Way Maintenance Services, within the City of Crystal Lake Park. Please submit sealed bids to the City of Crystal Lake Park by 10 AM, March 15. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at 10 AM on March 15 at Frontenac City Hall, 10555 Clayton Road, Frontenac, Mo. No facsimiles will be accepted. The full RFP can be viewed at: <http://www.crystallakepark.org/announcements>.

Notice is hereby given that the City of Crystal Lake Park invites proposals for 2016-2018 Snow Removal & Ice Control, within the City of Crystal Lake Park. Please submit sealed bids to the City of Crystal Lake Park by 10 AM, March 15. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at 10 AM on March 15 at Frontenac City Hall, 10555 Clayton Road, Frontenac, Mo. No facsimiles will be accepted. The full RFP can be viewed at: <http://www.crystallakepark.org/announcements>.

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## Conferences and Events...

### March 15: Stormwater Management for the Little Guy Using EPA's New Small Lot Compliance Template

Join EPA and National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB) to discuss a new streamlined SWPPP template for sites under one acre. The webinar will be held March 15 from noon – 1:30 PM CT. In December 2015, EPA released a voluntary Construction General Permit (CGP) Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) template for small residential construction. This template was produced in direct response to a request by NAHB to simplify the stormwater compliance process for small builders. Presenters will walk through site eligibility guidelines, as well as a new streamlined checklist of BMP options. Hear about early lessons learned from the field, as well as hopes for how similar streamlined guides might revolutionize how builders and developers approach small site compliance. While the new template (download at <http://goo.gl/9ZAwPQ> - it opens as a Word document) is only available in states where EPA is the direct permitting authority, (NM, ID, MA, NH, DC), home builders' associations and water quality practitioners interested in adopting similar guides are encouraged to attend.

**Registration deadline is 2 PM, CT, March 14.** Register at <https://goo.gl/Hx2BSC>.

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### March 16: Understanding the Funding Process for Active Transportation Projects Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals webinar

The March 16 webinar from the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) will be held from 2-3:15 PM at the Great Rivers Greenway office (6178 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63112) in the upstairs meeting room. The topic is "Understanding the Funding Process." Presenters will discuss funding sources for active transportation projects and the criteria for timing, data and implementation that attract funding. This webinar is sponsored locally by Great Rivers Greenway, Alta Planning and Design, and the Transportation Engineering Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (TEAM). This webinar is free and open to the public. RSVP by 5 PM, March 15, to Elizabeth Simons at Great Rivers Greenway: [esimons@grgstl.org](mailto:esimons@grgstl.org).

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### March 17: Green Communities, Prosperous Places Southwestern Illinois Communities Conference

This conference will include discussion and collaboration on sustainable and prosperous community development, and will present ideas and advocate for solutions that will work in the context of Southwestern Illinois. Oklahoma City-based developer, Richard McKown, of Green Earth Land Design,

will provide a developer's perspective on the use of green infrastructure and sustainable construction in subdivisions. McKown's company developed a subdivision with one half using green stormwater infrastructure and the other half using traditional infrastructure. Attend this conference to learn about the results of his experiment. Meridith McAvoy Perkins, of Davey Resource Group, will also discuss the benefits of urban forestry. The conference will be held March 17 from 7:30 – 9 AM, at Our Lady of the Snows Visitors & Conference Center, Belleville. Ticket Prices are \$30 per person; \$25 for HeartLands Conservancy Members. Go to <https://goo.gl/dpwdms> for more information and tickets, or contact Kim O'Bryan at (618) 566-4451 ext. 10 or [kim.obryan@heartlandsconservancy.org](mailto:kim.obryan@heartlandsconservancy.org) for tickets and sponsorship opportunities.

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### **March 19: Confluence Trash Bash – Cleanup of Area Rivers and Streams**

You are invited to come out March 19 for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Confluence Trash Bash and help clean up rivers and streams in the Mississippi and Missouri River watersheds in North St Louis County and the City of St. Louis. Your help is needed to take care of these valuable resources in our community. All are welcome, and no experience required. Individual volunteers, civic groups and youth organizations are encouraged to attend. There are multiple sites located throughout the area. Sign-in is from 8 - 8:45 AM; cleanup from 9 to noon and a lunch will be provided from noon to 1 PM. Expect to get muddy and have a great time. Go to [www.greenwaynetwork.org](http://www.greenwaynetwork.org) for more information.

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### **March 22: Workshop for Construction of Local Public Agency Federal-Aid Transportation Projects**

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is conducting a workshop to discuss the processes of administering /constructing federal-aid projects. This workshop is intended for Local Public Agencies that have a project programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program, contractors, design consultants, or for others who would like to learn more about the construction of federal-aid projects. The workshop will be held at Maryland Heights Community Centre, 2344 McKelvey Rd., Maryland Heights, from 9 to 11 AM, March 22. Registration is available at [www.ewgateway.org/TIPWorkshops/TIP-PIW-Const.htm](http://www.ewgateway.org/TIPWorkshops/TIP-PIW-Const.htm). The deadline for registration is noon, March 18. For more information, contact Vince Kaimann at (314) 453-1750.

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### **March 24: Municipal Officials Training Academy Webinar/Seminar Funding Municipal Improvements and Economic Development**

The Municipal Officials Training Academy is offering a webinar with an in-person attendance option concerning economic development on March 24, from noon - 1:15 PM. The seminar, for municipal officials and employees, will cover best practices for funding municipal improvements and economic development, including discussion on revenue sources, special districts, financing techniques, and more. This seminar is designed for finance officers/directors, economic development directors, city administrators/managers, elected officials, municipal attorneys, and city clerks. Attendees will be provided a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and various other handouts. The seminar is \$10 per person per seminar or the city may purchase the Tuition Option which grants the entire city access to all 2016 seminars. To register to view the seminar online, go to <https://goo.gl/tkO5Da>. To register for in-person attendance (limited to 30 persons) at Frontenac City Hall, 10555 Clayton Road, e-mail Steve Ables at [staff@sltmuni.org](mailto:staff@sltmuni.org). Whether registering online or in person, payment for attendance should be submitted to Steve Ables at 1034 S. Brentwood Blvd., Suite 410, Richmond Heights, MO 63117. For any questions concerning payment or registration, please contact Steve Ables [staff@sltmuni.org](mailto:staff@sltmuni.org). For content and certification questions, contact Erin Seele, Academy Director/Moderator, at [erin@municipalfirm.com](mailto:erin@municipalfirm.com).

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**March 28 – April 1: Community Development Training with CDA  
Community Development Academy at Mercy Center**

You are invited to attend the Community Development Academy March 28 – April 1, put on by MU Extension’s Community Development Program. These intensive, hands-on, 5-day courses enhance your ability to work effectively with a wide array of community issues. The course usually has a mixture of professionals, graduate students, undergraduate students, international participants, community members, and Extension State Specialists enrolled. Take for professional development (CEUs), 3 hours undergraduate credit, graduate credit, or non-credit. Graduate students can work toward a Certificate in Community Process. CDA Course 1: Building Communities from the Grassroots (7341/4341) & Course 2: Empowering Communities for the Future (7342/4342) will be held at the Mercy Center in St. Louis this s. Register and/or find out more information at <http://muconf.missouri.edu/commdevelopmentacademy/index.html>.

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**March 29: Greening Your City Workshop  
St. Louis Metro Section - American Planning Association Spring Workshop**

Registration is now open for the 2016 St. Louis Metro Section Spring Workshop. The event will be held March 29 from 1 PM – 7 PM, at the Commerce Bank Center for Science Education, 4657 Shaw Boulevard, St. Louis. “Greening Your City” is designed around the Green Cities Challenge. Expert presenters in afternoon workshops will inform you about practical methods for implementing green practices in planning departments and other city agencies. Evening plenaries include a keynote presentation from Lynn Richards, president and CEO of the Congress for New Urbanism; a conversation with the cities that participated in the 2015 Green Cities Challenge; and the 2016 SLMS Awards Presentation. The workshop is open to anyone with an interest in the program. Cost: APA-SLMS members, students, and commissioners: \$35 per session (afternoon or evening) or \$60 for all day (entire event); Non-members - \$50 per session or \$90 for all day (entire event). Go to <http://goo.gl/gkEsa9> for more information and to register to attend.

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**March 31: Water, Water, Everywhere - Environmental & Water Resources  
Institute Spring Seminar  
Presented by THE ASCE ST. LOUIS SECTION & EWRI**

The American Society of Civil Engineers/Environmental & Water Resources Institute (ASCE/EWRI) invite you to attend this informative seminar addressing current and emerging stormwater and wastewater topics in our region. Presentations will include flood risk and mitigation, updates on Missouri stormwater regulations, monitoring initiatives of the Mississippi River, new effluent limitation guidelines for the power industry, and more. The seminar will be held at The Engineer’s Club, 4359 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, March 31, from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Registration begins at 8. Six PDHs provided. The cost to attend is \$50 for members; \$70 for nonmembers, and \$25 for students. Sponsorships are available for \$150. Go to <http://goo.gl/JcvhQv> for more information and to register to attend. Questions can be directed to Phillip Blonn at (314) 335-3049 or [Phillip.Blonn@ch2m.com](mailto:Phillip.Blonn@ch2m.com).

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**March 31: Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis Awards Reception**

The Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis (CBN) will hold its fourth annual awards reception on March 31, at T-REX, 911 Washington Avenue, St. Louis. This awards reception aims to recognize leaders and organizations who display excellence in impacting community building and neighborhood revitalization in the region. Rise Collaborative Grant award winners will also be recognized. The doors will open at 5:30 PM, and programming will begin at 5:45. You are invited to join in on this evening of networking, food, fun, celebration, and recognition of the hard work and dedication of community development practitioners in multiple sectors throughout the region. Admission is free. For more information and to get tickets for the event, go to <https://goo.gl/nq7ULK>.

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## April 3: 2016 Recycling Extravaganza

The Recycling Extravaganza, a collection event for hard-to-recycle items in its sixth year, will be on its very own day to kick off the 2016 Earth month for St. Louis Earth Day. The extravaganza will be held at St. Louis Community College – Forest Park Campus, 5600 Oakland Avenue, from 10 AM – 2 PM. Free and open to the public. Everything from CFL light bulbs, pet supplies, carpeting and bicycles to used shoes and small appliances. Start collecting and planning your spring cleaning accordingly. Pi Pizzeria food truck will be on site 11:30 AM to 1 PM. Bring only items listed on [www.stlouisearthday.org/events/festival/rex/](http://www.stlouisearthday.org/events/festival/rex/).

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## Conferences and Events Further Out

### **April 7: The Green Leap: Conserving Biodiversity in Subdivision Development – Webinar**

Participants will learn about the challenges and opportunities to conserve natural resources when land is subdivided. The way forward is challenging, and the presentation outlines a range of techniques, research, policy tools, and educational strategies that could be used to engage key stakeholder groups. In particular, participants will learn about the importance of addressing decisions made during the design, construction, and post-construction phases of new subdivision development. This webinar will be held April 7 at noon, CT. Attend at <http://goo.gl/2vucuc>.

**April 13 – 15: Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association (MfSMA) Annual Conference** “The Three R’s: Risk, Recovery and Resilience” at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center (Osage Beach). Go to [www.mfsma.org](http://www.mfsma.org) for more information and to register to attend.

**April 24: 2016 St. Louis Earth Day Festival** - Join in this community tradition to learn about sustainable products and services offered by local businesses and organizations, meet area non-profits that share Earth Day values, catch local musical acts and performance art, participate in a number of hands-on educational activities, and enjoy diverse cuisine featuring local, organic, vegetarian, and vegan options. Earth Day will be held on the Muny Grounds, Forest Park, April 24, from 10 AM – 6 PM. The 2016 Festival will include special features, like yoga classes all day for both adults and children, a rock climbing wall, and a Pet Adoption Experience Area. Event entry is free; the Earth Day Festival is a welcoming place where all are invited for celebration and learning. Go to <http://www.stlouisearthday.org/events/festival> for all the event details.

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## What’s in the News...

### In regional news...

### Metro to Host Public Open House at North County Transit Center

Metro, the region’s public transit agency, is planning a public open house at its new North County Transit Center on Sunday, March 13 from 1 to 4 PM. The public is invited to attend and help Metro celebrate the completion of the new Transit Center located at 3140 Pershall Road, in Ferguson. The center is located on the south side of I-270 between W. Florissant Ave. and New Halls Ferry.

Visitors will have the opportunity to check out the new facility and passenger amenities, enjoy refreshments and learn about new MetroBus service in North St. Louis County.

There will be several options to get to the new Transit Center. Free shuttles to the center will operate every 30 minutes from the North Hanley MetroLink Station and Riverview Transfer Center beginning at 12:45 PM. Parking is available at the North County Transit Center's free Park-Ride Lot.

Source: Citizens for Modern Transit

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## In national news...

### Economic Development: Do People or Places Come First?

Aaron Renn writes an argument against economic development investments in the form of stadiums, casinos and convention centers—favored by so many local governments.

"There's a raging debate about whether the focus of our economic development efforts should be on people or on places," according to an article by Aaron Renn. "That is, should we make investments in people, hoping to see them succeed regardless of where they end up? Or should we focus on investments in particular cities, towns and rural areas in order to bring jobs and growth, thus helping the people who live there?"

Renn recognizes and understands the reasons why local governments display such an expensive predilection for place-based economic development—but recognizing the incentives for place-based economic development can also be the first step in setting up oversight and controls. A city ready to invest in people will find many opportunities, according to Renn, who cites sewer and wastewater systems as examples of sane investments.

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/xtP6Wi>.

Source: *Planetizen Newswire*, March 10, 2016

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### Auto Repairs From Potholes Got You Down? You Are Not Alone

A new report from the AAA indicates that American motorists encounter damage from potholes three times a year, with each incident costing an average \$300 to repair. Middle and working class drivers feel the pinch disproportionately.

The AAA survey serves as yet another reminder that rather than laying more asphalt for new roads, governments at all levels need to prioritize maintenance and repair—referred to as a "fix-it-first" approach. The damage caused by poorly roads costs Americans an extra \$3 billion in annual auto repair costs.

"AAA cautions drivers to remain alert to avoid pothole damage, and urges state and local governments to fully fund and prioritize road maintenance to reduce vehicle damage, repair costs and driver frustration," states the AAA press release.

The problems range from tire punctures and bent wheels, to more expensive suspension damage.

Poorly maintained roads have a disproportionate effect on middle and working class drivers—something critics of gas tax increases who are quick to cite the "regressiveness" of the gas tax might consider.

According to AAA's survey, middle- and lower-income individuals are the most worried about potholes, with the majority of respondents in households having annual incomes under \$75,000 expressing the



highest levels of concern over damaged roadways. This is likely due in part to the financial impact, as pothole damage can lead to expensive and extensive vehicle repairs.

Read the full story at <https://goo.gl/BuiWlv>.

Source: *Planetizen* Newswire, February 20, 2016

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## Online Resources...

### Green Streets: The Road to Clean Water

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has released a video – Green Streets: The Road to Clean Water. “Green streets” are natural and engineered methods for controlling stormwater that would otherwise gather pollutants and rush from hard streets into storm drains and out into local waterways. This video highlights green streets as a technique for managing stormwater and providing other economic and community benefits. Shown are examples of green streets in localities that have worked with EPA and other partners to incorporate green streets as part of their stormwater management plans. Green features shown include porous pavement, rain gardens, vegetative curb areas and sidewalk trees. View the video at <https://youtu.be/TxqxEqnHIKw>.

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### Incorporating Bicycle Networks into Resurfacing Projects

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has published the report, "Incorporating On-Road Bicycle Networks into Resurfacing Projects." The publication outlines recommendations for roadway agencies to efficiently and cost-effectively integrate bicycle facilities into resurfacing programs. The report is online at <http://goo.gl/vlwNyi>.

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## Jobs...

**Project Planner**, City of Chesterfield, \$48,854/yr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**Planning Intern**, City of Chesterfield, \$12/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**Alternative Transportation Coordinator**, Washington University, starting \$17.73 - \$22.61/hr.: <https://goo.gl/JjGTtG>

**Dispatch Officer**, City Of Wentzville, \$17.42/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**GIS Intern**, City of Hazelwood, \$10/hr.: e-mail [rjfrank@HAZELWOODMO.ORG](mailto:rjfrank@HAZELWOODMO.ORG) to request job posting

**Public Administration Intern**, City of Hazelwood, \$10/hr.: e-mail [rjfrank@HAZELWOODMO.ORG](mailto:rjfrank@HAZELWOODMO.ORG) to request job posting

**Firefighter/Paramedic**, City of Clayton, starting from of \$54,841 - \$73,225/yr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**IT Intern**, City Of Wentzville, \$10.61/yr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Recreation Assistant**, O'Fallon, Mo., \$15.86 starting: <http://www.ofallon.mo.us/hr>

**Business Manager I**, City of Wentzville, \$19.16/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Director of Community Development**, City of Columbia, Ill., \$75,000+/-: <http://goo.gl/QEFpnM>

**Wastewater Operator III Electrical**, City of Wentzville, \$19.15/hr. <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**P.T. Court Assistant**, City of Clayton, \$17.30 - \$19/hr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Engineering Intern**, City of Chesterfield, \$12/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**Grounds & Maintenance Worker.**, City of Warrenton, \$14 - \$15: [www.warrenton-mo.org](http://www.warrenton-mo.org)

**P.T. Grounds & Maintenance Worker.**, City of Warrenton, \$10 starting: [www.warrenton-mo.org](http://www.warrenton-mo.org)

**Records Clerk**, City of Eureka, \$28,500 starting: <http://goo.gl/JESZNI>

**Policy Analyst**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$36,756: <http://goo.gl/NFEjVI>

**Sustainability Planner**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$42,552: <http://goo.gl/QaWKYi>

**Interns: Municipal Planning; Public Works:** \$11.50/hr.; **Day Camp Director**, \$11.50/hr.; **Asst. Day Camp Director**, \$10/hr.; **Inclusion Assistant**, \$10/hr.; **Camp Counselor**, \$7.65-\$8.85/hr.; **P.T. Maintenance**, \$12/hr.; City of Maryland Heights: <http://goo.gl/GSCvXa>

**Community Forester**, Beyond Housing: <http://www.beyondhousing.org/about-us/careers>

**Summer Seasonal Laborers**, City of Clayton, \$8.50 -\$10.00/hr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Planning Intern, City of Clayton**, \$10/yr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**P.T. Project Manager**, City of Hazelwood, starting \$23.28 - \$25.44/hr.: <http://goo.gl/K0tOZ7>

**Accounting Associate**, City of Creve Coeur, \$34,344 - \$49,008: <http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx>

**Engineering Technician**, City of Wentzville, \$21.55/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Wastewater Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**P. T. Wastewater Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**GIS Services Manager**, County of St. Charles, starting from \$59,255 to \$88,883/yr.: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**City Administrator**, City of Sunset Hills: <http://goo.gl/gz4NiJ>

**Director of Community Development**, County of St. Charles, starting range \$102,086 - \$160,361/yr.: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**Maintenance Worker**, City of Creve Coeur, \$32,412 - \$46,248/yr.: [www.creve-coeur.org/jobs](http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs)

**Engineering Intern**, City of Wentzville, \$10.60/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Police Officer**, City of Florissant, \$45,593 starting, \$50,148 after probation: <http://goo.gl/mokRGx>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Wentzville, \$13.09 starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Director of Communications**, County of St. Charles, starting range: \$76,691 - \$120,481/yr.: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**President/CEO**, HeartLands Conservancy: <https://goo.gl/c7D8lm>

**Community Builders Graduate Research Asst.**, CBN at UMSL, \$600-\$700/m. plus full tuition: <http://goo.gl/3ggeWd>

**Community Engagement Coordinator II**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$38,592: <http://goo.gl/NIYdCc>

**Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Maryland Heights, \$37,784-\$40,868/yr. starting DOQ: [www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources](http://www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources)

**P.T. Front Desk Attendant**, City of Wentzville, \$8.42/hr. starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**P.T. Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Manchester, <http://goo.gl/MjaPKr>

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## Grants...

### Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program

The FY2015 Body Worn Camera (BWC) Policy and Implementation Program will support the implementation, including the purchase, deployment, maintenance, data storage, and policy development of a body-worn camera program, and the necessary policies for law enforcement agencies. The program will play a critical role in the creation, implementation, and evaluation of problem solving approaches that incorporate BWCs into officer practice in selected jurisdictions. Eligible applicants city, county and state governments. Go to <https://www.bja.gov/funding/BWCPIP16.pdf> for more information.

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### Small Agency Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program

The FY2016 Small Agency Body Worn Camera (BWC) Policy Implementation Program will support the implementation, including the purchase, deployment, maintenance, data storage, and policy development of a body-worn camera program, and the necessary policies for law enforcement agencies. The program will play a critical role in the creation, implementation, and evaluation of problem solving approaches that incorporate BWCs into officer practice in selected jurisdictions. Eligible applicants include city and county governments. Go to <https://www.bja.gov/funding/BWCSmallAgency16.pdf> for more information.

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### Land and Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program

The National Park Service State and Local Assistance Division announces the availability of \$15 million (total) set aside in FY 2015 and FY 2016 appropriations for Land and Water Conservation Fund State Assistance grants for a nationally competitive grant program. Eligible U.S. state and local government agencies and federally recognized Indian tribes are invited to submit proposals for matching grants to support projects that would acquire or develop public land for outdoor recreation purposes located within or serving Census-delineated "urbanized areas": places with a population of 50,000 or more people that are densely settled. Award Ceiling: \$750,000; Award Floor: \$250,000. Go to <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=282085> for more information.

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### Farmers Market Promotion Program

Approximately \$13 million in competitive grant funds in fiscal year (FY) 2016 is available to be awarded through the Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP). The purpose of the FMPP is to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets by developing, improving, expanding, and providing outreach, training, and technical assistance to, or assisting in the development, improvement, and expansion of, domestic farmers markets, roadside stands, community-supported agriculture programs, agritourism activities, and other direct producer-to-consumer market opportunities. Go to <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/fmpp> for more information.

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### Local Food Promotion Program

Approximately \$13 million in competitive grant funds in fiscal year (FY) 2016 is available for award through the Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP). The LFPP offers grant funds with a 25 percent match to support the development and expansion of local and regional food business enterprises to increase domestic consumption of, and access to, locally and regionally produced agricultural products, and to develop new market opportunities for farm and ranch operations serving local markets. There are two types of project applications are accepted under LFPP—planning grants and implementation grants.

Applicants can apply for either but will receive only one type of grant in the same grant cycle. Go to <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/lfpp> for more information.

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*“Moving on, is a simple thing, what it leaves behind is hard.” - Dave Mustaine*

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Next week's Briefings will be the last issue you will be receiving from me. I will be retiring from my position at East-West Gateway March 15. Briefings will continue to be a weekly publication. Beginning March 11, please e-mail Briefings related correspondence to: [Briefings@ewgateway.org](mailto:Briefings@ewgateway.org).

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### Map of the Month: Water Quality of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area

The East-West Gateway Map of the Month for March depicts the water quality of streams located in the East-West Gateway region as assessed by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2015. Under sections 303d and 305b of the Clean Water Act, streams and rivers are evaluated and listed as "impaired" if pollutants exceed the EPA's standards for water quality. In 2015, the EPA assessed 1373.7 miles of streams and rivers in the East-West Gateway region. Of these assessed streams and rivers, 711.9 miles were determined to be impaired. This represents no significant change from the EPA's findings in 2012. You can view this map by clicking on the Map of the Month icon at [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org).

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### Applications for Mo. Neighborhood Assistance Program Due April 22

The Missouri Department of Economic Development's Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) is currently accepting applications for Fiscal Year 2017 Round 1. NAP applications for FY2017 Round 1 must be submitted with a postmark no later than April 22, 2016. The NAP provides assistance to community-based organizations that enables them to implement community or neighborhood projects in the areas of community service, education, crime prevention, job training, and physical revitalization. Go to <https://goo.gl/gFquTv> to learn more about the program. Go to <https://goo.gl/TiXbXH> to view an Application Workshop video.

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### Call for Projects: Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program

East-West Gateway Council of Governments is accepting applications for Section 5310 funding. The Section 5310 program provides funding to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities, by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available. The deadline for receipt of applications is Tuesday, April 5. Applications must be sent to: East-West Gateway Council of Governments, One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600, St. Louis, MO 63102, Attn: Rachael Pawlak. Program information and applications are available at [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org).

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Crystal Lake Park invites proposals for 2016-2018 Park and Right-of-Way Maintenance Services, within the City of Crystal Lake Park. Please submit sealed bids to the City of Crystal Lake Park by 10 AM, March 15. The proposals will be publicly opened and read at 10 AM on March 15 at Frontenac City Hall, 10555 Clayton Road, Frontenac, Mo. No facsimiles will be accepted. The full RFP can be viewed at: <http://www.crystallakepark.org/announcements>.

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## Conferences and Events...

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This conference will include discussion and collaboration on sustainable and prosperous community development, and will present ideas and advocate for solutions that will work in the context of Southwestern Illinois. Oklahoma City-based developer, Richard McKown, of Green Earth Land Design, will provide a developer's perspective on the use of green infrastructure and sustainable construction in subdivisions. McKown's company developed a subdivision with one half using green stormwater infrastructure and the other half using traditional infrastructure. Attend this conference to learn about the results of his experiment. Meridith McAvoy Perkins, of Davey Resource Group, will also discuss the benefits of urban forestry. The conference will be held March 17 from 7:30 – 9 AM, at Our Lady of the Snows Visitors & Conference Center, Belleville. Ticket Prices are \$30 per person; \$25 for HeartLands Conservancy Members. Go to <https://goo.gl/dpwdms> for more information and tickets, or contact Kim O'Bryan at (618) 566-4451 ext. 10 or [kim.obryan@heartlandsconservancy.org](mailto:kim.obryan@heartlandsconservancy.org) for tickets and sponsorship opportunities.

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### March 19: Confluence Trash Bash – Cleanup of Area Rivers and Streams

You are invited to come out March 19 for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Confluence Trash Bash and help clean up rivers and streams in the Mississippi and Missouri River watersheds in North St Louis County and the City of St. Louis. Your help is needed to take care of these valuable resources in our community. All are welcome, and no experience required. Individual volunteers, civic groups and youth organizations are encouraged to attend. There are multiple sites located throughout the area. Sign-in is from 8 - 8:45 AM; cleanup from 9 to noon and a lunch will be provided from noon to 1 PM. Expect to get muddy and have a great time. Go to [www.greenwaynetwork.org](http://www.greenwaynetwork.org) for more information.

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### March 22: Workshop for Construction of Local Public Agency Federal-Aid Transportation Projects

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is conducting a workshop to discuss the processes of administering /constructing federal-aid projects. This workshop is intended for Local Public Agencies that have a project programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program, contractors, design consultants, or for others who would like to learn more about the construction of federal-aid projects. The workshop will be held at Maryland Heights Community Centre, 2344 McKelvey Rd., Maryland Heights, from 9 to 11 AM, March 22. Registration is available at [www.ewgateway.org/TIPWorkshops/TIP-PIW-Const.htm](http://www.ewgateway.org/TIPWorkshops/TIP-PIW-Const.htm). The deadline for registration is noon, March 18. For more information, contact Vince Kaimann at (314) 453-1750.

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### March 28 – April 1: Community Development Training with CDA Community Development Academy at Mercy Center



You are invited to attend the Community Development Academy March 28 – April 1, put on by MU Extension’s Community Development Program. These intensive, hands-on, 5-day courses enhance your ability to work effectively with a wide array of community issues. The course usually has a mixture of professionals, graduate students, undergraduate students, international participants, community members, and Extension State Specialists enrolled. Take for professional development (CEUs), 3 hours undergraduate credit, graduate credit, or non-credit. Graduate students can work toward a Certificate in Community Process. CDA Course 1: Building Communities from the Grassroots (7341/4341) & Course 2: Empowering Communities for the Future (7342/4342) will be held at the Mercy Center in St. Louis this s. Register and/or find out more information at <http://muconf.missouri.edu/commdevelopmentacademy/index.html>.

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**March 29: Greening Your City Workshop**  
**St. Louis Metro Section - American Planning Association Spring Workshop**

Registration is now open for the 2016 St. Louis Metro Section Spring Workshop. The event will be held March 29 from 1 PM – 7 PM, at the Commerce Bank Center for Science Education, 4657 Shaw Boulevard, St. Louis. “Greening Your City” is designed around the Green Cities Challenge. Expert presenters in afternoon workshops will inform you about practical methods for implementing green practices in planning departments and other city agencies. Evening plenaries include a keynote presentation from Lynn Richards, president and CEO of the Congress for New Urbanism; a conversation with the cities that participated in the 2015 Green Cities Challenge; and the 2016 SLMS Awards Presentation. The workshop is open to anyone with an interest in the program. Cost: APA-SLMS members, students, and commissioners: \$35 per session (afternoon or evening) or \$60 for all day (entire event); Non-members - \$50 per session or \$90 for all day (entire event). Go to <http://goo.gl/gkEsa9> for more information and to register to attend.

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**March 31: Water, Water, Everywhere - Environmental & Water Resources**  
**Institute Spring Seminar**  
**Presented by THE ASCE ST. LOUIS SECTION & EWRI**

The American Society of Civil Engineers/Environmental & Water Resources Institute (ASCE/EWRI) invite you to attend this informative seminar addressing current and emerging stormwater and wastewater topics in our region. Presentations will include flood risk and mitigation, updates on Missouri stormwater regulations, monitoring initiatives of the Mississippi River, new effluent limitation guidelines for the power industry, and more. The seminar will be held at The Engineer’s Club, 4359 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, March 31, from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Registration begins at 8. Six PDHs provided. The cost to attend is \$50 for members; \$70 for nonmembers, and \$25 for students. Sponsorships are available for \$150. Go to <http://goo.gl/JcvhQv> for more information and to register to attend. Questions can be directed to Phillip Blonn at (314) 335-3049 or [Phillip.Blonn@ch2m.com](mailto:Phillip.Blonn@ch2m.com).

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**March 31: Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis Awards Reception**

The Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis (CBN) will hold its fourth annual awards reception on March 31, at T-REX, 911 Washington Avenue, St. Louis. This awards reception aims to recognize leaders and organizations who display excellence in impacting community building and neighborhood revitalization in the region. Rise Collaborative Grant award winners will also be recognized. The doors will open at 5:30 PM, and programming will begin at 5:45. You are invited to join in on this evening of networking, food, fun, celebration, and recognition of the hard work and dedication of community development practitioners in multiple sectors throughout the region. Admission is free. For more information and to get tickets for the event, go to <https://goo.gl/nq7ULK>.

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## Conferences and Events Further Out

### **April 7: The Green Leap: Conserving Biodiversity in Subdivision Development – Webinar**

Participants will learn about the challenges and opportunities to conserve natural resources when land is subdivided. The way forward is challenging, and the presentation outlines a range of techniques, research, policy tools, and educational strategies that could be used to engage key stakeholder groups. In particular, participants will learn about the importance of addressing decisions made during the design, construction, and post-construction phases of new subdivision development. This webinar will be held April 7 at noon, CT. Attend at <http://goo.gl/2vucuc>.

**April 13 – 15: Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association (MfSMA) Annual Conference** “The Three R’s: Risk, Recovery and Resilience” at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center (Osage Beach). Go to [www.mfsma.org](http://www.mfsma.org) for more information and to register to attend.

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## What’s in the News...

### In national news...

### Has Planning Become Too Rational?

A recent study describes the evolution of planning has become far too sensitive to government thinking (i.e., fiscal conservatism and economic logic) instead of the emotional processes of citizens.

Henry Grabar poses a big question for the practice of planning in a recent article for *Next City*: "Why does the planning world seem determined to resist approaches that give primacy — or even credence — to the way people feel?"

To ponder the question, Grabar cites a recent study by Howell Baum, a professor emeritus of urban studies at the University of Maryland, titled "Planning with Half a Mind: Why Planners Resist Emotion." According to Baum, as explained by Grabar, "rationalism has become a harmful bias in planning" as a result of the formalization of the planning profession.

Throughout the article, Grabar responds to the ideas put forward by Baum's study, even calling some of Baum's examples of "emotionally sensitive planning" as outlandish, but allows Baum plenty of space on the page to posit a new, more emotionally aware practice of planning.

Read the full story at <https://goo.gl/8CWgf0>.

Source: *Planetizen Newswire*, February 25, 2016

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## Online Resources...

### Resources on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Low-Income Communities

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has released a guide dedicated to helping low-income communities access the benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy. “Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Low-Income Communities: a Guide to EPA Programs” is designed to help state and local governments reduce carbon emissions by connecting them with EPA programs that can help them expand or develop their own energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives in ways that benefit low-

income communities. The guide can also be used by low-income community leaders and stakeholder groups to better understand how they might participate in and take advantage of EPA initiatives to help their communities save energy costs, improve the health and safety of their homes, and protect the environment. Download the guide at <http://goo.gl/51dgHK>.

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## Jobs...

**Director of Community Development**, City of Columbia, Ill., \$75,000+/-: <http://goo.gl/PmrCtT>

**Administrative Assistant**, City of Collinsville, begins at \$15/hr.: <https://collinsvilleil.applicantpro.com/jobs>

**Wastewater Operator III Electrical**, City of Wentzville, \$19.15/hr. <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Court Assistant**, City of Clayton, \$17.30 - \$19/hr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Parks and Rec. Program Supt.**, City of Crestwood, \$30,383 - \$33,238: <http://goo.gl/b8qTfy>

**Engineering Intern**, City of Chesterfield, \$12/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**Grounds & Maintenance Worker.**, City of Warrenton, \$14 - \$15: [www.warrenton-mo.org](http://www.warrenton-mo.org)

**P.T. Grounds & Maintenance Worker.**, City of Warrenton, \$10 starting: [www.warrenton-mo.org](http://www.warrenton-mo.org)

**Records Clerk**, City of Eureka, \$28,500 starting: <http://goo.gl/JESZNI>

**Economic Developer**, Kaysinger Basin RPC, \$30,200 - \$34,200/yr. starting: <http://goo.gl/soAm7q>

**Policy Analyst**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$36,756: <http://goo.gl/NFEjVI>

**Sustainability Planner**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$42,552: <http://goo.gl/QaWKYi>

**Interns: Local Government, Municipal Planning, & Public Works:** \$11.50/hr.; **Code Enforcement Officer**, \$37,784-\$40,868/yr. starting; **Day Camp Director**, \$11.50/hr.; **Asst. Day Camp Director**, \$10/hr.; **Inclusion Assistant**, \$10/hr.; **Camp Counselor**, \$7.65-\$8.85/hr.; **P.T. Maintenance**, \$12/hr.; City of Maryland Heights: <http://goo.gl/GSCvXa>

**Community Forester**, Beyond Housing: <http://www.beyondhousing.org/about-us/careers>

**Police Dispatcher**, City of Crestwood, starting \$30,883 - \$44,147/yr. starting : <http://goo.gl/b8qTfy>

**Summer Seasonal Laborers**, City of Clayton, \$8.50 -\$10.00/hr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Planning Intern, City of Clayton**, \$10/yr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**P.T. Project Manager**, City of Hazelwood, starting \$23.28 - \$25.44/hr.: <http://goo.gl/K0tOZ7>

**Water Maintenance Worker**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$16.66-\$20.81/hr.: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**Water Service Tech.**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$16.66-\$20.81/hr.: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**Accounting Associate**, City of Creve Coeur, \$34,344 - \$49,008: <http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx>

**Police Officer**, City of Warson Woods, \$37,985 starting: <http://goo.gl/5rosFI>

**Engineering Technician**, City of Wentzville, \$21.55/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Wastewater Operator I**, City of Wentzville,\$14.39/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

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**GIS Services Manager**, County of St. Charles, starting from \$59,255 to \$88,883/yr.: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**City Administrator**, City of Sunset Hills: <http://goo.gl/gz4NiJ>

**Director Of Community Development**, County of St. Charles, starting range \$102,086 - \$160,361/yr.: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**Maintenance Worker**, City of Creve Coeur, \$32,412 - \$46,248/yr.: [www.creve-coeur.org/jobs](http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs)

**Senior Recreation Asst.**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$18.39/hr. starting: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**Civil Engineer**, City of Chesterfield, minimum start \$66,466/yr.: <http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html>

**Engineering Intern**, City of Wentzville, \$10.60/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Police Officer**, City of Florissant, \$45,593 starting, \$50,148 after probation: <http://goo.gl/mokRGx>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Wentzville, \$13.09 starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Director of Communications**, County of St. Charles, starting range: \$76,691 - \$120,481/yr.: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**President/CEO**, HeartLands Conservancy: <https://goo.gl/c7D8lm>

**Community Builders Graduate Research Asst.**, CBN at UMSL, \$600-\$700/m. plus full tuition: <http://goo.gl/3ggeWd>

**Summer Engineering Interns**, City of Clayton, \$11.00 - \$13.00/hr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Community Engagement Coordinator II**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$38,592: <http://goo.gl/NIYdCc>

**Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Maryland Heights, \$37,784-\$40,868/yr. starting DOQ: [www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources](http://www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources)

**P.T. Front Desk Attendant**, City of Wentzville, \$8.42/hr. starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

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## Missouri the Land & Water Conservation Fund and Recreational Trails Grants

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, is pleased to announce that the grant rounds for the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) are now open. LWCF grants are available to cities, counties and school districts to be used for outdoor recreation projects. RTP grants fund trail-related projects and are available to local and state governments, school districts, for-profit and non-profit organizations, and businesses. For more information about either of these programs, to download the grant applications, and to register for a grant application workshop, visit <https://mostateparks.com/page/55065/outdoor-recreation-grants>. All workshops will be hosted at Missouri State Parks' Central Office at 1659 East Elm Street in Jefferson City, but will also broadcast simultaneously as a webinar for interested applicants unable to attend in person. The workshop schedule is available at <https://mostateparks.com/page/63306/grant-workshops>.

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## Walmart Foundation's Community Grant Program

Through this annual program, grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to local nonprofit organization within the service area of individual Walmart stores. Grants will be awarded in the areas of hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, women's economic empowerment, and/or career opportunities. To be eligible, an organization must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (6) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code; a recognized government entity (i.e., state, county, or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, requesting funds exclusively for public purposes); a K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university; or a church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until December 31. Go to <http://giving.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving> for more information.

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## Quotes...

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## Announcements...

### RFP Deadline Extended for Property Management for the City of Columbia, Illinois

The City of Columbia, Illinois, is seeking proposals from professional real estate firms and/or individuals for ongoing management of the City's Property Management functions. The City seeks to employ the requisite expertise to enhance ongoing use of its real estate assets for the highest benefit to the community. The successful proposal will enable the City to improve current facilities, better plan for future growth and more efficiently serve the community. Deadline for proposals has been extended to Friday, March 4, at 4:30 PM. View the full Request for Proposals at <http://il-columbia2.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/7975>.

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### Call for Projects: Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program

#### Informational Workshop to be held February 29

East-West Gateway Council of Governments is accepting applications for Section 5310 funding. The Section 5310 program provides funding to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities, by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available. The deadline for receipt of applications is Tuesday, April 5. Applications must be sent to: East-West Gateway Council of Governments, One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600, St. Louis, MO 63102, Attn: Rachael Pawlak. Program information and applications are available at [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org). A Section 5310 Informational Workshop will be held Monday, February 29, 10 AM, at the offices of East-West Gateway, One Memorial Drive, St. Louis, to clarify program requirements, application procedures, project selection criteria, and schedule. Please RSVP to Rachael Pawlak by e-mail at [rachael.pawlak@ewgateway.org](mailto:rachael.pawlak@ewgateway.org) or by phone at (314) 421-4220 or (618) 274-2750.

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### RFP for City-Owned Property: Old City Hall—O'Fallon, Ill.

The City of O'Fallon, Illinois, is soliciting proposals from qualified developers and/or organizations willing to invest funds to purchase and improve Old City Hall, a locally designated landmark, and bring it back to a productive use that will integrate well into the neighborhood. This two-story brick structure at 200 N. Lincoln Avenue was constructed in 1890 and is in the heart of Downtown O'Fallon, an area which has recently benefited from several high profile projects and is experiencing renewed interest from citizens and developers alike. Old City Hall is located within the newly created Central City TIF District. The deadline to submit a proposal is 5 PM, Monday, March 7. A copy of the RFP and the Downtown O'Fallon Area Action Plan is available at [www.OTownIL.org](http://www.OTownIL.org).

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## Conferences and Events...

### February 29: Police Contracting in St. Louis County: Focusing Events and Changes in Image and Venue in Five Case Studies St. Louis Metropolitan Research Exchange Brown Bag Lunch

Alan Karr, a Ph.D. student at UMSL in Political Science, will discuss his dissertation research on the decision by municipalities in St. Louis County to contract or not contract for police services with St. Louis County. Based on five case studies, Karr argues that the decision is not based primarily on rational



decision making but is deeply affected by the policy process, especially the presence of focusing events and changes in political leaders or key actors. In the wake of Ferguson and efforts by the State of Missouri and St. Louis County to require municipal police forces to meet minimal police standards, Karr's research is especially timely and relevant. The event will be held February 29, from 12:30 to 1:30 PM, at the Dr. George H. Hiram Seminar Room at the Harris Stowe State University Library, located at 3026 Laclede Ave, St. Louis. Questions? Please call John Wagner at (314) 299-6734 or e-mail John at [jlwagner@bistatedev.org](mailto:jlwagner@bistatedev.org).

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### **March 3: Missouri Air Compliance Seminar**

Registration is open for the 9th annual Missouri Air Compliance Seminar scheduled for March 3, at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center in Columbia, Missouri. Hosted by REGFORM, the Air Compliance Seminar will include Air Pollution Control Program updates on standards, rulemaking, staffing, enforcement, legislation, and other key issues. View the conference brochure and register to attend at [www.regform.org](http://www.regform.org).

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### **March 17: Green Communities, Prosperous Places Southwestern Illinois Communities Conference**

This conference will include discussion and collaboration on sustainable and prosperous community development, and will present ideas and advocate for solutions that will work in the context of Southwestern Illinois. Oklahoma City-based developer, Richard McKown, of Green Earth Land Design, will provide a developer's perspective on the use of green infrastructure and sustainable construction in subdivisions. McKown's company developed a subdivision with one half using green stormwater infrastructure and the other half using traditional infrastructure. Attend this conference to learn about the results of his experiment. Meridith McAvoy Perkins, of Davey Resource Group, will also discuss the benefits of urban forestry. The conference will be held March 17 from 7:30 – 9 AM, at Our Lady of the Snows Visitors & Conference Center, Belleville. Ticket Prices are \$30 per person; \$25 for HeartLands Conservancy Members. Go to <https://goo.gl/dpwmms> for more information and tickets, or contact Kim O'Bryan at (618) 566-4451 ext. 10 or [kim.obryan@heartlandsconservancy.org](mailto:kim.obryan@heartlandsconservancy.org) for tickets and sponsorship opportunities.

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### **March 22: Workshop for Construction of Local Public Agency Federal-Aid Transportation Projects**

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is conducting a workshop to discuss the processes of administering /constructing federal-aid projects. This workshop is intended for Local Public Agencies that have a project programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program, contractors, design consultants, or for others who would like to learn more about the construction of federal-aid projects. The workshop will be held at Maryland Heights Community Centre, 2344 McKelvey Rd., Maryland Heights, from 9 to 11 AM, March 22. Registration is available at [www.ewgateway.org/TIPWorkshops/TIP-PIW-Const.htm](http://www.ewgateway.org/TIPWorkshops/TIP-PIW-Const.htm). The deadline for registration is noon, March 18. For more information, contact Vince Kaimann at (314) 453-1750.

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### **March 28 – April 1: Community Development Training with CDA Community Development Academy at Mercy Center**

You are invited to attend the Community Development Academy March 28 – April 1, put on by MU Extension's Community Development Program. These intensive, hands-on, 5-day courses enhance your ability to work effectively with a wide array of community issues. The course usually has a mixture of professionals, graduate students, undergraduate students, international participants, community

members, and Extension State Specialists enrolled. Take for professional development (CEUs), 3 hours undergraduate credit, graduate credit, or non-credit. Graduate students can work toward a Certificate in Community Process. CDA Course 1: Building Communities from the Grassroots (7341/4341) & Course 2: Empowering Communities for the Future (7342/4342) will be held at the Mercy Center in St. Louis this s. Register and/or find out more information at

<http://muconf.missouri.edu/commdevelopmentacademy/index.html>.

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## March 31: Water, Water, Everywhere - Environmental & Water Resources Institute Spring Seminar

Presented by THE ASCE ST. LOUIS SECTION & EWRI

The American Society of Civil Engineers/Environmental & Water Resources Institute (ASCE/EWRI) invite you to attend this informative seminar addressing current and emerging stormwater and wastewater topics in our region. Presentations will include flood risk and mitigation, updates on Missouri stormwater regulations, monitoring initiatives of the Mississippi River, new effluent limitation guidelines for the power industry, and more. The seminar will be held at The Engineer's Club, 4359 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, March 31, from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Registration begins at 8. Six PDHs provided. The cost to attend is \$50 for members; \$70 for nonmembers, and \$25 for students. Sponsorships are available for \$150. Go to <http://goo.gl/JcvhQv> for more information and to register to attend. Questions can be directed to Phillip Blonn at (314) 335-3049 or [Phillip.Blonn@ch2m.com](mailto:Phillip.Blonn@ch2m.com).

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## Conferences and Events Further Out

### April 7: The Green Leap: Conserving Biodiversity in Subdivision Development – Webinar

Participants will learn about the challenges and opportunities to conserve natural resources when land is subdivided. The way forward is challenging, and the presentation outlines a range of techniques, research, policy tools, and educational strategies that could be used to engage key stakeholder groups. In particular, participants will learn about the importance of addressing decisions made during the design, construction, and post-construction phases of new subdivision development. This webinar will be held April 7 at noon, CT. Attend at <http://goo.gl/2vucuc>.

**April 13 – 15: Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association (MfSMA) Annual Conference** “The Three R’s: Risk, Recovery and Resilience” at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center (Osage Beach). Go to [www.mfsma.org](http://www.mfsma.org) for more information and to register to attend.

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## What’s in the News...

### In regional news...

## FEMA Infrastructure Repair Aid Available For Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis Counties and City of St. Louis

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will provide grants to Franklin, Jefferson, St. Charles, St. Louis Counties and City of St. Louis and 32 other Missouri counties to help with their costs for restoring or repairing roads, schools and other public facilities damaged by the severe storms and flooding Dec. 23, 2015, through January 9, 2016.

On February 10, these counties were designated for FEMA’s Public Assistance Program: Barry, Bollinger, Camden, Cape Girardeau, Cedar, Crawford, Dade, Dallas, Douglas, Dunklin, Franklin, Gasconade, Greene, Howell, Iron, Jasper, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, McDonald, Newton, Ozark,

Perry, Phelps, Pulaski, Reynolds, St. Charles, St. Clair, Ste. Genevieve, St. Louis, Scott, Stoddard, Stone, Taney, Texas, Washington and Webster, as well as the independent City of St. Louis.

On February 10, the counties and the City of St. Louis were designated for FEMA's Public Assistance Program. The designation makes public entities and some nonprofits in these counties eligible to apply to FEMA for reimbursement of 75 percent of their eligible costs for emergency response activities and permanent repairs to roads and bridges, water control facilities, buildings and equipment owned by the city or county, utilities, parks and recreational facilities, and some nonprofit facilities that serve the public.

Over the next few weeks, the state and FEMA will conduct briefings about infrastructure assistance for officials and other personnel in the affected counties and provide technical assistance to the applicants as needed.

MoDOT's Area Engineers will coordinate with their respective local partners on FHWA Detailed Damage Inspection Reports (DDIR) and the required reporting information for FEMA. Go to [www.modot.org/areaengineers/index.htm](http://www.modot.org/areaengineers/index.htm) to view a list of Area Engineers for each jurisdiction.

MoDOT asks that agencies photograph the damage before repair and submit the photos to District staff for inclusion in the reimbursement request to FHWA. Questions should be directed to MoDOT Area Engineers.

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## **New Round of TIGER Discretionary Grants Announced**

U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx has announced \$500 million will be made available for transportation projects across the country under an eighth round of Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) competitive grant program.

Like the first seven rounds, FY 2016 TIGER discretionary grants will fund capital investments in surface transportation infrastructure and will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. The 2016 TIGER grant program will focus on capital projects that generate economic development and improve access to reliable, safe and affordable transportation for communities, both urban and rural. The Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016, does not provide dedicated funding for the planning, preparation, or design of capital projects; however, these activities may be funded as part of an overall construction project.

The TIGER grant program supports innovative projects, including multi-modal and multi-jurisdictional projects. These federal funds leverage money from private sector partners, states, local governments, metropolitan planning organizations, ports, and transit agencies.

TIGER funding is provided in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2016. Applications are due April 29.

Go to <https://goo.gl/ALHFK1> to learn more and link to the Notice of Funding Opportunity and the schedule of a series of special topic webinars that delve into various aspects of the TIGER application process. The first webinar will be held March 1.

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## **In national news...**

### **Tilting Against Tax Breaks**

Sometimes, tax incentives can be useful. Public officials can offer them to encourage a company to clean up and reuse land in a struggling postindustrial city, or open a grocery store in a food desert.

But more often than not, cities and states provide tax breaks in a desperate attempt to compete with one another for jobs, using them even when they play little, if any role in a company's decision about where to locate.

In a recent presentation at the Lincoln Institute's second installment series of lectures under the theme of municipal fiscal health - Greg LeRoy, executive director of the Washington, DC-based organization Good Jobs First, described how large companies pit cities and states against each other, encouraging them to offer greater and greater incentive packages, to the tune of more than \$70 billion per year nationwide.

Read more at <http://goo.gl/sy1I98>.

View the presentation at <https://goo.gl/8JF9SL>.

Source: At Lincoln House, February 2016

Editor's note: I highly encourage you to view LeRoy's presentation.

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## Report Supports Road Tolls and VMT Fees over Gas Tax

The Congressional Budget Office takes aim at transportation funding and spending. It notes with alarm a \$143 billion federal subsidy since 2008 and recommends charging motorists directly via vehicle-miles-traveled fees and road tolls.

With the passage of the five-year, \$305 billion transportation reauthorization bill known as the FAST Act last December federal highway subsidies have entered a new era. "Since 2008, lawmakers have transferred about \$143 billion from other sources to maintain a positive balance in the trust fund," states the summary to the 40-page, February 11 CBO report, "Approaches to Making Federal Highway Spending More Productive" available online at <https://goo.gl/09i62O>.

The other alarming consideration noted by report authors Chad Shirley and Nathan Musick is that "adjusted for changes in construction costs, total federal spending on highways buys less now than at any time since the early 1990s."

The report also looks at how the funds are spent, observing that "(s)pending on highways does not correspond very well with how the roads are used and valued."

For example, even though highway travel is more concentrated on Interstates and in urban areas, and urban roads are typically in poorer condition than rural ones, the federal government and state governments typically have spent more per mile of travel for major repairs on rural roads.

The report offers "three approaches that the Congress should consider would make highway funding and spending more productive.": "Have the federal government—or allow states or private businesses to—charge drivers directly for their use of roads more often, including charging them more for using roads when traffic is more congested; allocate funds to states on the basis of the benefits and costs of specific programs and projects; and link spending more closely to performance measures—such as ones for traffic congestion or road quality—by providing additional funds to states that meet standards or penalizing states that do not."

The report delves into alternative funding approaches. It makes three recommendations to policy makers so that they "could incorporate more direct pricing of the use of roads": "Implementing VMT charges; facilitating more congestion pricing; and allowing tolling on additional existing Interstates."

On that last note, the FAST Act made some changes—good for states willing and ready to add tolls to interstates, not good for Missouri, North Carolina and Virginia—the three states that had prior authorization to add tolls. They now "will have one year to move ahead with plans to add tolls or lose their slots to other states ready to add tolls to their highways," wrote Ron Nixon and Danielle Ivory for *The New York Times*. "The new states then would have three years to complete projects or be removed from the pilot."

VMT fees are clearly making progress on the state level. Using the term "road usage charge," they are now applied a limited program (OREGO) in Oregon that began last July, and California will begin a pilot program this summer.

The FAST Act provide \$95 million for states "to test gas tax alternatives," including VMT Fees.

Source: *Planetizen Newswire*, February 22, 2016

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## Online Resources...

### Creating a Smart Growth Economic Development Strategy for Small Cities and Towns

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released "Framework for Creating a Smart Growth Economic Development Strategy: A Tool for Small Cities and Towns," a report that provides a step-by-step guide for small- and mid-size cities to develop an economic growth strategy. Strategies include addressing the available transportation options and improving biking and walking facilities, with the ultimate goals of supporting businesses, supporting workers, and improving quality of life. The report is available online at <http://goo.gl/0fEFET>.

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## Jobs...

**Economic Developer**, Kaysinger Basin RPC, \$30,200 - \$34,200/yr. starting: <http://goo.gl/soAm7q>

**Policy Analyst**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$36,756: <http://goo.gl/NFEjVI>

**Sustainability Planner**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$42,552: <http://goo.gl/QaWKYi>

**Interns: Administration, Community Development, Parks and Recreation, & Public Works;** \$11.50/hr.; **Code Enforcement Officer**, \$37,784-\$40,868/yr. starting; **Day Camp Director**, \$11.50/hr.; **Asst. Day Camp Director**, \$10/hr.; **Inclusion Assistant**, \$10/hr.; **Camp Counselor**, \$7.65-\$8.85/hr.; **P.T. Maintenance**, \$12/hr.; City of Maryland Heights: <http://goo.gl/GSCvXa>

**Community Forester**, Beyond Housing: <http://www.beyondhousing.org/about-us/careers>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Wentzville, \$13.09/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Police Dispatcher**, City of Crestwood, starting \$30,883 - \$44,147/yr. starting : <http://goo.gl/b8qTfy>

**Summer Seasonal Laborers**, City of Clayton, \$8.50 - \$10.00/hr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Planning Intern, City of Clayton**, \$10/yr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**P.T. Project Manager**, City of Hazelwood, starting \$23.28 - \$25.44/hr.: <http://goo.gl/K0tOZ7>

**Water Maintenance Worker**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$16.66-\$20.81/hr.: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**Water Service Tech.**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$16.66-\$20.81/hr.: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**Accounting Associate**, City of Creve Coeur, \$34,344 - \$49,008: <http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx>

**Police Officer**, City of Warson Woods, \$37,985 starting: <http://goo.gl/5rosFI>

**Engineering Technician**, City of Wentzville, \$21.55/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Wastewater Operator I**, City of Wentzville,\$14.39/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**P. T. Wastewater Operator I**, City of Wentzville,\$14.39/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**GIS Services Manager**, County of St. Charles, starting from \$59,255 to \$88,883/yr.:  
<http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**City Administrator**, City of Sunset Hills: <http://goo.gl/gz4NiJ>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Crestwood, \$30,000-\$33,695/yr.: <http://goo.gl/X574AR>

**Streets Maintenance Supervisor**, City of Clayton, starting from \$59,220 - \$68,104/yr.:  
[www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Director Of Community Development**, County of St. Charles, starting range \$102,086 - \$160,361/yr.:  
<http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**Maintenance Worker**, City of Creve Coeur, \$32,412 - \$46,248/yr.: [www.creve-coeur.org/jobs](http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs)

**Senior Recreation Asst.**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$18.39/hr. starting: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**Program Associate**, Citizens for Modern Transit: <http://goo.gl/jp079p>

**Civil Engineer**, City of Chesterfield, minimum start \$66,466/yr.:  
<http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html>

**Engineering Intern**, City of Wentzville, \$10.60/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Police Officer**, City of Florissant, \$45,593 starting, \$50,148 after probation: <http://goo.gl/mokRGx>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Wentzville, \$13.09 starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Special Events Coordinator**, City of Warrenton, \$12/hr.: [www.warrenton-mo.org](http://www.warrenton-mo.org)

**Maintenance Laborer**, City of Warrenton, \$14 - \$15/hr.: [www.warrenton-mo.org](http://www.warrenton-mo.org)

**Utility Engineer III**, City of Saint Charles, \$72,364 – 99,754.55: [www.stcharlescacitymo.gov/jobs.aspx](http://www.stcharlescacitymo.gov/jobs.aspx)

**Director of Communications**, County of St. Charles, starting range: \$76,691 - \$120,481/yr.:  
<http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**President/CEO**, HeartLands Conservancy: <https://goo.gl/c7D8lm>

**Community Builders Graduate Research Asst.**, CBN at UMSL, \$600-\$700/m. plus full tuition:  
<http://goo.gl/3ggeWd>

**Office Manager**, City of De Soto: <http://desotomo.com/2016/01/15/now-hiring>

**Summer Engineering Interns**, City of Clayton, \$11.00 - \$13.00/hr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Community Engagement Coordinator II**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$38,592: <http://goo.gl/NIYdCc>

**Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Maryland Heights, \$37,784-\$40,868/yr. starting DOQ:  
[www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources](http://www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources)

**P.T. Front Desk Attendant**, City of Wentzville, \$8.42/hr. starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Mechanic/Maintenance Worker**, City of Creve Coeur, \$36,344 - \$52,284: [www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx)

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Fenton: [www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874](http://www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874)

**Permit Coordinator/Administrative Assistant**, City of Fenton: <http://fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874>

**P.T. Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Manchester, <http://goo.gl/MjaPKr>

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## Grants...

### EPA Grants to Clean Up Diesel Engines

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the availability of \$26 million in grant funding to establish clean diesel projects aimed at reducing emissions from the nation's existing fleet of diesel engines. Diesel-powered engines move approximately 90 percent of the nation's freight tonnage, and today nearly all highway freight trucks, locomotives, and commercial marine vessels are powered by diesel engines. EPA is soliciting proposals nationwide for projects that significantly reduce diesel emissions and exposure, especially from fleets operating in areas designated as having poor air quality. Priority for funding will be given to projects that engage and benefit local communities and applicants that demonstrate their ability to promote and continue efforts to reduce emissions after the project has ended. Eligible applicants include regional, state, local or tribal agencies, or port authorities with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. Nonprofit organizations may apply if they provide pollution reduction or educational services to diesel fleet owners or have, as their principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality. Application deadline is April 26. For more information and to access the Request for Proposals, visit <http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-national-grants>.

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### Missouri the Land & Water Conservation Fund and Recreational Trails Grants

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, is pleased to announce that the grant rounds for the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) and the Recreational Trails Program (RTP) are now open. LWCF grants are available to cities, counties and school districts to be used for outdoor recreation projects. RTP grants fund trail-related projects and are available to local and state governments, school districts, for-profit and non-profit organizations, and businesses. For more information about either of these programs, to download the grant applications, and to register for a grant application workshop, visit <https://mostateparks.com/page/55065/outdoor-recreation-grants>. All workshops will be hosted at Missouri State Parks' Central Office at 1659 East Elm Street in Jefferson City, but will also broadcast simultaneously as a webinar for interested applicants unable to attend in person. The workshop schedule is available at <https://mostateparks.com/page/63306/grant-workshops>.

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### Environmental Education Capacity-Building Program

The National Environmental Education Foundation, in partnership with Toyota Motor Sales, USA, is inviting proposals for its Every Day Capacity Building Program. Through the annual program, grants of up to \$5,000 will be provided to nonprofit organizations to help boost their capacity to support, promote, and help maintain public lands. To be eligible, applicants must be a 501(c)(3) community-based nonprofit (or have a fiscal sponsor) that has been in existence at least two years and whose mission is focused on improving a public land site in the U.S. and encouraging the responsible use of those sites, including federal, state, regional, county, city, or other local public land area. Go to <https://www.neefusa.org/every-day-capacity-building-grants> for more information.

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### Walmart Foundation's Community Grant Program

Through this annual program, grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded to local nonprofit organization within the service area of individual Walmart stores. Grants will be awarded in the areas of hunger relief and healthy eating, sustainability, women's economic empowerment, and/or career opportunities. To be eligible, an organization must be tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3), (4), (6) or (19) of the Internal Revenue Code; a recognized government entity (i.e., state, county, or city agency, including law enforcement or fire departments, requesting funds exclusively for public purposes); a K-12 public or private school, charter school, community/junior college, state/private college or university; or a church or other faith-based organization with a proposed project that benefits the community at large. Applications

will be accepted on a rolling basis until December 31. Go to <http://giving.walmart.com/apply-for-grants/local-giving> for more information.

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## FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant Program

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack. The program is also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, as well as state and local government agencies. In Missouri, this grant will be available to nonprofit organizations within the St. Louis Urban Area. Grant applications must be submitted through the St. Louis Area Regional Response System (STARRS) at East West Gateway Council of Governments by 5 PM on Friday, March 18. Please contact Nick Gragnani or John Whitaker at (314) 421-4220 for more information,. They can also be reached via e-mail at [nick.gragnani@ewgateway.org](mailto:nick.gragnani@ewgateway.org) or [john.whitaker@ewgateway.org](mailto:john.whitaker@ewgateway.org). Grant applications and other information can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/fiscal-year-2016-nonprofit-security-grant-program>.

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## Environmental Education Local Grants Funding

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is seeking grant proposals from eligible applicants for the 2016 round of funding from the agency's Environmental Education Grants program. These grants will support local environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. The program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. EPA expects to award up to three grants in each of its 10 regions. The award amount for each of these grants will be approximately, but no more than, \$91,000. Applicants must represent one of the following types of organizations to be eligible: a state education or environmental agency, a college or university, a non-profit organization as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a tribal education agency. Proposals are due by April 8. Go to <http://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants> for more information.

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## Quotes...

*"You never really understand a person until you consider things from his point of view...until you climb into his skin and walk around in it..."*

— Atticus Finch in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, by Harper Lee (1926-2016)

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## Announcements...

### RFP Deadline Extended for Property Management for the City of Columbia, Illinois

The City of Columbia, Illinois, is seeking proposals from professional real estate firms and/or individuals for ongoing management of the City's Property Management functions. The City seeks to employ the requisite expertise to enhance ongoing use of its real estate assets for the highest benefit to the community. The successful proposal will enable the City to improve current facilities, better plan for future growth and more efficiently serve the community. Deadline for proposals has been extended to Friday, March 4, at 4:30 PM. View the full Request for Proposals at

<http://il-columbia2.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/7975>.

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### Call for Projects: Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program

#### Informational Workshop to be held February 29

East-West Gateway Council of Governments is accepting applications for Section 5310 funding. The Section 5310 program provides funding to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities, by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available. The deadline for receipt of applications is Tuesday, April 5. Applications must be sent to: East-West Gateway Council of Governments, One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600, St. Louis, MO 63102, Attn: Rachael Pawlak. Program information and applications are available at [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org). A Section 5310 Informational Workshop will be held Monday, February 29, 10 AM, at the offices of East-West Gateway, One Memorial Drive, St. Louis, to clarify program requirements, application procedures, project selection criteria, and schedule. Please RSVP to Rachael Pawlak by e-mail at [rachael.pawlak@ewgateway.org](mailto:rachael.pawlak@ewgateway.org) or by phone at (314) 421-4220 or (618) 274-2750.

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### RFP for City-Owned Property: Old City Hall—O'Fallon, Ill.

The City of O'Fallon, Illinois, is soliciting proposals from qualified developers and/or organizations willing to invest funds to purchase and improve Old City Hall, a locally designated landmark, and bring it back to a productive use that will integrate well into the neighborhood. This two-story brick structure at 200 N. Lincoln Avenue was constructed in 1890 and is in the heart of Downtown O'Fallon, an area which has recently benefited from several high profile projects and is experiencing renewed interest from citizens and developers alike. Old City Hall is located within the newly created Central City TIF District. The deadline to submit a proposal is 5 PM, Monday, March 7. A copy of the RFP and the Downtown O'Fallon Area Action Plan is available at [www.OTownIL.org](http://www.OTownIL.org).

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### 2016 APA—St. Louis Metro Section Call for Award Nominations

Every year, the St. Louis Metro Section of the American Planning Association (SLMS-APA) issues a Call for Award Nominations requesting local, regional, state, and multi-jurisdictional governments, as well as non-profit entities, planning consultants and development groups to apply for the metropolitan area's only awards focused entirely on recognizing exceptional urban and regional planning. This year, applicants

are encouraged to apply for any of four award categories: Outstanding Award for Plan Making; Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan Implementation; Outstanding Award for Best Planning Practice; and the Dwight F. Davis Award for Outstanding Planning Advocate. Details for award categories and the nomination form can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/zfkdaaf>. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 26. Section membership is not required to nominate or be nominated for an award. Awards winners will be announced and recognized at the SLMS-APA annual Spring Planning Workshop to be held on Tuesday, March 29, at the Commerce Bank Center for Science Education 4651 Shaw Boulevard, St. Louis. Questions may be directed to Mary Vandevord at (618) 566-4451 ext. 20, or by e-mail to [mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org](mailto:mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org).

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### **Crestwood Seeks Bids for Residential Waste Collection**

The City of Crestwood is seeking bids for the Residential Waste Collection Contract for Crestwood. Qualified contractors may obtain a Project Manual online at [www.cityofcrestwood.org](http://www.cityofcrestwood.org) or in person at the City of Crestwood Public Works Department in the Government Center located at #1 Detjen Dr. St. Louis, MO 63126. Bids must be submitted to the Public Works Department by March 4, at 1:30 PM. Call Jim Gillam at (314) 729-4722 for more information.

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### **RFB for Household Hazardous Waste Collection**

The City of Lebanon, Mo., is accepting sealed bids for the scheduled pickup, proper removal, handling and disposal of Household Hazardous Waste materials collected from Laclede, Camden and Miller County residents. Proposals will be accepted until 2 PM, March 8. For bid documents contact: Melissa Myers (417) -588-6090 ext.1031; by e-mail at [mgyers@lebanonmo.org](mailto:mgyers@lebanonmo.org); or download it from [www.lebanonmissouri.org](http://www.lebanonmissouri.org). Lebanon's Recycling Program is partially funded by Missouri's Department of Natural Resources via the Lake of the Ozarks Solid Waste Management District 'T' grant program.

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### **City of Crestwood Seeks Bids on Concession Products**

The City of Crestwood is soliciting bids from qualified vendors to provide any or all of a variety of perishable and non-perishable products for the concession stand at the Crestwood Aquatic Center for the 2016 summer swim season. Bid packets are available at [www.cityofcrestwood.org](http://www.cityofcrestwood.org) and at the Crestwood Community Center 9245 Whitecliff Park Lane, Crestwood MO 63126. Sealed bids will be accepted until 1 PM, March 8,

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## **Conferences and Events...**

### **February 19: Hazard Mitigation Assistance Climate Resilient Mitigation Activities Webinars**

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is hosting a webinar for Hazard Mitigation Assistance stakeholders related to newly published guidance on Climate Resilient Mitigation Activities (online at <http://goo.gl/7DbdCe>). The Climate Resilient Mitigation Activities (CRMA) include green infrastructure methods, expanded ecosystem service benefits, and three flood reduction and drought mitigation activities: Aquifer Storage and Recovery, Floodplain and Stream Restoration, and Flood Diversion and Storage. These activities will be a high priority in the Fiscal Year 2016 Pre-Disaster Mitigation competitive grant program. The purpose of the webinar is to: 1) explain the context and purpose of the CRMA initiative; 2) provide an overview of the CRMA project types; 3) present case studies; and 4) outline further implementation tools and technical guidance to be published this spring.

In these webinars, FEMA staff will provide an overview of the activities, and address what's forthcoming for guidance; and speakers from Olshesky Design Group, Portland, Oregon, and St. George's, Utah, will highlight three different climate resilient activities: aquifer storage and recovery, floodplain restoration, and floodplain and stream restoration through bank stabilization. Oregon and Utah used climate resilient activities to address risk reduction; and by using climate resilient mitigation activities, these communities addressed mitigation in ways that created multiple community co-benefits. The February 19 webinar will be held from 1 – 2 PM CT. FEMA ADOBE Connect: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/crma/>  
Call-in Number: 1-800-320-4330 PIN 205435#

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### **February 23: Great Rivers Greenway Open Houses for Strategic Plan**

Great Rivers Greenway, the St. Louis area's regional greenway district, is seeking citizen input as part of the organization's effort to update its strategic plan, which will help guide efforts to build, promote and sustain greenways over the next five years. All residents in St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County are invited to provide feedback at this open house event to be held Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park, 5700 Lindell Blvd. The meeting will be held in the AT & T Room, downstairs off the Atrium. Citizens are encouraged to drop by anytime between 4 and 7 to review displays and talk with staff. Duplicate 30-minute presentations will take place at 4:30 and 6 PM. For more information and to link to a survey regarding the plan, go to <http://greatriversgreenway.org/survey>. Content at this open house will be the same as presented at an earlier open house held February 17.

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### **February 24: Financing Opportunities for Implementing Green Infrastructure Projects to Manage Stormwater - Webinar**

The Nature Conservancy is working across the country on leveraging existing and developing new innovative approaches to finance and deploy green infrastructure (GI) projects to manage stormwater. This presentation will provide an overview of work done around the country that enables the utilization of public and private funding sources to implement GI in order to create the greatest ecological, economic and social benefits. This presentation will provide an overview of innovative financing for GI programs and highlight low-cost, state-of-the-art financing opportunities for GI projects through State Revolving Funds. EPA's new Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center will also be discussed. This center of financial expertise is a resource to communities who are exploring options for financing resilient drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure. It is working to promote innovative financing approaches and expand capacity building efforts through collaborative technical assistance, specifically on how to best support communities to develop dedicated sources of revenue for their stormwater and GI programs. The webinar will be held February 24, 1 – 2 PM CT. Go to <https://goo.gl/b5IB3P> for more information and to register to attend.

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### **February 25: Municipal Officials Training Academy Webinar/Seminar on Governmental Ethics – Avoiding Conflicts of Interest**

The Municipal Officials Training Academy is offering a webinar with an in-person attendance option concerning governmental ethics on February 25, from noon - 1:15 PM. The seminar, for municipal officials and employees, will cover how to identify and address potential conflicts of interest that may arise in the operation of local governments and municipal duties. This seminar is designed for city administrators/managers, elected officials, city clerks, municipal attorneys, and municipal staff. Attendees will be provided a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and various other handouts. The seminar is \$10 per person per seminar or the city may purchase the Tuition Option which grants the entire city access to all 2016 seminars. To register to view the seminar online, go to <https://goo.gl/1n6Q7v>. To register for in-person attendance (limited to 30 persons) at Frontenac City Hall, 10555 Clayton Road, e-mail Steve Ables at [staff@sltmuni.org](mailto:staff@sltmuni.org). Whether registering online or in person, payment for attendance should be submitted to Steve Ables at 1034 S. Brentwood Blvd., Suite 410, Richmond Heights, MO 63117. For any questions concerning payment or registration, please contact Steve Ables [staff@sltmuni.org](mailto:staff@sltmuni.org). For content and certification questions, contact Erin Seele, Academy Director/Moderator, at [erin@municipalfirm.com](mailto:erin@municipalfirm.com).

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**February 25: Benchmarking Jam  
USGBC Event**

Energy benchmarking is the process of measuring how much energy your building consumes, and comparing your energy performance to similar buildings. Benchmarking is the first step toward saving energy and money. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager is an online, interactive energy management tool that allows you to measure and track your building's energy and water consumption, identify investment priorities, and verify improvements over time. Get hands-on assistance using the free, online ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool at this Benchmarking Jam. All buildings benefit from benchmarking. Businesses, schools, congregations, non-profits and local governments are encouraged to attend. The Jam will be held February 25, from 4 – 6 PM at 4651 Shaw Blvd, St. Louis, 63110. (The location for this event has been moved from 7260 Southwest Ave. to Shaw) This is a free event. Go to <http://goo.gl/BvFWZN> for more information and to register to attend.

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**February 27: Funding Your Neighborhood Project**

Attend this workshop to learn the tools and techniques to secure funding for your neighborhood project. You will learn how to seek out a variety of funding opportunities and sources specific to your project, and become skilled in the art of persuasive writing as a tool for making your funding request successful. This hands-on workshop will provide you with real-world examples and take-aways that will help you get your neighborhood project started or expand an existing one. The workshop is sponsored by the UMSL School of Social Work. The workshop will be held February 27, from 9 AM – 1 PM, at Bellerive Hall, Chapel Classroom (2nd floor), UMSL campus. For more information and to register, go to <http://cwc.umsl.edu/nla>.

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**February 29: Police Contracting in St. Louis County: Focusing Events and Changes in Image and Venue in Five Case Studies  
St. Louis Metropolitan Research Exchange Brown Bag Lunch**

Alan Karr, a Ph.D. student at UMSL in Political Science, will discuss his dissertation research on the decision by municipalities in St. Louis County to contract or not contract for police services with St. Louis County. Based on five case studies, Karr argues that the decision is not based primarily on rational decision making but is deeply affected by the policy process, especially the presence of focusing events and changes in political leaders or key actors. In the wake of Ferguson and efforts by the State of Missouri and St. Louis County to require municipal police forces to meet minimal police standards, Karr's research is especially timely and relevant. The event will be held February 29, from 12:30 to 1:30 PM, at the Dr. George H. Hiram Seminar Room at the Harris Stowe State University Library, located at 3026 Laclede Ave, St. Louis. Questions? Please call John Wagner at (314) 299-6734 or e-mail John at [jlwagner@bistatedev.org](mailto:jlwagner@bistatedev.org).

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**March 3: Missouri Air Compliance Seminar**

Registration is open for the 9th annual Missouri Air Compliance Seminar scheduled for March 3, at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center in Columbia, Missouri. Hosted by REGFORM, the Air Compliance Seminar will include Air Pollution Control Program updates on standards, rulemaking, staffing, enforcement, legislation, and other key issues. View the conference brochure and register to attend at [www.regform.org](http://www.regform.org).

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**March 22: Workshop for Construction of Local Public Agency Federal-Aid Transportation Projects**

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is conducting a workshop to discuss the processes of administering /constructing federal-aid projects. This workshop is intended for Local Public Agencies

that have a project programmed in the Transportation Improvement Program, contractors, design consultants, or for others who would like to learn more about the construction of federal-aid projects. The workshop will be held at Maryland Heights Community Centre, 2344 McKelvey Rd., Maryland Heights, from 9 to 11 AM, March 22. Registration is available at [www.ewgateway.org/TIPWorkshops/TIP-PIW-Const.htm](http://www.ewgateway.org/TIPWorkshops/TIP-PIW-Const.htm). The deadline for registration is noon, March 18. For more information, contact Vince Kaimann at (314) 453-1750.

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### **March 28 – April 1: Community Development Training with CDA Community Development Academy at Mercy Center**

You are invited to attend the Community Development Academy March 28 – April 1, put on by MU Extension's Community Development Program. These intensive, hands-on, 5-day courses enhance your ability to work effectively with a wide array of community issues. The course usually has a mixture of professionals, graduate students, undergraduate students, international participants, community members, and Extension State Specialists enrolled. Take for professional development (CEUs), 3 hours undergraduate credit, graduate credit, or non-credit. Graduate students can work toward a Certificate in Community Process. CDA Course 1: Building Communities from the Grassroots (7341/4341) & Course 2: Empowering Communities for the Future (7342/4342) will be held at the Mercy Center in St. Louis this s. Register and/or find out more information at

<http://muconf.missouri.edu/commdevelopmentacademy/index.html>.

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### **March 31: Water, Water, Everywhere - Environmental & Water Resources Institute Spring Seminar**

**Presented by THE ASCE ST. LOUIS SECTION AND EWRI**

The American Society of Civil Engineers/Environmental & Water Resources Institute (ASCE/EWRI) invite you to attend this informative seminar addressing current and emerging stormwater and wastewater topics in our region. Presentations will include flood risk and mitigation, updates on Missouri stormwater regulations, monitoring initiatives of the Mississippi River, new effluent limitation guidelines for the power industry, and more. The seminar will be held at The Engineer's Club, 4359 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, March 31, from 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Registration begins at 8. Six PDHs provided. The cost to attend is \$50 for members; \$70 for nonmembers, and \$25 for students. Sponsorships are available for \$150. Go to <http://goo.gl/JcvhQv> for more information and to register to attend. Questions can be directed to Phillip Blonn at (314) 335-3049 or [Phillip.Blonn@ch2m.com](mailto:Phillip.Blonn@ch2m.com).

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### **Conferences and Events Further Out**

**April 13 – 15: Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association (MfSMA) Annual Conference** "The Three R's: Risk, Recovery and Resilience" at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center (Osage Beach). Go to [www.mfsma.org](http://www.mfsma.org) for more information and to register to attend.

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## What's in the News...

### In national news...

#### Zillow: Suburbs Becoming More Like Cities

**According to the real estate website, urban home values are growing faster than those in the suburbs, bucking a longtime trend. This isn't exactly surprising, but it has serious social justice implications.**

Current demographic trends have well-off households returning, at long last, to urban centers across the nation. Marc Stiles writes, "The result, according to Zillow, is suburbs will change to become more like cities to attract residents. This already is happening in Seattle suburbs, such as Burien, Bothell and Redmond, whose downtowns are adding residential units and urban amenities."

It can be safely said that the era of white flight—or wealth flight at least—from the cities has come to a close. "Nationally, suburban home values grew 5.9 percent in 2015, while urban homes gained 7.5 percent in value. In 1997, urban home values grew at 3.8 percent – slower than suburban values, which grew 4.1 percent that year."

If suburbs do not court density and employment corridors, as Zillow indicates they must, their eventual lower-income residents may be doubly handicapped. "Zillow has found that in San Francisco and Seattle, high-income people now have shorter commutes to downtown, while low-income folks are traveling much farther to get to downtown jobs."

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/k2rmSm>.

Source: *Planetizen Newswire*, February 18, 2016

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## Online Resources...

### Introducing Flexibility into On-site Stormwater Retention Rules

This week Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) released an issue brief for communities on "How To: Stormwater Credit Trading Programs." Many communities are looking at tightening on-site retention rules for new development as a means to help achieve their water quality goals. Stormwater credit trading programs are gaining popularity because they introduce flexibility into cities' on-site stormwater retention rules and, if designed correctly, credit trading programs can create equal or better water quality outcomes than a simple on-site retention requirement. This paper describes potential opportunities and risks presented by such programs. View the brief at <http://goo.gl/beQ1NX>.

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### Creative Placemaking Guide

T4America has is launched a brand new online interactive guide, "The Scenic Route: Getting Started with Creative Placemaking in Transportation" Creative placemaking is an emerging approach to planning and building transportation projects that taps local culture and to produce better projects through a better process. View the guide at <http://creativeplacemaking.t4america.org>.

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## Jobs...

**Accounting Associate**, City of Creve Coeur, \$34,344 - \$49,008: <http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx>

**Police Officer**, City of Warson Woods, \$37,985 starting: <http://goo.gl/5rosFI>

**Engineering Technician**, City of Wentzville, \$21.55/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Wastewater Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**P. T. Wastewater Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Planner I**, City of Edwardsville, IL, Part-Time, \$20-22/hr.: [www.cityofedwardsville.com/hr](http://www.cityofedwardsville.com/hr)

**GIS Services Manager**, County of St. Charles, starting from \$59,255 to \$88,883/yr.:  
<http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**Wireless Communications & Network Specialist II**, County of St. Charles, starting range \$44,710 - \$66,216: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**City Administrator**, City of Sunset Hills: <http://goo.gl/gz4NiJ>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Crestwood, \$30,000-\$33,695/yr.: <http://goo.gl/X574AR>

**Streets Maintenance Supervisor**, City of Clayton, starting from \$59,220 - \$68,104/yr.:  
[www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Director Of Community Development**, County of St. Charles, starting range \$102,086 - \$160,361/yr.:  
<http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**Maintenance Worker**, City of Creve Coeur, \$32,412 - \$46,248/yr.: [www.creve-coeur.org/jobs](http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs)

**Senior Recreation Asst.**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$18.39/hr. starting: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**Program Associate**, Citizens for Modern Transit: <http://goo.gl/jp079p>

**Civil Engineer**, City of Chesterfield, minimum start \$66,466/yr.:  
<http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html>

**Engineering Intern**, City of Wentzville, \$10.60/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Police Officer**, City of Florissant, \$45,593 starting, \$50,148 after probation: <http://goo.gl/mokRGx>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Wentzville, \$13.09 starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Executive Director**, SLACO, from \$45,000: [www.slaco-mo.org/jobs.html](http://www.slaco-mo.org/jobs.html)

**Special Events Coordinator**, City of Warrenton, \$12/hr.: [www.warrenton-mo.org](http://www.warrenton-mo.org)

**Maintenance Laborer**, City of Warrenton, \$14 - \$15/hr.: [www.warrenton-mo.org](http://www.warrenton-mo.org)

**Utility Engineer III**, City of Saint Charles, \$72,364 – 99,754.55: [www.stcharlescitymo.gov/jobs.aspx](http://www.stcharlescitymo.gov/jobs.aspx)

**Director of Communications**, County of St. Charles, starting range: \$76,691 - \$120,481/yr.:  
<http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**President/CEO**, HeartLands Conservancy: <https://goo.gl/c7D8lm>

**Community Builders Graduate Research Asst.**, CBN at UMSL, \$600-\$700/m. plus full tuition:  
<http://goo.gl/3ggeWd>

**Office Manager**, City of De Soto: <http://desotomo.com/2016/01/15/now-hiring>

**Summer Engineering Interns**, City of Clayton, \$11.00 - \$13.00/hr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Community Engagement Coordinator II**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$38,592: <http://goo.gl/NIYdCc>



**Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Maryland Heights, \$37,784-\$40,868/yr. starting DOQ: [www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources](http://www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources)

**Public Works Student Interns**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$13.68/hr.: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**P.T. Front Desk Attendant**, City of Wentzville, \$8.42/hr. starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Finance Clerk**, City of Brentwood, \$43,991 - \$60,895: [www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx)

**Mechanic/Maintenance Worker**, City of Creve Coeur, \$36,344 - \$52,284: [www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx)

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Fenton: [www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874](http://www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874)

**Forestry Intern**, City of Chesterfield, \$12/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**P.T. Neighborhood Trainer**, SLACO, \$13 - \$14/hr.: <http://goo.gl/R3Gloq>

**Permit Coordinator/Administrative Assistant**, City of Fenton: <http://fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874>

**P.T. Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Manchester, <http://goo.gl/MjaPKr>

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## Grants...

### FEMA Nonprofit Security Grant Program

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack. The program is also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, as well as state and local government agencies. In Missouri, this grant will be available to nonprofit organizations within the St. Louis Urban Area. Grant applications must be submitted through the St. Louis Area Regional Response System (STARRS) at East West Gateway Council of Governments by 5 PM on Friday, March 18. Please contact Nick Gragnani or John Whitaker at (314) 421-4220 for more information,. They can also be reached via e-mail at [nick.gragnani@ewgateway.org](mailto:nick.gragnani@ewgateway.org) or [john.whitaker@ewgateway.org](mailto:john.whitaker@ewgateway.org). Grant applications and other information can be found at <https://www.fema.gov/fiscal-year-2016-nonprofit-security-grant-program>.

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### Environmental Education Local Grants Funding

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is seeking grant proposals from eligible applicants for the 2016 round of funding from the agency's Environmental Education Grants program. These grants will support local environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. The program provides financial support for projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate environmental education practices, methods, or techniques. EPA expects to award up to three grants in each of its 10 regions. The award amount for each of these grants will be approximately, but no more than, \$91,000. Applicants must represent one of the following types of organizations to be eligible: a state education or environmental agency, a college or university, a non-profit organization as described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or a tribal education agency. Proposals are due by April 8. Go to <http://www.epa.gov/education/environmental-education-ee-grants> for more information.

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### Grants for Residential Curbside Recycling Systems

For communities looking to take their curbside recycling programs to the next level of recovery and convenience, The Recycling Partnership has just released its latest Request for Proposals (RFP), which is geared specifically to help counties, municipalities, tribes and solid waste authorities with 4,000 or more

households upgrade to cart-based collection. Grants of up to \$550,000 per community are available. Go to <http://recyclingpartnership.org> for more information.

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## Artplace America's Call for Creative Placemaking Projects

ArtPlace America has an open call for creative placemaking projects through its National Creative Placemaking Fund. In general, competitive project proposals will: 1.) Describe a geographic community. This means literally draw boundaries on a map and tell ArtPlace everything and everyone that is on the inside of that circle; 2.) Articulate a community planning and development challenge or opportunity that the community described in point one (above) wants to address that falls squarely into one of the ten planning and development sectors identified in its Community Development Matrix; 3.) Explain how arts and culture will be deployed to address the challenge or opportunity articulated in point two. Go to <http://goo.gl/rj99Z1> to learn more.

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## Quotes...

*"If your people aren't convinced that you know how to plow a street, it's difficult for them to embrace your larger vision of how to modernize the city."*

St. Paul, Minn., Mayor Chris Coleman, recognizing that excellence in delivering the most basic and essential public services is crucial to bringing the public on board with more ambitious, visionary goals.

You can read about how St. Paul went about streamlining its organizational structure and improving its delivery of services at <http://goo.gl/NWNRCj>.

*"You can delay retirement, but you can't delay aging."*

Neil Reichenberg, executive director of the International Public Management Association for Human Resources, talking about the hiring and workforce challenges facing state and local governments.

Source: *Governing*, February 17, 2016

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## Announcements...

### RFP Deadline Extended for Property Management for the City of Columbia, Illinois

The City of Columbia, Illinois, is seeking proposals from professional real estate firms and/or individuals for ongoing management of the City's Property Management functions. The City seeks to employ the requisite expertise to enhance ongoing use of its real estate assets for the highest benefit to the community. The successful proposal will enable the City to improve current facilities, better plan for future growth and more efficiently serve the community. Deadline for proposals has been extended to Friday, March 4, at 4:30 PM. View the full Request for Proposals at

<http://il-columbia2.civicplus.com/DocumentCenter/View/7975>.

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### Call for Projects: Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program

#### Informational Workshop to be held February 29

East-West Gateway Council of Governments is accepting applications for Section 5310 funding. The Section 5310 program provides funding to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities, by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available. The deadline for receipt of applications is Tuesday, April 5. Applications must be sent to: East-West Gateway Council of Governments, One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600, St. Louis, MO 63102, Attn: Rachael Pawlak. Program information and applications are available at [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org). A Section 5310 Informational Workshop will be held Monday, February 29, 10 AM, at the offices of East-West Gateway, One Memorial Drive, St. Louis, to clarify program requirements, application procedures, project selection criteria, and schedule. Please RSVP to Rachael Pawlak by e-mail at [rachael.pawlak@ewgateway.org](mailto:rachael.pawlak@ewgateway.org) or by phone at (314) 421-4220 or (618) 274-2750.

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### RFP for City-Owned Property: Old City Hall—O'Fallon, Ill.

The City of O'Fallon, Illinois, is soliciting proposals from qualified developers and/or organizations willing to invest funds to purchase and improve Old City Hall, a locally designated landmark, and bring it back to a productive use that will integrate well into the neighborhood. This two-story brick structure at 200 N. Lincoln Avenue was constructed in 1890 and is in the heart of Downtown O'Fallon, an area which has recently benefited from several high profile projects and is experiencing renewed interest from citizens and developers alike. Old City Hall is located within the newly created Central City TIF District. The deadline to submit a proposal is 5 PM, Monday, March 7. A copy of the RFP and the Downtown O'Fallon Area Action Plan is available at [www.OTownIL.org](http://www.OTownIL.org).

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### 2016 APA—St. Louis Metro Section Call for Award Nominations

Every year, the St. Louis Metro Section of the American Planning Association (SLMS-APA) issues a Call for Award Nominations requesting local, regional, state, and multi-jurisdictional governments, as well as non-profit entities, planning consultants and development groups to apply for the metropolitan area's only awards focused entirely on recognizing exceptional urban and regional planning. This year, applicants

are encouraged to apply for any of four award categories: Outstanding Award for Plan Making; Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan Implementation; Outstanding Award for Best Planning Practice; and the Dwight F. Davis Award for Outstanding Planning Advocate. Details for award categories and the nomination form can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/zfkdaaf>. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 26. Section membership is not required to nominate or be nominated for an award. Awards winners will be announced and recognized at the SLMS-APA annual Spring Planning Workshop to be held on Tuesday, March 29, at the Commerce Bank Center for Science Education 4651 Shaw Boulevard, St. Louis. Questions may be directed to Mary Vandevord at (618) 566-4451 ext. 20, or by e-mail to [mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org](mailto:mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org).

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## RFB for Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The City of Lebanon, Mo., is accepting sealed bids for the scheduled pickup, proper removal, handling and disposal of Household Hazardous Waste materials collected from Laclede, Camden and Miller County residents. Proposals will be accepted until 2 PM, March 8. For bid documents contact: Melissa Myers (417) -588-6090 ext.1031; by e-mail at [mgyers@lebanonmo.org](mailto:mgyers@lebanonmo.org); or download it from [www.lebanonmissouri.org](http://www.lebanonmissouri.org). Lebanon's Recycling Program is partially funded by Missouri's Department of Natural Resources via the Lake of the Ozarks Solid Waste Management District 'T' grant program.

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## City of Crestwood Seeks Bids on Concession Products

The City of Crestwood is soliciting bids from qualified vendors to provide any or all of a variety of perishable and non-perishable products for the concession stand at the Crestwood Aquatic Center for the 2016 summer swim season. Bid packets are available at [www.cityofcrestwood.org](http://www.cityofcrestwood.org) and at the Crestwood Community Center 9245 Whitecliff Park Lane, Crestwood MO 63126. Sealed bids will be accepted until 1 PM, March 8,

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## Conferences and Events...

### February 16 & 19: Hazard Mitigation Assistance Climate Resilient Mitigation Activities Webinars

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is hosting two webinars for Hazard Mitigation Assistance stakeholders related to newly published guidance on Climate Resilient Mitigation Activities (online at <http://goo.gl/7DbdCe>). The Climate Resilient Mitigation Activities (CRMA) include green infrastructure methods, expanded ecosystem service benefits, and three flood reduction and drought mitigation activities: Aquifer Storage and Recovery, Floodplain and Stream Restoration, and Flood Diversion and Storage. These activities will be a high priority in the Fiscal Year 2016 Pre-Disaster Mitigation competitive grant program. The purpose of the webinar is to: 1) explain the context and purpose of the CRMA initiative; 2) provide an overview of the CRMA project types; 3) present case studies; and 4) outline further implementation tools and technical guidance to be published this spring. In these webinars, FEMA staff will provide an overview of the activities, and address what's forthcoming for guidance; and speakers from Olshesky Design Group, Portland, Oregon, and St. George's, Utah, will highlight three different climate resilient activities: aquifer storage and recovery, floodplain restoration, and floodplain and stream restoration through bank stabilization. Oregon and Utah used climate resilient activities to address risk reduction; and by using climate resilient mitigation activities, these communities addressed mitigation in ways that created multiple community co-benefits. The content is the same for both webinars. The February 16 webinar will be held from 3:30 – 4:30 PM CT. FEMA ADOBE Connect: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/crma/>. Call-in Number: 1-800-320-4330 PIN 205435#. The February 19 webinar will be held from 1 – 2 PM CT. FEMA ADOBE Connect: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/crma/> Call-in Number: 1-800-320-4330 PIN 205435#

## February 17: Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals Webinar

The February 17 webinar from the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP) will be held from 2-3 PM at the Great Rivers Greenway office (6178 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis. The topic is “Planning for Facility Maintenance and Management Costs.” The presenters will explore design practices and construction techniques that can reduce the cost of maintaining pedestrian facilities. The webinar includes information on recommended design standards for sidewalk subgrade and pavement depth and the lifecycle costs of different materials, with a particular focus on street trees. This webinar is sponsored locally by Great Rivers Greenway, Alta Planning and Design, and the Transportation Engineering Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. The webinar is free and open to the public. RSVP to Elizabeth at [esimons@grgstl.org](mailto:esimons@grgstl.org).

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## February 17 & 23: Great Rivers Greenway Open Houses for Strategic Plan

Great Rivers Greenway, the St. Louis area’s regional greenway district, is seeking citizen input as part of the organization’s effort to update its strategic plan, which will help guide efforts to build, promote and sustain greenways over the next five years. All residents in St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County are invited to provide feedback at one of two open house events in February. The first open house will be held Wednesday, Feb. 17, at the Bridgeton Trails Branch Library, located at 3455 McKelvey Road. A second open house will be held Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park, 5700 Lindell Blvd. This meeting will be held in the AT & T Room, downstairs off the Atrium. Citizens are encouraged to drop by anytime between 4 and 7 PM on either night to review displays and talk with staff. Duplicate 30-minute presentations will take place at 4:30 and 6 PM. For more information and to link to a survey regarding the plan, go to <http://greatrivergreenway.org/survey>.

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## February 19: Sign Regulations – Reed v. Town of Gilbert SLMS February Luncheon

The St. Louis Metro Section (SLMS) of the American Planning Association’s February Luncheon will be on Friday, February 19 at the Center of Clayton. The luncheon will focus on the Implications of the Supreme Court case Reed v. Town of Gilbert on Sign Regulations. In 2015, the US Supreme Court ruled that the Town of Gilbert, Arizona, had violated the First Amendment by placing limits on the size of signs announcing church services. Daniel R. Mandelker, Professor of Law at Washington University and one of the country’s leading scholars on land use law and sign regulations, will discuss what the outcome of this case means for municipal sign regulations. Cost of the luncheon includes a boxed lunch and 1.5 Law CM Credits. Registration has been extended to Monday, February 15th at noon. For more information on the luncheon or to register, go to <http://goo.gl/sGgCGL>.

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## February 24: Financing Opportunities for Implementing Green Infrastructure Projects to Manage Stormwater - Webinar

The Nature Conservancy is working across the country on leveraging existing and developing new innovative approaches to finance and deploy green infrastructure (GI) projects to manage stormwater. This presentation will provide an overview of work done around the country that enables the utilization of public and private funding sources to implement GI in order to create the greatest ecological, economic and social benefits. This presentation will provide an overview of innovative financing for GI programs and highlight low-cost, state- of-the-art financing opportunities for GI projects through State Revolving Funds. EPA’s new Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center will also be discussed. This center of financial expertise is a resource to communities who are exploring options for financing resilient drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure. It is working to promote innovative financing approaches and expand capacity building efforts through collaborative technical assistance, specifically on how to best support communities to develop dedicated sources of revenue for their stormwater and GI programs. The webinar will be held February 24, 1 – 2 PM CT. Go to <https://goo.gl/b5IB3P> for more information and to register to attend.

## February 25: Municipal Officials Training Academy Webinar/Seminar on Governmental Ethics – Avoiding Conflicts of Interest

The Municipal Officials Training Academy is offering a webinar with an in-person attendance option concerning governmental ethics on February 25, from noon - 1:15 PM. The seminar, for municipal officials and employees, will cover how to identify and address potential conflicts of interest that may arise in the operation of local governments and municipal duties. This seminar is designed for city administrators/managers, elected officials, city clerks, municipal attorneys, and municipal staff. Attendees will be provided a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and various other handouts. The seminar is \$10 per person per seminar or the city may purchase the Tuition Option which grants the entire city access to all 2016 seminars. To register to view the seminar online, go to <https://goo.gl/1n6Q7v>. To register for in-person attendance (limited to 30 persons) at Frontenac City Hall, 10555 Clayton Road, e-mail Steve Ables at [staff@sltmuni.org](mailto:staff@sltmuni.org). Whether registering online or in person, payment for attendance should be submitted to Steve Ables at 1034 S. Brentwood Blvd., Suite 410, Richmond Heights, MO 63117. For any questions concerning payment or registration, please contact Steve Ables [staff@sltmuni.org](mailto:staff@sltmuni.org). For content and certification questions, contact Erin Seele, Academy Director/Moderator, at [erin@municipalfirm.com](mailto:erin@municipalfirm.com).

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## February 25: Benchmarking Jam USGBC Event

Energy benchmarking is the process of measuring how much energy your building consumes, and comparing your energy performance to similar buildings. Benchmarking is the first step toward saving energy and money. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager is an online, interactive energy management tool that allows you to measure and track your building's energy and water consumption, identify investment priorities, and verify improvements over time. Get hands-on assistance using the free, online ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool at this Benchmarking Jam. All buildings benefit from benchmarking. Businesses, schools, congregations, non-profits and local governments are encouraged to attend. The Jam will be held February 25, from 4 – 6 PM at 7260 Southwest Ave, Maplewood. This is a free event. Go to <http://goo.gl/BvFWZN> for more information and to register to attend.

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## February 26: Native by Design - The Value of Native Plants in our Landscapes and Communities

**Registration deadline is February 12**

The Grow Native! Southwestern Illinois Event Committee presents a rockstar lineup of speakers for an event in Edwardsville, Ill., on Friday, February 26 from 7:30 AM - noon. This public event will present information from the frontline of concepts surrounding the value of native plants in our communities. The keynote speaker will be national author Doug Tallamy. Mr. Tallamy won the Silver Medal from the Garden Writer's Association for his book *Bringing Nature Home*. Other local and regional speakers include representatives from Lewis and Clark Community College, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis Audubon Society, National Great Rivers Research and Education Center, the Gardens at SIUE, and others. The event will be held at the Nelson Campus in Edwardsville of Lewis and Clark Community College. Registration is \$30 and includes breakfast. You can register or download a flyer at <http://grownative.org/?p=9992>. Register by Friday, February 12. With over 180 attendees already registered, this event will likely sell out.

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## February 27: Funding Your Neighborhood Project

Attend this workshop to learn the tools and techniques to secure funding for your neighborhood project. You will learn how to seek out a variety of funding opportunities and sources specific to your project, and become skilled in the art of persuasive writing as a tool for making your funding request successful. This hands-on workshop will provide you with real-world examples and take-aways that will help you get your neighborhood project started or expand an existing one. The workshop is sponsored by the UMSL

School of Social Work. The workshop will be held February 27, from 9 AM – 1 PM, at Bellerive Hall, Chapel Classroom (2nd floor), UMSL campus. For more information and to register, go to <http://cwc.umsl.edu/nla>.

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### **March 28 – April 1: Community Development Training with CDA Community Development Academy at Mercy Center**

You are invited to attend the Community Development Academy March 28 – April 1, put on by MU Extension's Community Development Program. These intensive, hands-on, 5-day courses enhance your ability to work effectively with a wide array of community issues. The course usually has a mixture of professionals, graduate students, undergraduate students, international participants, community members, and Extension State Specialists enrolled. Take for professional development (CEUs), 3 hours undergraduate credit, graduate credit, or non-credit. Graduate students can work toward a Certificate in Community Process. CDA Course 1: Building Communities from the Grassroots (7341/4341) & Course 2: Empowering Communities for the Future (7342/4342) will be held at the Mercy Center in St. Louis this s. Register and/or find out more information at <http://muconf.missouri.edu/commdevelopmentacademy/index.html>.

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### **Conferences and Events Further Out**

**April 13 – 15: Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association (MfSMA) Annual Conference** “The Three R’s: Risk, Recovery and Resilience” at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center (Osage Beach). Go to [www.mfsma.org](http://www.mfsma.org) for more information and to register to attend.

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## **What’s in the News...**

### **In regional news...**

#### **Historic Route 66 Bridge Could be Renewed Connection to State Park**

A coalition of St. Louis organizations is pooling its resources in an effort to restore a connection to Route 66 State Park over the Meramec River in Eureka. A historic Route 66 Warren Truss Bridge, currently owned and maintained by the Missouri Department of Transportation, is slated for demolition in early 2017. However, if a viable redevelopment plan is presented this year, MoDOT may reallocate \$325,000 in demolition funds to that plan and turn ownership over to Missouri State Parks.

The bridge was closed and its decking removed in 2010 due to its state of disrepair. If restored, it would serve as one of the only connections to Route 66 State Park, which offers a number of amenities for the recreationally inclined, including walking, biking, and equestrian trails. Great Rivers Greenway, a regional greenway district, has already conducted a feasibility study to determine the options and costs involved in preserving the structure as a bicycle and pedestrian path.

“This bridge is not only a significant and vital connection across the Meramec for walking and biking, but it is rich with history and one of the region's outstanding cultural assets,” said Ralph Pfremmer, Trailnet’s executive Director. “It is prudent to seek funding, considering the generous commitment made on behalf of Great Rivers Greenway and the work already achieved on behalf of the coalition.”

To save the bridge from demolition, the group must raise about \$1 million by December 31, 2016. To restore it, the group needs to raise about \$5.5 million overall. Great Rivers Greenway has the potential to seek their board’s approval of up to \$3 million towards the redevelopment of the bridge over the next few years, if other resources come forward. The organizations and major stakeholders involved in bringing



attention to the bridge's future include Great Rivers Greenway, Landmarks Association of St. Louis, Trailnet, Open Space Council, MoDOT, St. Louis County Parks, and Missouri State Parks.

If the funding goal is met by the end of the year and ownership of the bridge passed over to Missouri State Parks, Great Rivers Greenway will be able to move forward on its recent feasibility study to transform the bridge into a bicycle and pedestrian thoroughfare, renewing the connection to the park.

Along with the value the bridge provides for public access to the park, stakeholders noted the 84- year-old bridge bears unique historical significance. It is the longest of only four bridges of a rare construction in Missouri, measuring 1,008 feet in length.

Those who would like to make a donation to support the repair and restoration of the bridge can do so at <https://www.gofundme.com/meramec-66-bridge>.

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## In national news...

### FEMA Proposes Disaster Deductible Concept

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is considering the establishment of a disaster deductible, requiring a predetermined level of financial or other commitment from a Recipient (Grantee), generally the State, Tribal, or Territorial government, before FEMA will provide assistance under the Public Assistance Program when authorized by a Presidential major disaster declaration.

FEMA believes the deductible model would incentivize Recipients to make meaningful improvements in disaster planning, fiscal capacity for disaster response and recovery, and risk mitigation, while contributing to more effective stewardship of taxpayer dollars. For example, Recipients could potentially receive credit toward their deductible requirement through proactive pre-event actions such as adopting enhanced building codes, establishing and maintaining a disaster relief fund or self-insurance plan, or adoption of other measures that reduce the Recipient's risk from disaster events.

The deductible model would increase stakeholder investment and participation in disaster recovery and building for future risk, thereby strengthening the nation's resilience to disaster events and reducing the cost of disasters long term.

FEMA is seeking public comments on all aspects of this concept until March 21, 2016. For more information on this proposed rule and to make comment, go to <https://goo.gl/si28H0> .

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### Why So Big? Rethinking Fire Truck Design

When they're not extinguishing actual flames, fire trucks can seem comically over-sized on city streets. Replacing portions of the fleet with smaller response vehicles might save money without sacrificing capability.

One can imagine the frustration of first responders as they maneuver bulky vehicles through tight city streets. "It's no wonder firefighters in places like San Francisco, where the government has been pushing to improve safety by narrowing streets, call for the wider roads."

But maybe fire departments should adapt to streets. After all, the equipment aboard large fire engines is only necessary during a small minority of calls. Linda Poon writes, "Fighting actual fire makes up only a small portion of what firefighters do. Of the 31.9 million calls routed to all U.S. fire departments in 2013, only 1.2 million (or about 4 percent) were fire-related, according to the latest data from the National Fire Protection Association."

While it goes without saying that departments shouldn't impair their firefighting capabilities, smaller vehicles could respond effectively to most calls. "Some places, like Beaufort County in South Carolina, have opted for smaller 'all -purpose response' vehicles. In 2010, its fire department had to replace three fire trucks, which would have cost them \$1.4 million total. Instead the department ended up buying one new fire truck and replacing the other two with all-purpose cars the size of a pickup truck, paying just \$675,000."

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/eTIFGc>.

Source: *Planetizen Newswire*, February 8, 2016

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## Online Resources...

### Training Module on Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has released a new online training module, "Understanding Climate Change Impacts on Water Resources". This training module is intended to increase water resource professionals' understanding of the causes of climate change, its potential impacts on water resources, and the challenges that water resource professionals face. The module also describes how federal, state, tribal, and local governments and communities are working to make the U.S. more resilient to the impacts of climate. The 45-minute training is part of the EPA Watershed Academy Web certificate program. Access this module and others at <http://www.epa.gov/watershedacademy>

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### Webinar Recording Available for Smart Growth America's "(Re)Building Downtown: A Guidebook for Revitalization"

The webinar recording is now available for Smart Growth America's "(Re)Building Downtown: A Guidebook for Revitalization." The Guidebook is a resource for local leaders who are interested in implementing a smart growth approach to re-invigorate downtowns and Main Streets. The webinar introduces the Guidebook and highlights three current revitalization efforts. Go to <http://goo.gl/J4qBgd> for the recording and additional (Re)Building Downtown information

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## Jobs...

**Planner I**, City of Edwardsville, IL, Part-Time, \$20-22/hr.: [www.cityofedwardsville.com/hr](http://www.cityofedwardsville.com/hr)

**GIS Services Manager**, County of St. Charles, starting from \$59,255 to \$88,883/yr.: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**Wireless Communications & Network Specialist II**, County of St. Charles, starting range \$44,710 - \$66,216: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**City Administrator**, City of Sunset Hills: e-mail Lori Stone at [lstone@sunset-hills.com](mailto:lstone@sunset-hills.com) to request posting

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Crestwood, \$30,000-\$33,695/yr.: <http://goo.gl/X574AR>

**Streets Maintenance Supervisor**, City of Clayton, starting from \$59,220 - \$68,104/yr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Director Of Community Development**, County of St. Charles, starting range \$102,086 - \$160,361/yr.: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**Maintenance Worker**, City of Creve Coeur, \$32,412 - \$46,248/yr.: [www.creve-coeur.org/jobs](http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs)

**Development and Communication Intern**, DOORWAYS: <http://goo.gl/GBYXuO>

**Senior Recreation Asst.**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$18.39/hr. starting: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**Program Associate**, Citizens for Modern Transit: <http://goo.gl/jp079p>

**Civil Engineer**, City of Chesterfield, minimum start \$66,466/yr.: <http://www.chesterfield.mo.us>

**Engineering Intern**, City of Wentzville, \$10.60 - \$14.32/hr.: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Program Associate**, Citizens for Modern Transit: <http://goo.gl/jp079p>

**Police Officer**, City of Florissant, \$45,593 starting, \$50,148 after probation: <http://goo.gl/mokRGx>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Wentzville, \$13.09 starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Executive Director**, SLACO, from \$45,000: [www.slaco-mo.org/jobs.html](http://www.slaco-mo.org/jobs.html)

**Special Events Coordinator**, City of Warrenton, \$12/hr.: [www.warrenton-mo.org](http://www.warrenton-mo.org)

**Chief Financial Officer**, DOORWAYS: <http://goo.gl/GBYXuO>

**Project Manager**, Park Central Development, \$40,000-\$45,000/yr.: <http://goo.gl/4GY5Ku>

**Stormwater Intern**, City of Wentzville, \$10.61/hr. starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Maintenance Laborer**, City of Warrenton, \$14 - \$15/hr.: [www.warrenton-mo.org](http://www.warrenton-mo.org)

**Utility Engineer III**, City of Saint Charles, \$72,364 – 99,754.55: [www.stcharlescitemo.gov/jobs.aspx](http://www.stcharlescitemo.gov/jobs.aspx)

**Director of Communications**, County of St. Charles, starting range: \$76,691 - \$120,481/yr.: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**President/CEO**, HeartLands Conservancy: <https://goo.gl/c7D8Im>

**Community Builders Graduate Research Asst.**, CBN at UMSL, \$600-\$700/m. plus full tuition: <http://goo.gl/3ggeWd>

**Office Manager**, City of De Soto: <http://desotomo.com/2016/01/15/now-hiring>

**Summer Engineering Interns**, City of Clayton, \$11.00 - \$13.00/hr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Water Operator II**, City of Wentzville, \$17.42/hr. starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Administrative Clerk II**, County of Jefferson, \$25,785 - \$42,546/yr., normal entry is \$25,785: [www.jeffcomo.org/JobPostings.aspx?nodeID=Services](http://www.jeffcomo.org/JobPostings.aspx?nodeID=Services)

**Community Engagement Coordinator II**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$38,592: <http://goo.gl/NIYdCc>

**P.T. Code Compliance Inspector**, City of Ladue, \$20 - \$25/hr. DOQ: [www.cityofladue-mo.gov](http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov)

**Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Maryland Heights, \$37,784-\$40,868/yr. starting DOQ: [www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources](http://www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources)

**Public Works Student Interns**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$13.68/hr.: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**P.T. Front Desk Attendant**, City of Wentzville, \$8.42/hr. starting: <https://goo.gl/lzu3lp>

**Finance Clerk**, City of Brentwood, \$43,991 - \$60,895: [www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx)

**Mechanic/Maintenance Worker**, City of Creve Coeur, \$36,344 - \$52,284: [www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx)

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Fenton: [www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874](http://www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874)

**Building Inspector**, City of Maryland Heights, starting range \$55,930-\$60,493: [www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources](http://www.marylandheights.com/departments/human-resources)

**Forestry Intern**, City of Chesterfield, \$12/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**P.T. Neighborhood Trainer**, SLACO, \$13 - \$14/hr.: <http://goo.gl/R3Gloq>

**Permit Coordinator/Administrative Assistant**, City of Fenton: <http://fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874>

**P.T. Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Manchester, <http://goo.gl/MjaPKr>

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## Grants...

### Grants for Residential Curbside Recycling Systems

For communities looking to take their curbside recycling programs to the next level of recovery and convenience, The Recycling Partnership has just released its latest Request for Proposals (RFP), which is geared specifically to help counties, municipalities, tribes and solid waste authorities with 4,000 or more households upgrade to cart-based collection. Grants of up to \$550,000 per community are available. Go to <http://recyclingpartnership.org> for more information.

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*"We all hear, 'It's the people who matter' -- until budget time and then the people fall to the bottom of the heap."*

Neil Reichenberg, executive director of the International Public Management Association for Human Resources, on one of the biggest reasons government struggles to hire and keep good employees: uncompetitive compensation.

Source: *Governing*, February 9, 2016

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### Map of the Month: 2015 Aerial Imagery of the EWG Region

The East-West Gateway Map of the Month for February 2016 shows samples of the newly-released 2015 Aerial Imagery for the St. Louis Region compared to other sources of aerial imagery. East-West Gateway contracted for custom high-resolution imagery to be captured in March and April of 2015. This imagery is now available at no cost to users. Funding for the 2015 imagery project was provided by the St. Louis Area Regional Response System (STARRS) and East-West Gateway Council of Governments through an Urban Areas Security Initiative grant from the Department of Homeland Security. The 4<sup>th</sup> band (near-infrared) was purchased with East-West Gateway's transportation planning funds to enhance analysis of environmental factors. For technical details and access information, please refer to this PDF (<http://www.ewgateway.org/pdffiles/maplibrary/aerialphotoex.pdf>) or contact East-West Gateway GIS staff at [gisservices@ewgateway.org](mailto:gisservices@ewgateway.org). You can view examples of images resulting from this project by clicking on the Map of the Month icon at [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org).

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### Call for Projects: Section 5310 Enhanced Mobility of Seniors and Individuals with Disabilities Program

#### Informational Workshop to be held February 29

East-West Gateway Council of Governments is accepting applications for Section 5310 funding. The Section 5310 program provides funding to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities, by removing barriers to transportation services and expanding the transportation mobility options available. The deadline for receipt of applications is Tuesday, April 5. Applications must be sent to: East-West Gateway Council of Governments, One Memorial Drive, Suite 1600, St. Louis, MO 63102, Attn: Rachael Pawlak. Program information and applications are available at [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org). A Section 5310 Informational Workshop will be held Monday, February 29, 10 AM, at the offices of East-West Gateway, One Memorial Drive, St. Louis, to clarify program requirements, application procedures, project selection criteria, and schedule. Please RSVP to Rachael Pawlak by e-mail at [rachael.pawlak@ewgateway.org](mailto:rachael.pawlak@ewgateway.org) or by phone at (314) 421-4220 or (618) 274-2750.

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The City of O'Fallon, Illinois, is soliciting proposals from qualified developers and/or organizations willing to invest funds to purchase and improve Old City Hall, a locally designated landmark, and bring it back to a productive use that will integrate well into the neighborhood. This two-story brick structure at 200 N. Lincoln Avenue was constructed in 1890 and is in the heart of Downtown O'Fallon, an area which has recently benefited from several high profile projects and is experiencing renewed interest from citizens and developers alike. Old City Hall is located within the newly created Central City TIF District. The deadline to submit a proposal is 5 PM, Monday, March 7. A copy of the RFP and the Downtown O'Fallon Area Action Plan is available at [www.OTownIL.org](http://www.OTownIL.org).

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### Transportation Project Review Workshop at EWG February 9

#### Workshop for Illinois sponsors planning to submit Surface Transportation Program-Suballocated and/ or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program projects

East-West Gateway Council of Governments is sponsoring a Project Review Workshop for local Illinois agencies that are considering applying for federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding under the region's Transportation Improvement Program. This workshop is intended for local agencies that have at least a specific project concept to present for review and feedback. Panelists will include IDOT and East-West Gateway staff, as well as experts in transit

accessibility and bicycle and pedestrian elements, who can review project concepts, offer guidance, and answer questions related to the proposed project. Agencies can bring a completed or partially completed project application for review if they choose. Please note that attendance at this workshop is not required to submit a final project application.

The workshop for Illinois sponsors will be held on Thursday, February 9, from 9:30 AM to 3 PM at East-West Gateway, Suite 1600, One Memorial Drive, St. Louis. Several time slots are still available for interested sponsors. Please note that sessions for Missouri sponsors to be held February 4 and 11 are fully booked.

Sponsors will be asked to select a time slot when they register, and will have a half-hour to present their project(s). To ensure a spot, registration is required by **noon, Tuesday, February 2**. Registration is available online: <http://www.ewgateway.org/TIPWorkshops/tipprojreviewworkshop.htm>.

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### **EWG Conducting System-wide Review of Roadway Functional Classifications Local agencies will soon be contacted to request a review their existing classifications.**

Functional classification is the process by which roadways are grouped into classes according to the type of service they provide. East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG), in collaboration with MoDOT and IDOT staff, updates functional classifications semi-annually and performs a system-wide review every 5-10 years. EWG is now conducting a system-wide review of roadways in its planning area. Staff will be contacting the municipalities within the planning area to request their review of the existing functional classification for the roadways under their jurisdiction. The Board approved maps are available at <http://www.ewgateway.org/trans/funcclass/funcclass.htm>. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Rodney Halbert at [Rodney.Halbert@ewgateway.org](mailto:Rodney.Halbert@ewgateway.org).

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### **Ideas to Improve Governmental Efficiency and Grant Opportunities Search Tool**

East-West Gateway is pleased to reintroduce our partnership with EfficientGov, an information service that tracks innovative solutions to fiscal and operational challenges facing cities and towns around the world. EfficientGov provides local government leaders with unlimited, real-time access to information and tools that help reduce the cost and improve the efficiency of government. The GrantFinder tool provides online access to the largest searchable database of private, state and federal grants available to municipalities and local non-profits. The RFP Finder tool is the largest real-time database of municipal RFPs, Bids and Vendors – ideal for researching specifications, comparative criteria and potential collaborative purchasing opportunities. East-West Gateway is making its subscription to EfficientGov available at no charge to all its member municipalities. There is no limit to the number of users in each municipality. For more information or an application, please contact Roz Rodgers, at [roz@ewgateway.org](mailto:roz@ewgateway.org) or (314) 421-4220 or (618) 274-2750.

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### **2016 APA—St. Louis Metro Section Call for Award Nominations**

Every year, the St. Louis Metro Section of the American Planning Association (SLMS-APA) issues a Call for Award Nominations requesting local, regional, state, and multi-jurisdictional governments, as well as non-profit entities, planning consultants and development groups to apply for the metropolitan area's only awards focused entirely on recognizing exceptional urban and regional planning. This year, applicants are encouraged to apply for any of four award categories: Outstanding Award for Plan Making; Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan Implementation; Outstanding Award for Best Planning Practice; and the Dwight F. Davis Award for Outstanding Planning Advocate. Details for award categories and the nomination form can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/zfkdaaf>. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 26. Section membership is not required to nominate or be nominated for an award. Awards winners will be announced and recognized at the SLMS-APA annual Spring Planning Workshop to be held on Tuesday, March 29, at the Commerce Bank Center for Science Education 4651 Shaw Boulevard,



St. Louis. Questions may be directed to Mary Vandevord at (618) 566-4451 ext. 20, or by e-mail to [mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org](mailto:mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org).

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## Conferences and Events...

### February 9: Energy Benchmarking In Midwestern Metropolises USGBC Event

In September 2013, Chicago adopted a building energy benchmarking ordinance to raise awareness of energy performance through information and transparency, with the goal of unlocking energy and cost savings opportunities for businesses and residents. Kansas City created a similar benchmarking ordinance, targeting large buildings in the metro area and offering programs and technical assistance. During this seminar, Kathryn Eggers of Chicago, Program Coordinator at Elevate Energy, and Jennifer Gunby, Kansas City Community Energy Program Manager, discuss their work educating about and promoting the benefits of the benchmarking ordinances. They will also share the outcomes thus far. This presentation will be held February 9, from 5:30 – 7:30 PM at the Sheet Metal Workers Local 36, 2319 Chouteau, Suite 200, St. Louis. Free for USGBC-MGC members and full-time students; \$20 for non-members. Go to <http://goo.gl/JIAi5n> for more information and to register to attend.

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### February 10: HUD's Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program as a Financing Tool

This webinar, to be held on February 10 at 1 PM CT, will describe how the Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program (Section 108) can serve as an important financing tool in targeting reinvestment for economic development, public facilities and improvements, and housing rehabilitation. The loan guarantees can help recipients leverage limited public resources to catalyze investment in communities, especially those facing, among other challenges, persistent poverty and the need to increase community resilience following the impact of natural disasters. This webinar is relevant to CDBG recipients and sub recipients, current and prospective participants in the 108 program, and community and economic development professionals. Go to <https://goo.gl/Wacait> for more information and to register to attend. Registration deadline is February 9.

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### February 19: Sign Regulations – Reed v. Town of Gilbert SLMS February Luncheon

The St. Louis Metro Section (SLMS) of the American Planning Association's February Luncheon will be on Friday, February 19 at the Center of Clayton. The luncheon will focus on the Implications of the Supreme Court case Reed v. Town of Gilbert on Sign Regulations. In 2015, the US Supreme Court ruled that the Town of Gilbert, Arizona, had violated the First Amendment by placing limits on the size of signs announcing church services. Daniel R. Mandelker, Professor of Law at Washington University and one of the country's leading scholars on land use law and sign regulations, will discuss what the outcome of this case means for municipal sign regulations. Cost of the luncheon includes a boxed lunch and 1.5 Law CM Credits. Registration has been extended to Monday, February 15th at noon. For more information on the luncheon or to register, go to <http://goo.gl/sGgCGL>.

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### February 24: Financing Opportunities for Implementing Green Infrastructure Projects to Manage Stormwater - Webinar

The Nature Conservancy is working across the country on leveraging existing and developing new innovative approaches to finance and deploy green infrastructure (GI) projects to manage stormwater. This presentation will provide an overview of work done around the country that enables the utilization of

public and private funding sources to implement GI in order to create the greatest ecological, economic and social benefits. This presentation will provide an overview of innovative financing for GI programs and highlight low-cost, state-of-the-art financing opportunities for GI projects through State Revolving Funds. EPA's new Water Infrastructure and Resiliency Finance Center will also be discussed. This center of financial expertise is a resource to communities who are exploring options for financing resilient drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure. It is working to promote innovative financing approaches and expand capacity building efforts through collaborative technical assistance, specifically on how to best support communities to develop dedicated sources of revenue for their stormwater and GI programs. The webinar will be held February 24, 1 – 2 PM CT. Go to <https://goo.gl/b5IB3P> for more information and to register to attend.

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### **February 25: Benchmarking Jam USGBC Event**

Energy benchmarking is the process of measuring how much energy your building consumes, and comparing your energy performance to similar buildings. Benchmarking is the first step toward saving energy and money. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager is an online, interactive energy management tool that allows you to measure and track your building's energy and water consumption, identify investment priorities, and verify improvements over time. Get hands-on assistance using the free, online ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool at this Benchmarking Jam. All buildings benefit from benchmarking. Businesses, schools, congregations, non-profits and local governments are encouraged to attend. The Jam will be held February 25, from 4 – 6 PM at 7260 Southwest Ave, Maplewood. This is a free event. Go to <http://goo.gl/BvFWZN> for more information and to register to attend.

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### **February 26: Native by Design - The Value of Native Plants in our Landscapes and Communities**

The Grow Native! Southwestern Illinois Event Committee presents a rockstar lineup of speakers for an event in Edwardsville, Ill., on February 26 from 7:30 AM - noon. This public event will present information from the frontline of concepts surrounding the value of native plants in our communities. The keynote speaker will be national author Doug Tallamy. Mr. Tallamy won the Silver Medal from the Garden Writer's Association for his book 'Bringing Nature Home'. Other local and regional speakers include representatives from Lewis and Clark Community College, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis Audubon Society, National Great Rivers Research and Education Center, the Gardens at SIUE, and others. The event will be held at the Nelson Campus in Edwardsville of Lewis and Clark Community College. Registration is \$30 and includes breakfast. You can register or download a flyer at <http://grownative.org/?p=9992>.

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### **February 27: Funding Your Neighborhood Project**

Attend this workshop to learn the tools and techniques to secure funding for your neighborhood project. You will learn how to seek out a variety of funding opportunities and sources specific to your project, and become skilled in the art of persuasive writing as a tool for making your funding request successful. This hands-on workshop will provide you with real-world examples and take-aways that will help you get your neighborhood project started or expand an existing one. The workshop is sponsored by the UMSL School of Social Work. The workshop will be held February 27, from 9 AM – 1 PM, at Bellerive Hall, Chapel Classroom (2nd floor), UMSL campus. For more information and to register, go to <http://cwc.umsl.edu/nla>.

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## Conferences and Events Further Out

**April 13 – 15: Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association (MfSMA) Annual Conference** “The Three R’s: Risk, Recovery and Resilience” at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center (Osage Beach). Go to [www.mfsma.org](http://www.mfsma.org) for more information and to register to attend.

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## What’s in the News...

### In national news...

#### How Neighborhood Trees Improve Public Health

**New research reveals more of the details of how trees provide therapeutic effects for humans.**

Alex Hutchinson writes of the larger implications of a new study published by the journal *Scientific Reports* (<http://www.nature.com/articles/srep11610>) into the nature of the therapeutic benefits of trees.

A team of researchers in the United States, Canada, and Australia, led by the University of Chicago psychology professor Marc Berman, collected two large data sets from the city of Toronto, according to Hutchinson, "both gathered on a block-by-block level; the first measures the distribution of green space, as determined from satellite imagery and a comprehensive list of all five hundred and thirty thousand trees planted on public land, and the second measures health, as assessed by a detailed survey of ninety-four thousand respondents."

The study's findings: "an additional ten trees on a given block corresponded to a one-per-cent increase in how healthy nearby residents felt." Berman is quoted directly to add perspective:

'To get an equivalent increase with money, you'd have to give each household in that neighborhood ten thousand dollars—or make people seven years younger,' Berman told me.

A discussion of some of the study's subtler details, however, inspires Hutchinson to muse on large questions, like how the findings relate to a theory proposed by William James in the late 19th century about "voluntary" and "involuntary" attention. Berman's study produces a counter point to recent research identifying the negative effects of the urban tree canopy, as well as a chance for Hutchinson to propose a closer attention to the details of Berman's studies for the purposes of public health benefits.

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/tfZgYL> .

Source: *Planetizen Newswire*, February 1, 2016

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## Jobs...

**Police Officer**, City of Florissant, \$45,593 starting, \$50,148 after probation: <http://goo.gl/mokRGx>

**Court Clerk**, City of Ladue, \$42,000 to \$58,800/yr.: [www.cityofladue-mo.gov](http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov)

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Wentzville, \$13.09 starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Executive Director**, SLACO, from \$45,000: [www.slaco-mo.org/jobs.html](http://www.slaco-mo.org/jobs.html)

**Special Events Coordinator**, City of Warrenton, \$12/hr.: [www.warrenton-mo.org](http://www.warrenton-mo.org)

**Chief Financial Officer**, DOORWAYS: <http://goo.gl/GBYXuO>

**Grants Accountant**, DOORWAYS: <http://goo.gl/GBYXuO>

**Project Manager**, Park Central Development, \$40,000-\$45,000/yr.: <http://goo.gl/4GY5Ku>

**Stormwater Intern**, City of Wentzville, \$10.61/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Maintenance Laborer**, City of Warrenton, \$14 - \$15/hr.: [www.warrenton-mo.org](http://www.warrenton-mo.org)

**Utility Engineer III**, City of Saint Charles, \$72,364 – 99,754.55: [www.stcharlescitemo.gov/jobs.aspx](http://www.stcharlescitemo.gov/jobs.aspx)

**Director of Communications**, County of St. Charles, starting range: \$76,691 - \$120,481/yr.:  
<http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**Recreation Assistant--Aquatics**, City of Richmond Heights, starting range \$30,754-\$36,220:  
<https://richmondheights.applicantpro.com/jobs/337671.html>

**President/CEO**, HeartLands Conservancy: <https://goo.gl/c7D8lm>

**Community Builders Graduate Research Asst.**, CBN at UMSL, \$600-\$700/m. plus full tuition:  
<http://goo.gl/3ggeWd>

**Maintenance Worker-Streets**, City of Webster Groves, \$30,821/yr. starting: [www.webstergroves.org](http://www.webstergroves.org)

**Director of Planning and Development/Assistant City Administrator**, City of Brentwood, \$82,953/yr.:  
[www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx)

**Office Manager**, City of De Soto: <http://desotomo.com/2016/01/15/now-hiring>

**Summer Engineering Interns**, City of Clayton, \$11.00 - \$13.00/hr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Water Operator II**, City of Wentzville, \$17.42/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Administrative Clerk II**, County of Jefferson, \$25,785 - \$42,546/yr., normal entry is \$25,785:  
[www.jeffcomo.org/JobPostings.aspx?nodeID=Services](http://www.jeffcomo.org/JobPostings.aspx?nodeID=Services)

**Community Engagement Coordinator II**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$38,592: <http://goo.gl/NIYdCc>

**P.T. Code Compliance Inspector**, City of Ladue, \$20 - \$25/hr. DOQ: [www.cityofladue-mo.gov](http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov)

**Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Maryland Heights, \$37,784-\$40,868/yr. starting DOQ:  
[www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69](http://www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69)

**Public Works Student Interns**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$13.68/hr.: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**GIS Analyst/CAD Technician**, City of Chesterfield, \$22.58/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

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**P.T. Water Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Fire Chief**, City of Kirkwood, starting \$115,000 +/-: [www.govhrusa.com/current-positions/recruitment](http://www.govhrusa.com/current-positions/recruitment)

**Finance Clerk**, City of Brentwood, \$43,991 - \$60,895: [www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx)

**Mechanic/Maintenance Worker**, City of Creve Coeur, \$36,344 - \$52,284: [www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx)

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**Building Inspector**, City of Maryland Heights, starting range \$55,930-\$60,493:  
[www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69](http://www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69)

**Forestry Intern**, City of Chesterfield, \$12/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**P.T. Neighborhood Trainer**, SLACO, \$13 - \$14/hr.: <http://goo.gl/R3Glog>

**Permit Coordinator/Administrative Assistant**, City of Fenton: <http://fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874>

**P.T. Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Manchester, <http://goo.gl/MjaPKr>

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## Quotes...

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California Gov. Jerry Brown, in his State of the State speech last week. He advocated for levying new taxes "at some point" to pay for roads and bridges in need of repairs.

Source: *Governing*, January 25, 2016

*"In conclusion, there is no conclusion."*

Tribune News Service and *Governing*, February 2, 2016

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## Announcements...

### RFP for City-Owned Property: Old City Hall–O’Fallon, Ill.

The City of O’Fallon, Illinois, is soliciting proposals from qualified developers and/or organizations willing to invest funds to purchase and improve Old City Hall, a locally designated landmark, and bring it back to a productive use that will integrate well into the neighborhood. This two-story brick structure at 200 N. Lincoln Avenue was constructed in 1890 and is in the heart of Downtown O’Fallon, an area which has recently benefited from several high profile projects and is experiencing renewed interested from citizens and developers alike. Old City Hall is located within the newly created Central City TIF District. The deadline to submit a proposal is 5 PM, Monday, March 7.. A copy of the RFP and the Downtown O’Fallon Area Action Plan is available at [www.OTownIL.org](http://www.OTownIL.org).

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### Transportation Project Review Workshop at EWG February 9

#### **Workshop for Illinois sponsors planning to submit Surface Transportation Program-Suballocated and/ or Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program projects**

East-West Gateway Council of Governments is sponsoring a Project Review Workshop for local Illinois agencies that are considering applying for federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) funding under the region’s Transportation Improvement Program. This workshop is intended for local agencies that have at least a specific project concept to present for review and feedback. Panelists will include IDOT and East-West Gateway staff, as well as experts in transit accessibility and bicycle and pedestrian elements, who can review project concepts, offer guidance, and answer questions related to the proposed project. Agencies can bring a completed or partially completed project application for review if they choose. Please note that attendance at this workshop is not required to submit a final project application.

The workshop for Illinois sponsors will be held on Thursday, February 9, from 9:30 AM to 3 PM at East-West Gateway, Suite 1600, One Memorial Drive, St. Louis. Several time slots are still available for interested sponsors. Please note that sessions for Missouri sponsors to be held February 4 and 11 are fully booked.

Sponsors will be asked to select a time slot when they register, and will have a half-hour to present their project(s). To ensure a spot, registration is required by **noon, Tuesday, February 2**. Registration is available online: <http://www.ewgateway.org/TIPWorkshops/tipprojreviewworkshop.htm>,

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### **EWG Conducting System-wide Review of Roadway Functional Classifications Local agencies will soon be contacted to request a review their existing classifications.**

Functional classification is the process by which roadways are grouped into classes according to the type of service they provide. East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG), in collaboration with MoDOT and IDOT staff, updates functional classifications semi-annually and performs a system-wide review every 5-10 years. EWG is now conducting a system-wide review of roadways in its planning area. Staff will be contacting the municipalities within the planning area to request their review of the existing functional classification for the roadways under their jurisdiction. The Board approved maps are available at <http://www.ewgateway.org/trans/funcclass/funcclass.htm>. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Rodney Halbert at [Rodney.Halbert@ewgateway.org](mailto:Rodney.Halbert@ewgateway.org).

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## Ideas to Improve Governmental Efficiency and Grant Opportunities Search Tool

East-West Gateway is pleased to reintroduce our partnership with EfficientGov, an information service that tracks innovative solutions to fiscal and operational challenges facing cities and towns around the world. EfficientGov provides local government leaders with unlimited, real-time access to information and tools that help reduce the cost and improve the efficiency of government. The GrantFinder tool provides online access to the largest searchable database of private, state and federal grants available to municipalities and local non-profits. The RFP Finder tool is the largest real-time database of municipal RFPs, Bids and Vendors – ideal for researching specifications, comparative criteria and potential collaborative purchasing opportunities. East-West Gateway is making its subscription to EfficientGov available at no charge to all its member municipalities. There is no limit to the number of users in each municipality. For more information or an application, please contact Roz Rodgers, at [roz@ewgateway.org](mailto:roz@ewgateway.org) or (314) 421-4220 or (618) 274-2750.

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## Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District Releases Annual Financial Report

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD)'s NEW 2015 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) is now available. An eco-friendly download is available at <http://stlmsd.com/2015PAFR>. You can request a hard copy via e-mail to [customersvc@stlmsd.com](mailto:customersvc@stlmsd.com), or by mail to: MSD, PAFR Request, 2350 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103.

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## Affordable Housing and Mixed Income Community Management Course: Key Financial Tools and Techniques

### Washington University George Warren Brown School of Social Work Course Offering

The Affordable Housing and Mixed Income Community Management certificate prepares professionals with key skills and knowledge to successfully manage property and services, maximize performance, and strategize sustainable growth. The faculty is NeighborWorks America® training professionals. The three intensive class series allows for certificate completion within six months, minimizing out of office time for busy professionals. Social work continuing education units are available. Each course has a full course or partial course option. Course 3: Key Financial Tools and Techniques will be offered March 14 -18, 9 AM – 5 PM, each day. This course provides an overview of the financing strategies for developing and operating subsidized housing and will include a discussion of the impact of financing on the community life of a property. The institute will be hands-on, including problem sets (financial analysis using Excel). We will practice skills, applying them to the challenges of developing and managing subsidized properties through the use of analytical case studies. Proficiency in Excel is required and participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops. Class size is limited to 35. Go to <http://goo.gl/B821DK> for more information and to register to attend

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## RFP for Property Management for the City of Columbia, Illinois

The City of Columbia, Illinois, is seeking proposals from professional real estate firms and/or individuals for ongoing management of the City's Property Management functions. The City seeks to employ the requisite expertise to enhance ongoing use of its real estate assets for the highest benefit to the community. The successful proposal will enable the City to improve current facilities, better plan for future growth and more efficiently serve the community. Preliminary registration of interest with the Project Contact is required by Friday, January 29; the City will provide review of subject properties to registered parties during the week of February 1. Proposals are due by Friday, February 12, at 4:30 PM. View the full Request for Proposals at [www.columbiaillinois.com/DocumentCenter/View/7918](http://www.columbiaillinois.com/DocumentCenter/View/7918).

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## 2016 APA—St. Louis Metro Section Call for Award Nominations

Every year, the St. Louis Metro Section of the American Planning Association (SLMS-APA) issues a Call for Award Nominations requesting local, regional, state, and multi-jurisdictional governments, as well as non-profit entities, planning consultants and development groups to apply for the metropolitan area's only awards focused entirely on recognizing exceptional urban and regional planning. This year, applicants are encouraged to apply for any of four award categories: Outstanding Award for Plan Making; Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan Implementation; Outstanding Award for Best Planning Practice; and the Dwight F. Davis Award for Outstanding Planning Advocate. Details for award categories and the nomination form can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/zfkdaaf>. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 26. Section membership is not required to nominate or be nominated for an award. Awards winners will be announced and recognized at the SLMS-APA annual Spring Planning Workshop to be held on Tuesday, March 29, at the Commerce Bank Center for Science Education 4651 Shaw Boulevard, St. Louis. Questions may be directed to Mary Vandevord at (618) 566-4451 ext. 20, or by e-mail to [mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org](mailto:mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org).

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## Conferences and Events...

### February 2: Downstream Savings: From Water Efficiency to Energy Savings - Webinar

Join this webinar to hear innovative measures Better Buildings Challenge partners are taking to improve water efficiency while reducing energy use. United Technologies Corporation will discuss their impressive water reduction goals and best practices in managing water, while also focusing on energy management strategies at diverse manufacturing sites. The City of Atlanta will discuss their new, high-efficiency pumping station and how the efforts of large-scale users to reduce water use can help the City reduce both water and energy use. InterContinental Hotels Group will highlight their worldwide water management program, which includes metering and tracking consumption and water efficiency strategies. The webinar will be held February 2, from 2 - 3 PM CT. Find out more and register at <https://goo.gl/iUHLjU>.

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### February 4: Does Transportation Impact the Livability of Our Community? CMT Seminar

Don't miss this upcoming morning seminar. You will have the opportunity to hear from AARP's Jana Lynott, senior strategic policy advisor from Washington D. C. on the release of the Livability Index Tool at this seminar on livability and transportation choice in the St. Louis region. Where does St. Louis score with regards to 'livability' for our residents? The Livability Index is a signature initiative of the AARP Public Policy Institute to measure the quality of life in American communities across multiple dimensions: housing, transportation, neighborhood characteristics, environment, health, opportunity, and civic and social engagement. The AARP Livability Index can help regional stakeholders better understand their communities and make decisions about future needs. This half-day seminar will provide an introduction to the new tool, and then a response from St. Louis business leaders and others with regards to the economic impact of transit and transportation choice on this community. This will be an opportunity to hear where St. Louis stands and what the opportunities are moving forward. The seminar will be held February 4, from 8 – 11:30 PM at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 610 North 7th Street St. Louis. Go to <https://goo.gl/5N0Czq> for more information and to register to attend.

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### February 5: Erosion, Sediment and Stormwater Control Seminar

You are invited to attend this free Erosion, Sediment and Stormwater Control seminar to be held February 5, from 8:30 AM - noon. This field day will be held at the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Morris

University Center, Edwardsville, Ill. Parking is free in Lot B (<http://www.siue.edu/maps>). Topics: Green Solutions for Collection & Conveyance of Storm Water; A Kansas City Case Study; Permeable Paving Systems for Sustainable Storm Water Quality; and Post Construction BMP's - View from the Field. This event earns you 3 PDH's for Professional Engineers and 3 PDU's for CPESC's and CESSWI's. Make your reservations online at <http://goo.gl/forms/2IH4xOI2T0>.

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### **February 5-6: Expanding Opportunities and Creating Equity Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Conference**

This St. Louis Expanding Opportunities and Creating Equity Conference, to be held February 5 -6 at 100 N. Tucker, St. Louis, will focus on the obligations of grantees under AFFH, and to be better able to assess the state of fair housing and set local priorities and goals. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) final rule to equip communities that receive federal funding with the data and tools that will help them to meet long standing fair housing obligations with the use of those funds. To aid communities in this work, HUD has opened data to grantees and the public on patterns of integration and segregation, racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty, disproportionate housing needs, and disparities in access to opportunity. This improved approach provides a better mechanism for grantees to build fair housing goals into existing community development and housing planning processes. In addition to providing data and maps, HUD is also providing technical assistance to aid grantees as they adopt this approach. The conference will focus on key features of this final rule. The goal of the conference is for all stakeholders and citizens to better understand the guidelines and the data. Learn more about this conference and register to attend at <http://stlcreatingequity.org>.

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### **February 26: Native by Design - The Value of Native Plants in our Landscapes and Communities**

The Grow Native! Southwestern Illinois Event Committee presents a rockstar lineup of speakers for an event in Edwardsville, Ill., on February 26 from 7:30 AM - noon. This public event will present information from the frontline of concepts surrounding the value of native plants in our communities. The keynote speaker will be national author Doug Tallamy. Mr. Tallamy won the Silver Medal from the Garden Writer's Association for his book 'Bringing Nature Home'. Other local and regional speakers include representatives from Lewis and Clark Community College, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis Audubon Society, National Great Rivers Research and Education Center, the Gardens at SIUE, and others. The event will be held at the Nelson Campus in Edwardsville of Lewis and Clark Community College. Registration is \$30 and includes breakfast. You can register or download a flyer at <http://grownative.org/?p=9992>.

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### **February 27: Funding Your Neighborhood Project**

Attend this workshop to learn the tools and techniques to secure funding for your neighborhood project. You will learn how to seek out a variety of funding opportunities and sources specific to your project, and become skilled in the art of persuasive writing as a tool for making your funding request successful. This hands-on workshop will provide you with real-world examples and take-aways that will help you get your neighborhood project started or expand an existing one. The workshop is sponsored by the UMSL School of Social Work. The workshop will be held February 27, from 9 AM – 1 PM, at Bellerive Hall, Chapel Classroom (2nd floor), UMSL campus. For more information and to register, go to <http://cwc.umsl.edu/nla>.

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## What's in the News...

### In regional news...

#### Ameren Provides Free Community Resources to Promote Discussions About Diversity and Inclusion

##### **Company's "Discussion Across Differences" materials support recommendations in Ferguson Commission report and are available to community organizations, businesses and other groups**

Ameren Corporation has introduced "Discussion Across Differences," a series of videos and discussion guides that explore and encourage honest dialogue around the issues of diversity and inclusion. The materials – which Ameren uses for its own employees – are free to community organizations, businesses and other groups. They are aimed at helping organizations engage their teams in honest conversations about managing through crisis, fear and differences.

"We believe it's important for Ameren and the business community to continue to support the Ferguson Commission's recommendations to build a stronger region," said Ameren Corporation Chairman and CEO Warner Baxter. "We are offering these free resources as a way to partner with local organizations as we look to continue to build a better and more inclusive St. Louis."

Ameren developed the resources to help foster healing and promote inclusion across the St. Louis region. The company announced the availability of the materials last Thursday at a corporate retreat that was attended by Ameren's leadership team and members of the Ferguson Commission.

"We know these are not easy conversations to have; the purpose of these materials is to increase people's comfort with starting and participating in discussions related to diversity and inclusion," said Sharon Harvey Davis, Ameren Corporation vice president and chief diversity officer. "These resources have been effective in generating productive dialogue inside our organization, and we hope they can spur similar conversations in the broader community."

The "Discussion Across Differences" materials help to foster attitudes and behaviors supporting racial equity, which was identified as a signature priority by the Ferguson Commission, and were developed with input from Ameren employees and community leaders.

"Discussion Across Differences" comprises a five-part video series that features conversations with selected leaders in the St. Louis community. Each video comes with a facilitator guide, participant booklet and presentation deck.

To view or download the "Discussion Across Differences" materials, go to <https://goo.gl/Gzddmu>.

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#### Great Rivers Greenway Seeks Citizen Input on Regional Plan Update

##### **Residents of St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County invited to attend open houses on Feb. 17 and 18**

Great Rivers Greenway, the St. Louis area's regional greenway district, is seeking citizen input as part of the organization's effort to update its strategic plan, which will help guide efforts to build, promote and sustain greenways over the next five years. All residents in St. Louis City, St. Louis County and St. Charles County are invited to provide feedback at one of two open house events in February. The first open house will be held Wednesday, February 17, at the Bridgeton Trails Branch Library, located at 3455 McKelvey Road. A second open house will be held Thursday, February 18, at Great Rivers Greenway's office, located in the Delmar Loop at 6178 Delmar Boulevard (intersection of Delmar and Skinker).

Citizens are encouraged to drop by anytime between 4 and 7 PM on both nights to review displays and talk with staff. Duplicate 45-minute presentations will take place at 4:30 and 6 PM..

“It’s very important to us that we hear from a wide range of residents in our community,” said Susan Trautman, Executive Director of Great Rivers Greenway. “We are here because citizens voted to leave a legacy for our region. Our priority is making the taxpayers’ vision and investment a reality.”

Great Rivers Greenway last updated its regional plan in 2010 and is in need of citizen input to continue implementing the vision set forth in that plan and to create an action plan for the next five years. The organization seeks input on the elements of the greenway user experience, such as amenities, programs, events, educational information, signage, ways to report conditions and more. Great Rivers Greenway is also interested in hearing about how individuals and groups could volunteer, both as ambassadors in the community and through the adoption of greenways. Citizens are also invited to give feedback on their vision for the riverfront at the base of the Arch Grounds, which is currently being renovated and is located in the heart of the Mississippi Greenway. For those unable to attend either open house, an online survey will be made available February 17 through March 9.

“The 2010-2011 planning effort identified a clear path forward for our board, staff and partners,” said Neal Perryman, President, Great Rivers Greenway Board of Directors. “Now we need specific input to form the action plans for the next five years.”

For more information, including directions by car, transit, biking or walking, or any questions about accessibility for persons with disabilities, contact Great Rivers Greenway at (314) 436-7009 or [info@grgstl.org](mailto:info@grgstl.org).

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## In national news...

### Five Reasons Policymakers Should Prioritize Local Business in 2016

It’s the season of resolutions, and a raft of recent research suggests that creating a better environment for locally owned businesses to succeed ought to be at the top of every public official’s list of priorities. The findings come from prominent economists, sociologists, and other researchers, and suggest that small, local businesses are critical to overcoming many of our biggest challenges, from reducing economic inequality to building resilient communities.

In this article, the Institute for Local Self-Reliance rounds up the new studies and what they say about why local business should be a focus of planning and economic development in 2016.

1. Fewer new businesses are starting, and that’s bad news for long-term job creation.

Employment is finally on the rebound, but high rates of underemployment and minimal wage growth suggest all is not well in the U.S. job market. One disturbing trend may be to blame: the creation of new businesses has fallen sharply. While startups accounted for 16 percent of all businesses in the late 1970s, that share has fallen by half, to 8 percent, explains a new brief (<http://goo.gl/MdsPEy>) from the Kauffman Foundation.

The brief also explains why that’s so troubling. The authors round up the recent research on firm age and job creation, and find that young firms are the major contributor of new jobs to the U.S. economy. “New businesses account for nearly all net new job creation and almost 20 percent of gross job creation,” they write, adding, “companies less than one year old have created an average of 1.5 million jobs per year over the past three decades.” While no one is certain what’s caused the drop in new businesses, the

same policies and conditions that have made it harder for small, local businesses to succeed may well be impeding new entrepreneurs.

Read the full story at <https://goo.gl/dhNkKm>.

Source: *Planetizen Newswire*: January 25, 2016

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## Online Resources...

### Green Infrastructure Technical Assistance, Strategies and Lessons Learned

This report, *Tools, Strategies and Lessons Learned from EPA Green Infrastructure Technical Assistance Projects*, summarizes results from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's green infrastructure technical assistance program for communities looking for solutions to their unique challenges. This quick reference guide matches problems with real world, tested solutions and offers readers resources for further information. The report also includes a handy guide to technology and a table of benefits that you can share with potential collaborators and stakeholders. The report is online at <http://goo.gl/EJN1Yq>,

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## Jobs...

**Utility Engineer III**, City of Saint Charles, \$72,364 – 99,754.55: [www.stcharlescitemo.gov/jobs.aspx](http://www.stcharlescitemo.gov/jobs.aspx)

**Director of Communications**, County of St. Charles, starting range: \$76,691 - \$120,481/yr.:  
<http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**Recreation Assistant--Aquatics**, City of Richmond Heights, starting range \$30,754-\$36,220:  
<https://richmondheights.applicantpro.com/jobs/337671.html>

**President/CEO**, HeartLands Conservancy: <https://goo.gl/c7D8lm>

**Community Builders Graduate Research Asst.**, CBN at UMSL, \$600-\$700/m. plus full tuition:  
<http://goo.gl/3ggeWd>

**Maintenance Worker-Streets**, City of Webster Groves, \$30,821/yr. starting: [www.webstergroves.org](http://www.webstergroves.org)

**Director of Planning and Development/Assistant City Administrator**, City of Brentwood, \$82,953/yr.:  
[www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx)

**Office Manager**, City of De Soto: <http://desotomo.com/2016/01/15/now-hiring>

**Summer Engineering Interns**, City of Clayton, \$11.00 - \$13.00/hr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Water Operator II**, City of Wentzville, \$17.42/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Administrative Clerk II**, County of Jefferson, \$25,785 - \$42,546/yr., normal entry is \$25,785:  
[www.jeffcomo.org/JobPostings.aspx?nodeID=Services](http://www.jeffcomo.org/JobPostings.aspx?nodeID=Services)

**Deputy Public Administrator**, County of Jefferson, \$36,577 - \$60,352/yr., normal entry is \$36,577:  
[www.jeffcomo.org/JobPostings.aspx?nodeID=Services](http://www.jeffcomo.org/JobPostings.aspx?nodeID=Services)

**Community Engagement Coordinator II**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$38,592: <http://goo.gl/NIYdCc>

**Water Plant Operator**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$18.39-\$19.32/hr., DOQ/E: [www.ofallon.mo.us/hr](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/hr)

**P.T. Custodian**, City of Crestwood, \$9.72/hr. starting: <http://goo.gl/zzi0tH>

**P.T. Rec. Clerk II**, City of Crestwood, \$11.91/hr. starting: <http://goo.gl/zzj0tH>

**P.T. Code Compliance Inspector**, City of Ladue, \$20 - \$25/hr. DOQ: [www.cityofladue-mo.gov](http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov)

**Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Maryland Heights, \$37,784-\$40,868/yr. starting DOQ: [www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69](http://www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69)

**Public Works Student Interns**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$13.68/hr.: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**GIS Analyst/CAD Technician**, City of Chesterfield, \$22.58/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**P.T. Dispatch Officer**, City of Wentzville, \$17.42/hr.: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**P.T. Front Desk Attendant**, City of Wentzville, \$8.42/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**P.T. Water Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Fire Chief**, City of Kirkwood, starting \$115,000 +/-: [www.govhrusa.com/current-positions/recruitment](http://www.govhrusa.com/current-positions/recruitment)

**Finance Clerk**, City of Brentwood, \$43,991 - \$60,895: [www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx)

**Mechanic/Maintenance Worker**, City of Creve Coeur, \$36,344 - \$52,284: [www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx)

**Water Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39 starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Grants Administrator**, DOORWAYS: <http://goo.gl/ryMEsU>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Fenton: [www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874](http://www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874)

**Building Inspector**, City of Maryland Heights, starting range \$55,930-\$60,493: [www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69](http://www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69)

**Forestry Intern**, City of Chesterfield, \$12/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**P.T. Neighborhood Trainer**, SLACO, \$13 - \$14/hr.: [www.slaco-mo.org/jobs.html](http://www.slaco-mo.org/jobs.html)

**Permit Coordinator/Administrative Assistant**, City of Fenton: <http://fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874>

**P.T. Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Manchester, <http://goo.gl/MjaPKr>

**Construction Worker**, City of Chesterfield, \$17.26 starting: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

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## Grants...

### Sports Equipment Program

Good Sports is accepting applications from organizations and schools for equipment, apparel, and footwear for a wide range of sports. Organizations that are approved will have access to equipment, apparel, and footwear inventory for a two-year period. During that time, organizations can make up to six separate donation requests — as long as need is well documented, donations will be granted. To be eligible, applicants must directly serve youth between the ages of 3 and 18; serve youth in an economically disadvantaged area; and operate an organized sport, recreational activity, or fitness program that offers consistent and structured opportunity for play to large groups of children. Schools must apply as a whole. Go to <https://www.goodsports.org/apply> for more information.

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### Grants for Waste Diversion in St. Louis County

Since 1996, the Solid Waste Management Program has provided grants to help fund innovative and sustainable programs to improve waste diversion in St. Louis County. The grant program is open to any municipality, public institution, not-for-profit organization, or business. The grant project must occur in St. Louis County. Funding for the grant program comes from St. Louis County voter-approved landfill

surcharge fees. The 2016 grant round is open. The deadline for grant proposal submission is 5 PM, February 29. An optional, though recommended, Grant Workshop will be held on Monday, February 8. For more information and to apply for a grant, go to <http://goo.gl/LzrZ7d>. Questions or to RSVP for the workshop should be directed to Chris Kalter at [ckalter@stlouisco.com](mailto:ckalter@stlouisco.com) or by phone at (314) 615-8933.

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## Route 66 Grants

The National Park Service, Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, is dedicated to preserving the diverse history of U.S. Highway 66. The program provides financial assistance in the form of competitive, cost-share grants for building, structures, road segments, and cultural landscapes along the length of the Route 66 corridor covering Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. Cost-share grants are also available for planning, research, and education initiatives related to the preservation of Route 66. For application instructions and additional information, go to <http://ncppt.nps.gov/rt66>.

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## Quotes...

In recognition of Black History Month during the month of February:

*"Wherever there is a human being, I see God-given rights inherent in that being, whatever may be the sex or complexion."* ~William Lloyd Garrison

*"I was raised to believe that excellence is the best deterrent to racism or sexism."* ~Oprah Winfrey

*"Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope... and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current that can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance."* ~Robert F. Kennedy

*"I had no idea that history was being made. I was just tired of giving up."* ~Rosa Parks

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## Announcements...

### EWG Conducting System-wide Review of Roadway Functional Classifications Local agencies will soon be contacted to request a review their existing classifications.

Functional classification is the process by which roadways are grouped into classes according to the type of service they provide. East-West Gateway Council of Governments (EWG), in collaboration with MoDOT and IDOT staff, updates functional classifications semi-annually and performs a system-wide review every 5-10 years. EWG is now conducting a system-wide review of roadways in its planning area. Staff will be contacting the municipalities within the planning area to request their review of the existing functional classification for the roadways under their jurisdiction. The Board approved maps are available at <http://www.ewgateway.org/trans/funcclass/funcclass.htm>. If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Rodney Halbert at [Rodney.Halbert@ewgateway.org](mailto:Rodney.Halbert@ewgateway.org).

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### Ideas to Improve Governmental Efficiency and Grant Opportunities Search Tool

East-West Gateway is pleased to reintroduce our partnership with EfficientGov, an information service that tracks innovative solutions to fiscal and operational challenges facing cities and towns around the world. EfficientGov provides local government leaders with unlimited, real-time access to information and tools that help reduce the cost and improve the efficiency of government. The GrantFinder tool provides online access to the largest searchable database of private, state and federal grants available to municipalities and local non-profits. The RFP Finder tool is the largest real-time database of municipal RFPs, Bids and Vendors – ideal for researching specifications, comparative criteria and potential collaborative purchasing opportunities. East-West Gateway is making its subscription to EfficientGov available at no charge to all its member municipalities. There is no limit to the number of users in each municipality. For more information or an application, please contact Roz Rodgers, at [roz@ewgateway.org](mailto:roz@ewgateway.org) or (314) 421-4220 or (618) 274-2750.

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### Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District Releases Annual Financial Report

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD)'s NEW 2015 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR) is now available. An eco-friendly download is available at <http://stlmsd.com/2015PAFR>. You can request a hard copy via e-mail to [customersvc@stlmsd.com](mailto:customersvc@stlmsd.com), or by mail to: MSD, PAFR Request, 2350 Market Street, St. Louis, MO 63103.

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## Affordable Housing and Mixed Income Community Management Course: Key Financial Tools and Techniques

### Washington University George Warren Brown School of Social Work Course Offering

The Affordable Housing and Mixed Income Community Management certificate prepares professionals with key skills and knowledge to successfully manage property and services, maximize performance, and strategize sustainable growth. The faculty is NeighborWorks America® training professionals. The three intensive class series allows for certificate completion within six months, minimizing out of office time for busy professionals. Social work continuing education units are available. Each course has a full course or partial course option. Course 3: Key Financial Tools and Techniques will be offered March 14 -18, 9 AM – 5 PM, each day. This course provides an overview of the financing strategies for developing and operating subsidized housing and will include a discussion of the impact of financing on the community life of a property. The institute will be hands-on, including problem sets (financial analysis using Excel). We will practice skills, applying them to the challenges of developing and managing subsidized properties through the use of analytical case studies. Proficiency in Excel is required and participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops. Class size is limited to 35. Go to <http://goo.gl/B821DK> for more information and to register to attend

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## RFP for Property Management for the City of Columbia, Illinois

The City of Columbia, Illinois, is seeking proposals from professional real estate firms and/or individuals for ongoing management of the City's Property Management functions. The City seeks to employ the requisite expertise to enhance ongoing use of its real estate assets for the highest benefit to the community. The successful proposal will enable the City to improve current facilities, better plan for future growth and more efficiently serve the community. Preliminary registration of interest with the Project Contact is required by Friday, January 29; the City will provide review of subject properties to registered parties during the week of February 1. Proposals are due by Friday, February 12, at 4:30 PM. View the full Request for Proposals at [www.columbiaillinois.com/DocumentCenter/View/7918](http://www.columbiaillinois.com/DocumentCenter/View/7918).

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## FOCUS St. Louis' Call for What's Right with the Region! Award Nominations

FOCUS St. Louis is accepting nominations for the 19th Annual What's Right with the Region! awards, designed to recognize individuals, organizations and initiatives that are making a difference in the St. Louis area. Awards will be presented to 20 honorees on May 12, at Sheldon Concert Hall. This year's categories are: Demonstrating Innovative Solutions; Fostering Regional Cooperation; Improving Racial Equality & Social Justice; Promoting Stronger Communities; and Responding to Community Needs & Entrepreneurs. Nominations may be made online at [www.focus-stl.org/WRWR](http://www.focus-stl.org/WRWR). The deadline is February 1.

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## 2016 Community Builders Network Award Reception & Call for Nominations

The Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis (CBN) will hold its fourth annual awards reception on March 31, at T-REX. This awards reception aims to recognize leaders and organizations who display excellence in impacting community building and neighborhood revitalization in the region. Award categories range from the public sector to business to philanthropy to nonprofits and more. Rise Collaborative Grant award winners will also be recognized. The doors will open at 5:30 PM, and programming will begin at 5:45. You are invited to join in on this evening of networking, food, fun, celebration, and recognition of the hard work and dedication of community development practitioners in multiple sectors throughout the region. Admission is free. For more information and to get tickets for the event, go to <https://goo.gl/nq7ULK>. The Community Builders Network is accepting nominations for award recipients. To nominate a person or an organization making a difference in St. Louis, go to <http://goo.gl/16sKoN>.

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## 2016 APA—St. Louis Metro Section Call for Award Nominations

Every year, the St. Louis Metro Section of the American Planning Association (SLMS-APA) issues a Call for Award Nominations requesting local, regional, state, and multi-jurisdictional governments, as well as non-profit entities, planning consultants and development groups to apply for the metropolitan area's only awards focused entirely on recognizing exceptional urban and regional planning. This year, applicants are encouraged to apply for any of four award categories: Outstanding Award for Plan Making; Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan Implementation; Outstanding Award for Best Planning Practice; and the Dwight F. Davis Award for Outstanding Planning Advocate. Details for award categories and the nomination form can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/zfkdaaf>. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 26. Section membership is not required to nominate or be nominated for an award. Awards winners will be announced and recognized at the SLMS-APA annual Spring Planning Workshop to be held on Tuesday, March 29, at the Commerce Bank Center for Science Education 4651 Shaw Boulevard, St. Louis. Questions may be directed to Mary Vandevord at (618) 566-4451 ext. 20, or by e-mail to [mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org](mailto:mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org).

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## Call for Project Applications: Surface Transportation Program – Suballocated (STP-S), and Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Projects

### Applications due March 3

For Illinois and Missouri municipalities interested in applying for federal funds for local transportation projects, East-West Gateway Council of Governments is announcing that is accepting applications for Surface Transportation Program-Suballocated (STP-S) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) projects.

STP-S funds can be used for projects such as: pavement preservation; highway expansion; congestion mitigation; safety; environmental mitigation; transit; and pedestrian facilities. Projects on roads functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors are not eligible for these funds. Bridges on any functionally classified road are eligible for STP-S funds; however, bridges on roads functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors may be replaced with only minimal connecting road work eligible for federal funds.

CMAQ funds are intended to fund transportation programs or projects that will contribute to attainment or maintenance of the national air quality standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, and particulate matter. Eligible activities include traffic flow improvement; demand management; shared ride services; bicycle/pedestrian facilities; transit vehicles/facilities; and operating assistance for new transit service. Maintenance projects such as road resurfacing/reconstruction and projects that add new capacity for single occupant vehicles are not eligible.

Application forms and additional information are posted at [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org). Application deadline is 4 PM, March 3.

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## Call for Presentations for Mo. Floodplain and Stormwater Conference

The Board of Directors of MfSMA (Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association) has announced that its 2016 Conference will be April 13-15, at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center, Osage Beach. This year's theme is "The Three R's: Risk, Recovery and Resilience." The association has issued a Call for Presentations for the conference. The abstract submittal deadline has been extended to January 29. The target audience for the conference includes: : Federal, state, or local community officials with regulatory responsibility for floodplains and stormwater management, building codes and community planning, design professionals, GIS, engineering professionals, land surveyors, insurance professionals, mortgage lenders, and realtors involved in flood insurance issues. Go to <http://www.mfsma.org/annual-conference.html> for information on how to submit an abstract and sponsorship and exhibitor information.

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## Conferences and Events...

### January 27: Economic Growth & Racial Equity: How Can St. Louis Compete in the Global Economy?

A discussion about *Where We Stand: The Strategic Assessment of the St. Louis Region*

Listen to a preview of this event at <http://collateraldamage.kdhxtra.org/globalization-and-racial-equity>.

On January 27, panelists will explore the complex interaction of workforce development, regional competitiveness, and racial equity in the St. Louis region with a focus on two questions: 1) Does the region have the human capital it needs to compete in the world economy? 2) How can the region ensure that opportunities in the new economy are shared by all? Two recent publications will be used to provide context for the discussion: *Where We Stand: The Strategic Assessment of the St. Louis Region* will show how St. Louis compares to other regions and Ruth Sergenian will discuss her recent essay from the latest edition of *St. Louis Currents* on the St. Louis economy after the Great Recession. Join in on this free event on Wednesday, January 27, from 6:30-8 PM at the St. Louis Public Library - Central Library Auditorium (1301 Olive Street, St. Louis). Check out the Where We Stand report before the event online at [www.ewgateway.org/wws](http://www.ewgateway.org/wws). Brought to you by East-West Gateway Council of Governments, FOCUS-St. Louis, UMSL School for Public Policy and Administration, and the St. Louis Public Library. You can get a preview of this event by listening to John Robertson of Employment Connection and John Posey of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments discuss the effects of globalization on racial disparity in St. Louis during a KDHX podcast at <http://collateraldamage.kdhxtra.org/globalization-and-racial-equity>.

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### January 27: Urban Environments: Conservation Practices in Developed Areas – Webinar

Participants will be provided with an overview of the challenges, opportunities and special considerations when implementing conservation practices in highly developed areas. This webinar will delve into a few of the unique aspects to consider when applying conservation practices in highly developed urban environments. Options are readily available for the traditional application of conservation practices on rural lands and in growing communities; however, these practices do not always translate well in a complex, highly developed and evolving urban environment. Some of these challenges will be discussed, along with opportunities and unique considerations to adapt/modify conservation practices to improve the sustainability of our cities. This webinar will be presented January 27, from noon to 1 PM CT. Pre-registration is not required. Attend the webinar at <http://goo.gl/g3TwUP>.

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### January 28: Municipal Officials Training Academy Webinar/Seminar on Police Matters

The Municipal Officials Training Academy is offering a webinar with an in-person attendance option concerning police matters on January 28, from noon - 1:15 PM. This seminar, for municipal officials and employees, will cover the ways policing present unique issues for local government, the distinction between public and police records regarding Sunshine Law, and discussion of recent emerging issues pertaining to policing, and practical recommendations and tips for policing. This seminar is designed for City Administrators/Managers, Elected Officials, Police Chiefs and Staff, and Municipal Attorneys. Attendees will be provided a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and various other legal resources. The seminar is \$10 per person per seminar or a city may purchase the Tuition Option which grants the entire City access to all 2016 seminars. The cost of the Tuition Option is based on city population and currently ranges between \$100-300. To register to view the seminar online, go to <https://goo.gl/akk0oP>. To register for in-person attendance (limited to 30 persons) at Frontenac City Hall, 10555 Clayton Road, e-mail Steve Ables at [staff@sltmuni.org](mailto:staff@sltmuni.org). Whether registering online or in person, payment for attendance should be submitted to Steve Ables at 1034 S. Brentwood Blvd., Suite 410, Richmond Heights, MO 63117. Contact Steve for any questions concerning payment or registration.. For content and certification questions, contact Erin Seele, Academy Director/Moderator, at [erin@municipalfirm.com](mailto:erin@municipalfirm.com).

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## February 4: Does Transportation Impact the Livability of Our Community? CMT Seminar

Don't miss this upcoming morning seminar. You will have the opportunity to hear from AARP's Jana Lynott, senior strategic policy advisor from Washington D. C. on the release of the Livability Index Tool at this seminar on livability and transportation choice in the St. Louis region. Where does St. Louis score with regards to 'livability' for our residents? The Livability Index is a signature initiative of the AARP Public Policy Institute to measure the quality of life in American communities across multiple dimensions: housing, transportation, neighborhood characteristics, environment, health, opportunity, and civic and social engagement. The AARP Livability Index can help regional stakeholders better understand their communities and make decisions about future needs. This half-day seminar will provide an introduction to the new tool, and then a response from St. Louis business leaders and others with regards to the economic impact of transit and transportation choice on this community. This will be an opportunity to hear where St. Louis stands and what the opportunities are moving forward. The seminar will be held February 4, from 8 – 11:30 PM at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 610 North 7th Street St. Louis. Go to <https://goo.gl/5N0Czq> for more information and to register to attend.

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## February 5: Erosion, Sediment and Stormwater Control Seminar

You are invited to attend this free Erosion, Sediment and Stormwater Control seminar to be held February 5, from 8:30 AM - noon. This field day will be held at the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Morris University Center, Edwardsville, Ill. Parking is free in Lot B (<http://www.siu.edu/maps>). Topics: Green Solutions for Collection & Conveyance of Storm Water; A Kansas City Case Study; Permeable Paving Systems for Sustainable Storm Water Quality; and Post Construction BMP's - View from the Field. This event earns you 3 PDH's for Professional Engineers and 3 PDU's for CPESC's and CESSWI's. Make your reservations online at <http://goo.gl/forms/2IH4xOI2T0>.

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## February 5-6: Expanding Opportunities and Creating Equity Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Conference

This St. Louis Expanding Opportunities and Creating Equity Conference, to be held February 5 -6 at 100 N. Tucker, St. Louis, will focus on the obligations of grantees under AFFH, and to be better able to assess the state of fair housing and set local priorities and goals. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) released the Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) final rule to equip communities that receive federal funding with the data and tools that will help them to meet long standing fair housing obligations with the use of those funds. To aid communities in this work, HUD has opened data to grantees and the public on patterns of integration and segregation, racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty, disproportionate housing needs, and disparities in access to opportunity. This improved approach provides a better mechanism for grantees to build fair housing goals into existing community development and housing planning processes. In addition to providing data and maps, HUD is also providing technical assistance to aid grantees as they adopt this approach. The conference will focus on key features of this final rule. The goal of the conference is for all stakeholders and citizens to better understand the guidelines and the data. Learn more about this conference and register to attend at <http://stlcreatingequity.org>.

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## February 26: Native by Design - The Value of Native Plants in our Landscapes and Communities

The Grow Native! Southwestern Illinois Event Committee presents a rockstar lineup of speakers for an event in Edwardsville, Ill., on February 26 from 7:30 AM - noon. This public event will present information from the frontline of concepts surrounding the value of native plants in our communities. The keynote speaker will be national author Doug Tallamy. Mr. Tallamy won the Silver Medal from the Garden Writer's Association for his book 'Bringing Nature Home'. Other local and regional speakers include representatives from Lewis and Clark Community College, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis Audubon Society, National Great Rivers Research and Education Center, the Gardens at SIUE, and others. The

event will be held at the Nelson Campus in Edwardsville of Lewis and Clark Community College. Registration is \$30 and includes breakfast. You can register or download a flyer at <http://grownative.org/?p=9992>.

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## What's in the News...

### In national news...

#### A Library-Museum Exchange Opens Doors to Art

In a mutually enriching partnership between a museum and a library, the Bass Museum of Art in Miami is placing its exhibits and programs in the Miami Beach Regional Library. At first just a temporary agreement to hold some art while the museum was being renovated, the partnership has led to a wider audience being exposed to contemporary art as well as artists benefiting from a broader exposure than just museum-goers. The museum is also funding programs like family art days and mask-making along with other educational programming that supports the mission of the library.

Read the article at <http://goo.gl/uIT2Ep>.

Source: Innovators Insights, January 21, 2016

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#### Public Pensions' Latest Challenge: Longer Lives

Governments can continue to offer more-generous retirement benefits than their private-sector counterparts, but taxpayers can no longer afford to shoulder the entire risk for the seemingly endless variables that increase pension liabilities.

Read the article at <http://goo.gl/9qxbZ2>.

Source: Innovators Insights, January 21, 2016

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#### Case Study: Denver's Accessory Dwelling Units

Since a zoning code change in 2010, the city of Denver has added 66 accessory dwelling units in a city of 650,000.

Joe Vaccarelli checks in on the effect of Denver's 2010 ordinance allowing accessory dwelling units (ADUs), or "granny cottages," as the story's headline calls them.

According to Vaccarelli, the construction of ADUs has benefitted from the city's zoning code: "The city only tracks newly built cottage houses, but there is an uptick, as 66 units have been built in areas of the city where the zoning code permits the additions since 2010."

The article includes more details about the ordinance, including requirements for granny flats and the neighborhoods in which they are allowed, to give an idea of how the city implemented its ADU policy.

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/k3ah3r>.

Source: *Planetizen Newswire*, January 21, 2016

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## Online Resources...

### 21 Conditions for Building Trust Between Police and the Community

At the Strategy Summit on Future Local Government, Police, and Community Relations in August 2015, International City Manager Association participants came up with 21 Conditions for Building Trust between Police and the Community. With the headlines about police-involved shootings, between local governments and their police forces, elected and appointed officials of local government are caught in the glare of this unfavorable spotlight as well. Which drives home the fact that responsibility for improving trust isn't solely a police responsibility but that of an entire community. View the 21 Conditions at <http://goo.gl/Gc7jOh>.

Source: ICMA, December 30, 2015

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## Jobs...

**Director of Planning and Development/Assistant City Administrator**, City of Brentwood, \$82,953/yr.: [www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx)

**Office Manager**, City of De Soto: <http://desotomo.com/2016/01/15/now-hiring>

**Summer Engineering Interns**, City of Clayton, \$11.00 - \$13.00/hr.: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Water Operator II**, City of Wentzville, \$17.42/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Administrative Clerk II**, County of Jefferson, \$25,785 - \$42,546/yr., normal entry is \$25,785: [www.jeffcomo.org/JobPostings.aspx?nodeID=Services](http://www.jeffcomo.org/JobPostings.aspx?nodeID=Services)

**Deputy Public Administrator**, County of Jefferson, \$36,577 - \$60,352/yr., normal entry is \$36,577: [www.jeffcomo.org/JobPostings.aspx?nodeID=Services](http://www.jeffcomo.org/JobPostings.aspx?nodeID=Services)

**Finance Director**, City of Ladue, [www.cityofladue-mo.gov](http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov)

**Community Engagement Coordinator II**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$38,592: <http://goo.gl/NIYdCc>

**Customer Service Rep.**, Duckett Creek Sanitary Dist., \$28,644 to \$41,219 DOQ: [www.duckettcreek.com](http://www.duckettcreek.com)

**Water Plant Operator**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$18.39-\$19.32/hr., DOQ/E: [www.ofallon.mo.us/hr](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/hr)

**P.T. Custodian**, City of Crestwood, \$9.72/hr. starting: <http://goo.gl/zzj0tH>

**P.T. Rec. Clerk II**, City of Crestwood, \$11.91/hr. starting: <http://goo.gl/zzj0tH>

**P.T. Code Compliance Inspector**, City of Ladue, \$20 - \$25/hr. DOQ: [www.cityofladue-mo.gov](http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov)

**Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Maryland Heights, \$37,784-\$40,868/yr. starting DOQ: [www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69](http://www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69)

**Public Works Student Interns**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$13.68/hr.: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**GIS Analyst/CAD Technician**, City of Chesterfield, \$22.58/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**P.T. Dispatch Officer**, City of Wentzville, \$17.42/hr.: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**P.T. Front Desk Attendant**, City of Wentzville, \$8.42/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**P.T. Water Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Fire Chief**, City of Kirkwood, starting \$115,000 +/-: [www.govhrusa.com/current-positions/recruitment](http://www.govhrusa.com/current-positions/recruitment)



**Administrative Specialist**, City of Clayton, starting: \$36,000 - \$39,000; full: \$33,975 - \$46,885: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Finance Clerk**, City of Brentwood, \$43,991 - \$60,895: [www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx)

**City Engineer**, City of Collinsville, range begins at \$90,000: [www.collinsvilleil.org/Departments/jobposting](http://www.collinsvilleil.org/Departments/jobposting)

**Mechanic/Maintenance Worker**, City of Creve Coeur, \$36,344 - \$52,284: [www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx)

**Water Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Grants Administrator**, DOORWAYS: <http://goo.gl/ryMEsU>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Fenton: [www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874](http://www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874)

**Building Inspector**, City of Maryland Heights, starting range \$55,930-\$60,493: [www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69](http://www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69)

**Forestry Intern**, City of Chesterfield, \$12/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**P.T. Neighborhood Trainer**, SLACO, \$13 - \$14/hr.: [www.slaco-mo.org/jobs.html](http://www.slaco-mo.org/jobs.html)

**Permit Coordinator/Administrative Assistant**, City of Fenton: <http://fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874>

**P.T. Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Manchester, <http://goo.gl/MjaPKr>

**Construction Worker**, City of Chesterfield, \$17.26 starting: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

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## Grants...

### Grants for Waste Diversion in St. Louis County

Since 1996, the Solid Waste Management Program has provided grants to help fund innovative and sustainable programs to improve waste diversion in St. Louis County. The grant program is open to any municipality, public institution, not-for-profit organization, or business. The grant project must occur in St. Louis County. Funding for the grant program comes from St. Louis County voter-approved landfill surcharge fees. The 2016 grant round is open. The deadline for grant proposal submission is 5 PM, February 29. An optional, though recommended, Grant Workshop will be held on Monday, February 8. For more information and to apply for a grant, go to <http://goo.gl/LzrZ7d>. Questions or to RSVP for the workshop should be directed to Chris Kalter at [ckalter@stlouisco.com](mailto:ckalter@stlouisco.com) or by phone at (314) 615-8933.

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### Route 66 Grants

The National Park Service, Route 66 Corridor Preservation Program, is dedicated to preserving the diverse history of U.S. Highway 66. The program provides financial assistance in the form of competitive, cost-share grants for building, structures, road segments, and cultural landscapes along the length of the Route 66 corridor covering Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California. Cost-share grants are also available for planning, research, and education initiatives related to the preservation of Route 66. For application instructions and additional information, go to <http://ncptt.nps.gov/rt66>.

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## Placemaking Projects

Artplace America has announced that it is accepting applications for its National Creative Placemaking Fund. Grants of up to \$500,000 will be awarded for projects that work with artists and arts organizations to help build stronger, healthier communities anywhere in the United States. Eligible projects must focus on a neighborhood (or other geographic community) challenge related to that community in the areas of agriculture/food, economic development, education/youth, environment/energy, health, housing, immigration, public safety, transportation, or workforce development. Projects also must use artists, arts organizations, and/or arts activities to help address that challenge. Webinars for prospective applicants will be held on January 22, February 2, and February 3. Applicants must register on the Artplace America website no later than February 16. Full applications must be submitted by March 2. The program is open to all individuals and organizations. For more information, including online registration for a webinar, descriptions of funded projects, an FAQ, and complete application instructions, go to <http://goo.gl/0pZLZY>

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## Youth Baseball and Softball Programs

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) awards grants to nonprofit organizations involved in the operation of youth baseball and softball programs and facilities. The funds may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. Grants are intended to provide funding for incremental programming and facilities for youth baseball and softball programs, not for normal operating expenses or as a substitute for existing funding or fundraising activities. BTF does not specify a maximum grant award; however, the average grant amount is approximately \$40,000. BTF is a joint initiative of Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association. Go to <http://goo.gl/xTWmQ3> for more information.

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## Quotes...

*"The manager's job is to help police and policy makers convene community conversations. In the end, if people don't trust the police, they also don't trust local government or elected officials. That means we're in it together."*

ICMA President and City Manager Patricia Martel (Daly City, CA), speaking at the Strategy Summit on Future Local Government, Police, and Community Relations.

Source: Leadership Matters, January 19, 2016

Read the article at <http://goo.gl/Gc7jOh>.

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*"I'll bring change and hope or whatever by picking my voters and redrawing district maps to ensure I always get re-elected."*

Virginia Del. Jerry Mandering, a fictional politician in a satirical campaign ad created to raise awareness about gerrymandering, the practice of manipulating redistricting to benefit one party or class.

Source: *The Washington Post & Governing*, January 20, 2016

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## Announcements...

### RFP for Property Management for the City of Columbia, Illinois

The City of Columbia, Illinois, is seeking proposals from professional real estate firms and/or individuals for ongoing management of the City's Property Management functions. The City seeks to employ the requisite expertise to enhance ongoing use of its real estate assets for the highest benefit to the community. The successful proposal will enable the City to improve current facilities, better plan for future growth and more efficiently serve the community. Preliminary registration of interest with the Project Contact is required by Friday, January 29; the City will provide review of subject properties to registered parties during the week of February 1. Proposals are due by Friday, February 12, at 4:30 PM. View the full Request for Proposals at [www.columbiaillinois.com/DocumentCenter/View/7918](http://www.columbiaillinois.com/DocumentCenter/View/7918).

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### FOCUS St. Louis' Call for What's Right with the Region! Award Nominations

FOCUS St. Louis is accepting nominations for the 19th Annual What's Right with the Region! awards, designed to recognize individuals, organizations and initiatives that are making a difference in the St. Louis area. Awards will be presented to 20 honorees on May 12, at Sheldon Concert Hall. This year's categories are: Demonstrating Innovative Solutions; Fostering Regional Cooperation; Improving Racial Equality & Social Justice; Promoting Stronger Communities; and Responding to Community Needs & Entrepreneurs. Nominations may be made online at [www.focus-stl.org/WRWR](http://www.focus-stl.org/WRWR). The deadline is February 1.

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### 2016 Community Builders Network Award Reception & Call for Nominations

The Community Builders Network of Metro St. Louis (CBN) will hold its fourth annual awards reception on March 31, at T-REX. This awards reception aims to recognize leaders and organizations who display excellence in impacting community building and neighborhood revitalization in the region. Award categories range from the public sector to business to philanthropy to nonprofits and more. Rise Collaborative Grant award winners will also be recognized. The doors will open at 5:30 PM, and programming will begin at 5:45. You are invited to join in on this evening of networking, food, fun, celebration, and recognition of the hard work and dedication of community development practitioners in multiple sectors throughout the region. Admission is free. For more information and to get tickets for the event, go to <https://goo.gl/nq7ULK>. The Community Builders Network is accepting nominations for award recipients. To nominate a person or an organization making a difference in St. Louis, go to <http://goo.gl/16sKoN>.

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### USGBC-Missouri Gateway Chapter's Call for Growing Green Award Nominations

USGBC-Missouri Gateway Chapter is currently accepting nominations for the 8th Annual Growing Green Awards. These awards provide recognition to those people and organizations who are transforming our built environment and our community into a healthier, more environmentally friendly and prosperous place to live, work and learn. The nomination categories aim to be inclusive of new and existing buildings, landscapes, objects and systems and include: Community Champion; Education Leader; Emerging Leader; Community Innovator; Operational Excellence; and Restoration Champion. 2016 is the Chapter's 15th Anniversary, and we look forward to nominations of both seasoned and new applications to illustrate our community's ongoing commitment to creating green and healthy spaces for all. Nominations are due by 5 PM, Friday, January 22. Winners will be announced at the Awards Celebration on March 31. For

more information or to download the nomination package, visit: <http://www.usgbc-mogateway.org/calendar/green-awards>.

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## 2016 APA—St. Louis Metro Section Call for Award Nominations

Every year, the St. Louis Metro Section of the American Planning Association (SLMS-APA) issues a Call for Award Nominations requesting local, regional, state, and multi-jurisdictional governments, as well as non-profit entities, planning consultants and development groups to apply for the metropolitan area's only awards focused entirely on recognizing exceptional urban and regional planning. This year, applicants are encouraged to apply for any of four award categories: Outstanding Award for Plan Making; Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan Implementation; Outstanding Award for Best Planning Practice; and the Dwight F. Davis Award for Outstanding Planning Advocate. Details for award categories and the nomination form can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/zfkdaaf>. The deadline for submitting nominations is February 26. Section membership is not required to nominate or be nominated for an award. Awards winners will be announced and recognized at the SLMS-APA annual Spring Planning Workshop to be held on Tuesday, March 29, at the Commerce Bank Center for Science Education 4651 Shaw Boulevard, St. Louis. Questions may be directed to Mary Vandevord at (618) 566-4451 ext. 20, or by e-mail to [mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org](mailto:mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org).

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## Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals' 2016 Webinar Schedule

Great Rivers Greenway and the Transportation Engineering Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (TEAM StL) invite you to the 2016 monthly webinar series from the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals. The 2016 monthly webinars are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 2 PM at the Great Rivers Greenway office (6178 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63112). These webinars are a great way to bring stakeholders, colleagues and clients together to explore bicycle and pedestrian issues and build support for active transportation. The webinars offer training credits that may meet your professional accreditation requirements. There is no charge to attend these webinars. The 2016 schedule of topics is below. Please RSVP to Elizabeth at [esimons@grgstl.org](mailto:esimons@grgstl.org) if you plan to attend any of the webinars. January 20: All About Guidance #2 – Using Guidance Effectively; February 17: Planning for Facility Maintenance and Management Costs; March 16 • Understanding the Funding Process; April 20: Shared and Separated Off-street Paths; May 18: Aspects of Equity; June 15 - Economic Impacts of Street Design Decisions; July 20: Performance Measures to Evaluate New and Established Practices; August 17: Street Design and Planning in Suburban Contexts; September 21: Pedestrians and Bicyclists in a Suburban Context; October 19: Intersections that Work for Pedestrians and Cyclists; November 16: Transitions between Bikeway Facilities; and December 14: Tips to Demystify Traffic Analysis.

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## Call for Public Comment – Transportation Alternatives Program Amendments

East-West Gateway seeks comment on proposed amendments to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendments include projects funded through the Transportation Alternatives Program. Details regarding these proposed amendments are available at [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org). Comments may be made through the website; e-mailed to: [tip@ewgateway.org](mailto:tip@ewgateway.org); or mailed to: East-West Gateway Council of Governments ATTN: TIP, One South Memorial Drive, Suite 1600, St. Louis, MO 63102. The deadline for public comment is Friday, January 22. Comments must be received or postmarked by that date.

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## Registration Open for UMSL's Chancellor's Certificate Program, Fundamentals of Economic Development

Economic Development is key to regional success. This Chancellor's Certificate program, Fundamentals of Economic Development, covers economic and community development concepts and tools to attract, assess, and support development and redevelopment opportunities in our communities. Course modules,

held in the heart of the Cortex Innovation Community, will lead participants through the steps necessary to develop and implement economic development plans and projects.

This program is designed for:

- Public sector economic development commissioners and staff
- Special taxing district commissioners and staff
- Elected officials
- Community Development Corporation board members and staff
- Private sector specialists
- Citizens and students interested in economic/ community development

Classes will be held on Thursdays, January 21 through March 24, from 6-9 PM at CIC@CET, 20 S. Sarah St., St. Louis, MO 63108 (except Module 8).

For more information on this program and to register to attend all eight modules and any individual module, go to <http://goo.gl/fmPBOQ>.

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### **Call for Project Applications: Surface Transportation Program – Suballocated (STP-S), and Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Projects**

#### **Applications due March 3**

For Illinois and Missouri municipalities interested in applying for federal funds for local transportation projects, East-West Gateway Council of Governments is announcing that is accepting applications for Surface Transportation Program-Suballocated (STP-S) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) projects.

STP-S funds can be used for projects such as: pavement preservation; highway expansion; congestion mitigation; safety; environmental mitigation; transit; and pedestrian facilities. Projects on roads functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors are not eligible for these funds. Bridges on any functionally classified road are eligible for STP-S funds; however, bridges on roads functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors may be replaced with only minimal connecting road work eligible for federal funds.

CMAQ funds are intended to fund transportation programs or projects that will contribute to attainment or maintenance of the national air quality standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, and particulate matter. Eligible activities include traffic flow improvement; demand management; shared ride services; bicycle/pedestrian facilities; transit vehicles/facilities; and operating assistance for new transit service. Maintenance projects such as road resurfacing/reconstruction and projects that add new capacity for single occupant vehicles are not eligible.

Application forms and additional information are posted at [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org). Application deadline is 4 PM, March 3.

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### **Call for Presentations for Mo. Floodplain and Stormwater Conference**

The Board of Directors of MfSMA (Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association) has announced that its 2016 Conference will be April 13-15, at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center, Osage Beach. This year's theme is "The Three R's: Risk, Recovery and Resilience." The association has issued a Call for Presentations for the conference. The abstract submittal deadline has been extended to January 29. The target audience for the conference includes: : Federal, state, or local community officials with regulatory responsibility for floodplains and stormwater management, building codes and community planning, design professionals, GIS, engineering professionals, land surveyors, insurance professionals, mortgage lenders, and realtors involved in flood insurance issues. Go to <http://www.mfsma.org/annual-conference.html> for information on how to submit an abstract and sponsorship and exhibitor information.

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## Conferences and Events...

### January 21: Social Media 101 Program

Program Description: Social media is now considered a basic necessity for effectively communicating an organization's mission, needs, and efforts. Come to this class to get a basic landscape on today's key social media tools and learn tips on how to leverage these tools to meet your organization's goals. The class will cover pointers on how to get started or just review what you have to maximize your efforts. This class will also cover how to maximize #GiveSTL Day coming up in May 2016. The class will be held from 1 - 4 PM, January 21, at # 92 J.C. Penney Conference Center on the UM-St. Louis North Campus. The fee is \$25. Go to <http://goo.gl/gQre0l> for more information. This class is offered by the UMSL Nonprofit Management & Leadership Program in partnership with the St. Louis Community Foundation.

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### January 21: Enabling the Water Resources Utility of the Future

#### A New Look at Wastewater

The landscape that has traditionally driven wastewater utilities is changing rapidly. Today's utility managers are no longer just concentrating on treating and discharging wastewater. They are now looking for ways to optimize their efficiency, recover valuable resources, and contribute to the overall health of watersheds. This path forward is reflected in the Water Resources Utility of the Future Blueprint, first issued in 2013. Join NACWA, WEF, and U.S. EPA in the first of a series of webinars focused on innovative ways in which utilities are becoming their own Utility of the Future through resource recovery. Future webinars will cover other leading topics like building public support and workforce development. The webinar will be held January 21, from 2 – 3:30 PM CT. Register to attend at <https://goo.gl/NyEkIR>.

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### January 27: Economic Growth & Racial Equity: How Can St. Louis Compete in the Global Economy?

#### A discussion about *Where We Stand: The Strategic Assessment of the St. Louis Region*

On January 27, panelists will explore the complex interaction of workforce development, regional competitiveness, and racial equity in the St. Louis region with a focus on two questions: 1) Does the region have the human capital it needs to compete in the world economy? 2) How can the region ensure that opportunities in the new economy are shared by all? Two recent publications will be used to provide context for the discussion: *Where We Stand: The Strategic Assessment of the St. Louis Region* will show how St. Louis compares to other regions and Ruth Sergenian will discuss her recent essay from the latest edition of *St. Louis Currents* on the St. Louis economy after the Great Recession. Join in on this free event on Wednesday, January 27, from 6:30-8 PM at the St. Louis Public Library - Central Library Auditorium (1301 Olive Street, St. Louis). Check out the Where We Stand report before the event online at [www.ewgateway.org/wws](http://www.ewgateway.org/wws). Brought to you by East-West Gateway Council of Governments, FOCUS-St. Louis, UMSL School for Public Policy and Administration, and the St. Louis Public Library.

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### January 27: Urban Environments: Conservation Practices in Developed Areas – Webinar

Participants will be provided with an overview of the challenges, opportunities and special considerations when implementing conservation practices in highly developed areas. This webinar will delve into a few of the unique aspects to consider when applying conservation practices in highly developed urban environments. Options are readily available for the traditional application of conservation practices on rural lands and in growing communities; however, these practices do not always translate well in a complex, highly developed and evolving urban environment. Some of these challenges will be discussed, along with opportunities and unique considerations to adapt/modify conservation practices to improve the sustainability of our cities. This webinar will be presented January 27, from noon to 1 PM CT. Pre-registration is not required. Attend the webinar at <http://goo.gl/g3TwUP>.

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## January 28: Municipal Officials Training Academy Webinar/Seminar on Police Matters

The Municipal Officials Training Academy is offering a webinar with an in-person attendance option concerning police matters on January 28, from noon - 1:15 PM. This seminar, for municipal officials and employees, will cover the ways policing present unique issues for local government, the distinction between public and police records regarding Sunshine Law, and discussion of recent emerging issues pertaining to policing, and practical recommendations and tips for policing. This seminar is designed for City Administrators/Managers, Elected Officials, Police Chiefs and Staff, and Municipal Attorneys. Attendees will be provided a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and various other legal resources. The seminar is \$10 per person per seminar or a city may purchase the Tuition Option which grants the entire City access to all 2016 seminars. The cost of the Tuition Option is based on city population and currently ranges between \$100-300. To register to view the seminar online, go to <https://goo.gl/akk0oP>. To register for in-person attendance (limited to 30 persons) at Frontenac City Hall, 10555 Clayton Road, e-mail Steve Ables at [staff@sltmuni.org](mailto:staff@sltmuni.org). Whether registering online or in person, payment for attendance should be submitted to Steve Ables at 1034 S. Brentwood Blvd., Suite 410, Richmond Heights, MO 63117. Contact Steve for any questions concerning payment or registration. For content and certification questions, contact Erin Seele, Academy Director/Moderator, at [erin@municipalfirm.com](mailto:erin@municipalfirm.com).

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## February 4: Does Transportation Impact the Livability of Our Community? CMT Seminar

Don't miss this upcoming morning. You will have the opportunity to hear from AARP's Jana Lynott, senior strategic policy advisor from Washington D. C. on the release of the Livability Index Tool at this seminar on livability and transportation choice in the St. Louis region. Where does St. Louis score with regards to 'livability' for our residents? The Livability Index is a signature initiative of the AARP Public Policy Institute to measure the quality of life in American communities across multiple dimensions: housing, transportation, neighborhood characteristics, environment, health, opportunity, and civic and social engagement. The AARP Livability Index can help regional stakeholders better understand their communities and make decisions about future needs. This half-day seminar will provide an introduction to the new tool, and then a response from St. Louis business leaders and others with regards to the economic impact of transit and transportation choice on this community. This will be an opportunity to hear where St. Louis stands and what the opportunities are moving forward. The seminar will be held February 4, from 8 – 11:30 PM at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 610 North 7th Street St. Louis. Go to <https://goo.gl/5N0Czq> for more information and to register to attend.

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## February 5: Erosion, Sediment and Stormwater Control Seminar

You are invited to attend this free Erosion, Sediment and Stormwater Control seminar to be held February 5, from 8:30 AM - noon. This field day will be held at the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Morris University Center, Edwardsville, Ill. Parking is free in Lot B (<http://www.siu.edu/maps>). Topics: Green Solutions for Collection & Conveyance of Storm Water; A Kansas City Case Study; Permeable Paving Systems for Sustainable Storm Water Quality; and Post Construction BMP's - View from the Field. This event earns you 3 PDH's for Professional Engineers and 3 PDU's for CPESC's and CESSWI's. Make your reservations online at <http://goo.gl/forms/2IH4xOI2T0>.

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## What's in the News...

### In national news...

#### Proposed Blight Solution: Shift Subsidies from Rent to Ownership

Pittsburgh mayor Bill Peduto thinks Section 8 housing subsidies could get two birds with one stone: help low-income households find affordable housing and reduce blight.

Chris Potter reports on a new proposal by Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto to use Section 8 funds to subsidize home ownership. The "Bridges Beyond Blight" program would take "the anticipated value of 30 years' worth of one household's vouchers to purchase and renovate a home." Normally the money provided by those vouchers would help subsidize rental housing for low-income households.

Under the Bridges Beyond Blight program, "[p]ublic housing officials would select the homes and finance the work, then set up buyers with a mortgage whose payments would also be set at 30 percent of their income," according to Potter. Mayor Peduto hopes that redirecting that funding from rental subsidies to ownership subsidies would achieve an extra goal beyond helping low-income households find affordable housing—it would also reduce blight by getting people into vacant homes.

The article includes more information about the political support the policy might find, both from local organizations and the federal government.

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/7ga0vM>.

Source: *Planetizen Newswire*, January 14, 2016

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## Online Resources...

### New Safe Routes to Parks Fact Sheet Available Online

To assist communities in making it easier to access physical activity, the Safe Routes to School National Partnership and the American Planning Association developed a Safe Routes to Park plan. This new fact sheet highlights the three components of the new plan: the park, park access, and infrastructure. Safe Routes to Parks fact sheet is online at <http://goo.gl/BqFoiK>.

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## Jobs...

**Finance Director**, City of Ladue, [www.cityofladue-mo.gov](http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov)

**Community Engagement Coordinator II**, East-West Gateway Council of Governments, starting from \$38,592: <http://goo.gl/NIYdCc>

**Customer Service Rep.**, Duckett Creek Sanitary Dist., \$28,644 to \$41,219 DOQ: [www.duckettcreek.com](http://www.duckettcreek.com)

**Water Plant Operator**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$18.39-\$19.32/hr., DOQ/E: [www.ofallon.mo.us/hr](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/hr)

**P.T. Custodian**, City of Crestwood, \$9.72/hr. starting: <http://goo.gl/zzj0tH>

**P.T. Rec. Clerk II**, City of Crestwood, \$11.91/hr. starting: <http://goo.gl/zzj0tH>

**P.T. Code Compliance Inspector**, City of Ladue, \$20 - \$25/hr. DOQ: [www.cityofladue-mo.gov](http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov)

**Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Maryland Heights, \$37,784-\$40,868/yr. starting DOQ: [www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69](http://www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69)

**Public Works Student Interns**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., \$13.68/hr.: [www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/human-resources)

**P.T. Secretary**, City of Wentzville, \$13.09/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**GIS Analyst/CAD Technician**, City of Chesterfield, \$22.58/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**Fiscal & Grant Manager**, Workforce Dev. County of St. Charles, starting \$48,064 - 59,623/yr.: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**P.T. Dispatch Officer**, City of Wentzville, \$17.42/hr.: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**P.T. Front Desk Attendant**, City of Wentzville, \$8.42/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**P.T. Water Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Fire Chief**, City of Kirkwood, starting \$115,000 +/-: [www.govhrusa.com/current-positions/recruitment](http://www.govhrusa.com/current-positions/recruitment)

**Construction Inspector**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., starting range: \$46,592 - \$50,190: [www.ofallon.mo.us/hr](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/hr)

**Administrative Specialist**, City of Clayton, starting: \$36,000 - \$39,000; full: \$33,975 - \$46,885: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Finance Clerk**, City of Brentwood, \$43,991 - \$60,895: [www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx)

**City Administrator**, City of Wentzville, starting range: \$110,219-140,529: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**City Engineer**, City of Collinsville, range begins at \$90,000: [www.collinsvilleil.org/Departments/jobposting](http://www.collinsvilleil.org/Departments/jobposting)

**Police Officer**, City of Town and Country, starting salary for NON-POST: \$43,680; salary range for POST certified: \$56,654 to \$78,182: [www.town-and-country.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.town-and-country.org/jobs.aspx)

**Asst. City Engineer**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., starting range \$69,181 - \$84,282: [www.ofallon.mo.us/hr](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/hr)

**Mechanic/Maintenance Worker**, City of Creve Coeur, \$36,344 - \$52,284: [www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx)

**Water Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39 starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Grants Administrator**, DOORWAYS: <http://goo.gl/ryMEsU>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Fenton: [www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874](http://www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874)

**Building Inspector**, City of Maryland Heights, starting range \$55,930-\$60,493: [www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69](http://www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69)

**Police Officers (2)**, City of Edmundson, \$16.04/hr. starting: e-mail [cityclerkphelps@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cityclerkphelps@sbcglobal.net) to request job posting

**Forestry Intern**, City of Chesterfield, \$12/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**P.T. Neighborhood Trainer**, SLACO, \$13 - \$14/hr.: [www.slaco-mo.org/jobs.html](http://www.slaco-mo.org/jobs.html)

**Permit Coordinator/Administrative Assistant**, City of Fenton: <http://fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874>

**P.T. Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Manchester, <http://goo.gl/MjaPKr>

**Construction Worker**, City of Chesterfield, \$17.26 starting: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

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## Grants...

### Youth Baseball and Softball Programs

The Baseball Tomorrow Fund (BTF) awards grants to nonprofit organizations involved in the operation of youth baseball and softball programs and facilities. The funds may be used to finance a new program, expand or improve an existing program, undertake a new collaborative effort, or obtain facilities or equipment necessary for youth baseball or softball programs. Grants are intended to provide funding for incremental programming and facilities for youth baseball and softball programs, not for normal operating expenses or as a substitute for existing funding or fundraising activities. BTF does not specify a maximum grant award; however, the average grant amount is approximately \$40,000. BTF is a joint initiative of Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association. Go to <http://goo.gl/xTWmQ3> for more information.

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### Social and Environmental Justice Projects

The Ben & Jerry's Foundation offers one-year grants of up to \$20,000 grants to nonprofit, grassroots community-organizing groups located in the U.S. to further social and environmental justice and support sustainable and just-food systems. Grants can be used to support either programming or operational costs. The foundation will only consider proposals from grassroots, constituent-led organizations with annual budgets under \$500,000 that are using direct action, grassroots, and community-organizing strategies to accomplish their goals. Pre-proposals must be received no later than April 15. Upon review, select applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal by July 15. Learn more at <http://goo.gl/LSrwlq>.

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### NEA Challenge America for the Arts

The National Endowment for the Arts' Challenge America grants program offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Age alone (e.g., youth, seniors) does not qualify a group as underserved; at least one of the underserved characteristics noted above also must be present. Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development. NEA will award grants of \$10,000 to professional projects that have a \$10,000 match from an outside funder. Applicants are encouraged to consider partnerships among organizations, both in and outside the arts. Learn more at <https://goo.gl/OineNH>.

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## Quotes...

*"...I was looking for a bodega to pick up some beer. I couldn't find one, and stopped a man to ask. Nothing was open, he said. But sensing my dilemma, he reached into his grocery bag and produced a can. Before I could pay, he had handed it over, waved me off and said, 'Welcome to Houston.'"*

Scott Beyer, a *Governing* columnist, suggesting that the personality of a city's residents may play a part in its economic success

Source: *Governing*, January 2016

You can read Scott's post at <http://goo.gl/LO1hxD>.

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## Announcements...

### Map of the Month: Employment Density of the St. Louis Metropolitan Area

The East-West Gateway Map of the Month for January shows employment density, identifying locations with large concentrations of jobs relative to the rest of the St. Louis region. To measure density levels, the region was divided into approximately 18,000 equally-sized squares that collectively form a grid. Each square was assigned a color based on its total employment value, then placed on scale ranging low to high — with light yellow representing low density, dark blue as high density, and grey areas showing where data were not available. In general, the data suggest there are at least two types of high density areas: (1) areas with high concentrations of employment often clustered and predominately located along major ground transportation routes including I-70, I-64, I-270 and I-44; (2) pockets of high employment levels, also located near major roads and highways, but are distinctly separated from other dense areas. You can view this map by clicking on the Map of the Month icon at [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org).

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### 2016 APA—St. Louis Metro Section Call for Award Nominations

Every year, the St. Louis Metro Section of the American Planning Association (SLMS-APA) issues a Call for Award Nominations requesting local, regional, state, and multi-jurisdictional governments, as well as non-profit entities, planning consultants and development groups to apply for the metropolitan area's only awards focused entirely on recognizing exceptional urban and regional planning. This year, applicants are encouraged to apply for any of four award categories: Outstanding Award for Plan Making; Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan Implementation; Outstanding Award for Best Planning Practice; and the Dwight F. Davis Award for Outstanding Planning Advocate. Details for award categories and the nomination form can be found at [www.mo-apa.org/SLMS-awards](http://www.mo-apa.org/SLMS-awards). The deadline for submitting nominations is February 26. Section membership is not required to nominate or be nominated for an award. Awards winners will be announced and recognized at the SLMS-APA annual Spring Planning Workshop to be held on Tuesday, March 29, at the Commerce Bank Center for Science Education 4651 Shaw Boulevard, St. Louis. Questions may be directed to Mary Vandevord at (618) 566-4451 ext. 20, or by e-mail to [mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org](mailto:mary.vandevord@heartlandsconservancy.org).

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### Municipal Officials Training Academy 2016 – Tentative Schedule & Tuition Information

2016 marks commencement of the 4th year of the Municipal Officials Training Academy and continued growth and participation statewide. The Academy's sponsors and organizers are the St. Louis County Municipal League and Cunningham, Vogel & Rost, P.C. The goal of the Academy is to provide very low-cost or free training on directly useful topics. Participants gain not only information on the topic but also practical recommendations, model policies or best practices that participants are able to implement in their municipalities. The Academy is unique in providing educational opportunities in-person and by web, absent of marketing, and made available only to public sector employees and authorized representatives. The Academy offers an "all-official, all-employee" single tuition rate for 2016 to allow all officials and employees of a municipality (subject to any program limits) to attend all of the seminars for an entire Academy year for a single payment as follows: cities with 25 or less employees - \$100 single payment for the year; cities between 26 and 100 employees - \$200; and cities with more than 100 employees - \$300. A \$10 per session/person rate is also available. Contact Steve Ables at [staff@stlmuni.org](mailto:staff@stlmuni.org) by February 14 to sign up for the 2016 tuition rate. The tentative Academy seminar dates and topics are: January 28 – Police; February 25 – Ethics; March 24 – Economic Development; April 28 – Roberts' Rules; May 26 – Condemnation/Takings; June 23 – Legislative Review; August 25 – Management & Employment; September 22 – Board of Adjustment; October 27 – Planning and Zoning (tent.); and November 24 – Elections. For complete information regarding the Academy, go to <http://goo.gl/ICxhT>.

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### Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals' 2016 Webinar Schedule

Great Rivers Greenway and the Transportation Engineering Association of Metropolitan St. Louis (TEAM StL) invite you to the 2016 monthly webinar series from the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals. The 2016 monthly webinars are held on the third Wednesday of each month at 2 PM at the Great Rivers Greenway office (6178 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63112). These webinars are a great way to bring stakeholders, colleagues and clients together to explore bicycle and pedestrian issues and build support for active transportation. The webinars offer training credits that may meet your professional accreditation requirements. There is no charge to attend these webinars. The 2016 schedule of topics is below. Please RSVP to Elizabeth at [esimons@grgstl.org](mailto:esimons@grgstl.org) if you plan to attend any of the webinars. January 20: All About Guidance #2 – Using Guidance Effectively; February 17: Planning for Facility Maintenance and Management Costs; March 16 • Understanding the Funding Process; April 20: Shared and Separated Off-street Paths; May 18: Aspects of Equity; June 15 - Economic Impacts of Street Design Decisions; July 20: Performance Measures to Evaluate New and Established Practices; August 17: Street Design and Planning in Suburban Contexts; September 21: Pedestrians and Bicyclists in a Suburban Context; October 19: Intersections that Work for Pedestrians and Cyclists; November 16: Transitions between Bikeway Facilities; and December 14: Tips to Demystify Traffic Analysis.

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### Call for Public Comment – Transportation Alternatives Program Amendments

East-West Gateway seeks comment on proposed amendments to the FY 2016-2019 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The amendments include projects funded through the Transportation Alternatives Program. Details regarding these proposed amendments are available at [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org). Comments may be made through the website; e-mailed to: [tip@ewgateway.org](mailto:tip@ewgateway.org); or mailed to: East-West Gateway Council of Governments ATTN: TIP, One South Memorial Drive, Suite 1600, St. Louis, MO 63102. The deadline for public comment is Friday, January 22. Comments must be received or postmarked by that date.

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### Registration Open for UMSL’s Chancellor's Certificate Program, Fundamentals of Economic Development

Economic Development is key to regional success. This Chancellor's Certificate program, Fundamentals of Economic Development, covers economic and community development concepts and tools to attract, assess, and support development and redevelopment opportunities in our communities. Course modules, held in the heart of the Cortex Innovation Community, will lead participants through the steps necessary to develop and implement economic development plans and projects.

This program is designed for:

- Public sector economic development commissioners and staff
- Special taxing district commissioners and staff
- Elected officials
- Community Development Corporation board members and staff
- Private sector specialists
- Citizens and students interested in economic/ community development

Classes will be held on Thursdays, January 21 to March 24, from 6-9 PM at CIC@CET, 20 S. Sarah St., St. Louis, MO 63108 (except Module 8).

For more information on this program and to register to attend all eight modules and any individual module, go to <http://goo.gl/fmPBOQ>.

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## Call for Project Applications: Surface Transportation Program – Suballocated (STP-S), and Congestion Management and Air Quality Improvement (CMAQ) Projects

**Applications due March 3. Project Development Workshops for Illinois sponsors Jan. is 14.**

For Illinois and Missouri municipalities interested in applying for federal funds for local transportation projects, East-West Gateway Council of Governments is announcing that is accepting applications for Surface Transportation Program-Suballocated (STP-S) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) projects.

STP-S funds can be used for projects such as: pavement preservation; highway expansion; congestion mitigation; safety; environmental mitigation; transit; and pedestrian facilities. Projects on roads functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors are not eligible for these funds. Bridges on any functionally classified road are eligible for STP-S funds; however, bridges on roads functionally classified as local or rural minor collectors may be replaced with only minimal connecting road work eligible for federal funds.

CMAQ funds are intended to fund transportation programs or projects that will contribute to attainment or maintenance of the national air quality standards for ozone, carbon monoxide, and particulate matter. Eligible activities include traffic flow improvement; demand management; shared ride services; bicycle/pedestrian facilities; transit vehicles/facilities; and operating assistance for new transit service. Maintenance projects such as road resurfacing/reconstruction and projects that add new capacity for single occupant vehicles are not eligible.

Application forms and additional information are posted on [www.ewgateway.org](http://www.ewgateway.org). Application deadline is 4 PM, March 3.

**Project Development Workshop** for Illinois sponsors will be held Thursday, January 14. A workshop for Missouri sponsors was held January 6. The workshop will include more detailed information regarding the programs such as project eligibility as well as how to complete and submit project applications. Workshop registration is available at: [www.ewgateway.org/TIPWorkshops/tip-pdw-il.htm](http://www.ewgateway.org/TIPWorkshops/tip-pdw-il.htm).

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## Call for Presentations for Mo. Floodplain and Stormwater Conference

The Board of Directors of MfSMA (Missouri Floodplain and Stormwater Managers Association) has announced that its 2016 Conference will be April 13-15, at Tan-Tar-A Conference Center, Osage Beach. This year's theme is "The Three R's: Risk, Recovery and Resilience." The association has issued a Call for Presentations for the conference. The abstract submittal deadline is January 15. The target audience for the conference includes: : Federal, state, or local community officials with regulatory responsibility for floodplains and stormwater management, building codes and community planning, design professionals, GIS, engineering professionals, land surveyors, insurance professionals, mortgage lenders, and realtors involved in flood insurance issues. Go to <http://www.mfsma.org/annual-conference.html> for information on how to submit an abstract and sponsorship and exhibitor information.

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## Conferences and Events...

### January 21: Social Media 101 Program

Program Description: Social media is now considered a basic necessity for effectively communicating an organization's mission, needs, and efforts. Come to this class to get a basic landscape on today's key social media tools and learn tips on how to leverage these tools to meet your organization's goals. The class will cover pointers on how to get started or just review what you have to maximize your efforts. This class will also cover how to maximize #GiveSTL Day coming up in May 2016. The class will be held from 1 - 4 PM, January 21, at # 92 J.C. Penney Conference Center on the UM-St. Louis North Campus. The



fee is \$25. Go to <http://goo.gl/gQre0l> for more information. This class is offered by the UMSL Nonprofit Management & Leadership Program in partnership with the St. Louis Community Foundation.

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## January 21: Enabling the Water Resources Utility of the Future

### A New Look at Wastewater

The landscape that has traditionally driven wastewater utilities is changing rapidly. Today's utility managers are no longer just concentrating on treating and discharging wastewater. They are now looking for ways to optimize their efficiency, recover valuable resources, and contribute to the overall health of watersheds. This path forward is reflected in the Water Resources Utility of the Future Blueprint, first issued in 2013. Join NACWA, WEF, and U.S. EPA in the first of a series of webinars focused on innovative ways in which utilities are becoming their own Utility of the Future through resource recovery. Future webinars will cover other leading topics like building public support and workforce development. The webinar will be held January 21, from 2 – 3:30 PM CT. Register to attend at <https://goo.gl/NyEkIR>.

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## January 27: Economic Growth & Racial Equity: How Can St. Louis Compete in the Global Economy?

### A discussion about *Where We Stand: The Strategic Assessment of the St. Louis Region*

On January 27, panelists will explore the complex interaction of workforce development, regional competitiveness, and racial equity in the St. Louis region with a focus on two questions: 1) Does the region have the human capital it needs to compete in the world economy? 2) How can the region ensure that opportunities in the new economy are shared by all? Two recent publications will be used to provide context for the discussion: *Where We Stand: The Strategic Assessment of the St. Louis Region* will show how St. Louis compares to other regions and Ruth Sergenian will discuss her recent essay from the latest edition of *St. Louis Currents* on the St. Louis economy after the Great Recession. Join in on this free event on Wednesday, January 27, from 6:30-8 PM at the St. Louis Public Library - Central Library Auditorium (1301 Olive Street, St. Louis). Check out the *Where We Stand* report before the event online at [www.ewgateway.org/wws](http://www.ewgateway.org/wws). Brought to you by East-West Gateway Council of Governments, FOCUS-St. Louis, UMSL School for Public Policy and Administration, and the St. Louis Public Library.

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## February 5: Erosion, Sediment and Stormwater Control Seminar

You are invited to attend this free Erosion, Sediment and Stormwater Control seminar to be held February 5, from 8:30 AM - noon. This field day will be held at the Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, Morris University Center, Edwardsville, Ill. Parking is free in Lot B (<http://www.siu.edu/maps>). Topics: Green Solutions for Collection & Conveyance of Storm Water; A Kansas City Case Study; Permeable Paving Systems for Sustainable Storm Water Quality; and Post Construction BMP's - View from the Field. This event earns you 3 PDH's for Professional Engineers and 3 PDU's for CPESC's and CESSWI's. Make your reservations online at <http://goo.gl/forms/2IH4xOI2T0>.

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## What's in the News...

### In regional news...

### Flooding Response - Potential Emergency Road Funds for Missouri Local Public Agencies

As the flood waters recede, the Federal Highway Administration's Emergency Relief (ER) process begins.

The Disaster Declaration recently signed by President Obama only covers Emergency Protective Measures and Debris Removal in 74 counties plus the City of St. Louis. The normal procedure for

obtaining a disaster declaration that includes Road and Bridge Systems is to gather damage estimates from across the state to determine which counties qualify for this type of Public Assistance. The Missouri State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) will be starting this process shortly. Missouri Governor Jay Nixon has requested a Federal Disaster Declaration which will identify which counties will be eligible for ER reimbursement.

Cities and Counties that need to proceed with emergency repairs must follow approved contracting and procurement procedures, in addition to documenting damages – this includes, but is not limited to, taking pictures of the damage, identifying the location of the damage, the extent of the damage, high level estimates (including labor & materials), etc. Local Public Agencies are eligible for ER funding if they sustained damages on any of their federal aid roads in excess of \$5,000 per site.

- There must be at least \$875,000 in damages on federal aid routes to implement the Emergency Relief (ER) Program
- Only Urban Minor Collectors, Major Collectors, or higher functional class roadways are eligible for federal reimbursement.
- If a federal aid road has been damaged, the ER process with FHWA will be coordinated through MoDOT's Central Office Maintenance Division.
- If a non-federal aid road has been damaged, the local agency will coordinate directly with their Local Emergency Management Office, which will coordinate with SEMA.
- SEMA funding is available for non-federal aid routes including Local Roadways and Rural Minor Collectors.
- Additional details may be found in the [FHWA Emergency Relief Manual](#).

The contact person for MoDOT's ER process is: Tim Jackson, Missouri Department of Transportation Central Office – Maintenance, 105 W. Capitol, P.O. Box 270, Jefferson City, MO 65102. Phone: (573) 526-1884; e-mail: [Timothy.Jackson@modot.mo.gov](mailto:Timothy.Jackson@modot.mo.gov).

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## In national news...

### Zoning Strategies for an Aging Country

#### Planners convene to discuss a model plan for the smart growth of an aging population.

A recent roundtable discussion was convened by the Urban Institute to discuss strategies for building communities that accommodate older adults' increasing demand for aging in place.

Local zoning codes often restrict the high-density, multi-use building plans that would benefit aging residents. Thus it is perhaps not surprising that age-friendly alternatives that have traditionally been developed are "expansive gated communities, built in spoke-and-wheel phases around a central clubhouse facility, and marketed to the 'active-adult' retirement set seeking to avoid interactions with family-based households," as described in a UC Berkeley Program on Housing and Urban Policy (<http://goo.gl/2KPpIU>).

Such retirement communities are outdated and unpractical for an aging, low-income populace. As John McGinty and Pamela Blumenthal point out, "while 90 percent of adults age 65 and up want to age in their own homes, more and more seniors live on fixed incomes, and housing can be a major financial burden." Retirement communities are not only expensive but also homogenous, exclusionary and resource-intensive.

Restrictive zoning regulations that promote the construction of low-density development disconnect older adults from their community and limit access to vital goods, services, and resources," writes Kourtney Liepelt for Home Health Care News.

The two-day meeting outlined several tenets of an ideal building code for age-friendly towns, including mixed-use properties with accessible grid-like streets connecting to public transportation and accessible retail.

Read the full story at <http://goo.gl/049nq6>.

Source: *Planetizen Newswire*, December 14, 2015

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## Connecticut To Open Prison For 18-25 Year Olds

Recognizing that the brain is not fully developed until the age of 25, Connecticut plans to convert one of its prisons to exclusively house and rehabilitate inmates between 18 and 25 years old. The dedicated prison would provide these younger inmates with special programs to reduce recidivism, as well as serve to protect younger inmates from potential abuse and manipulation by older prisoners. Officials note that the prison will be modeled after a similar one in Germany and that they are studying a behavior-modification curriculum that might be implemented in the new prison.

Read the story at <http://goo.gl/gS4Gek>.

Source: *Innovators Insights*, January 7, 2016

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## Jobs...

**P.T. Secretary**, City of Wentzville, \$13.09/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**GIS Analyst/CAD Technician**, City of Chesterfield, \$22.58/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**Fiscal & Grant Manager**, Workforce Dev. County of St. Charles, starting \$48,064 - 59,623/yr.: <http://hr.sccmo.org/hr>

**Dispatch Officer**, City of Wentzville, \$17.42/hr.: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Village Administrator**, Village of New Baden, Ill., up to \$75,000: <http://goo.gl/KkwkbW>

**P.T. Front Desk Attendant**, City of Wentzville, \$8.42/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**P.T. Water Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Fire Chief**, City of Kirkwood, starting \$115,000 +/-: [www.govhrusa.com/current-positions/recruitment](http://www.govhrusa.com/current-positions/recruitment)

**Construction Inspector**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., starting range: \$46,592 - \$50,190: [www.ofallon.mo.us/hr](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/hr)

**Administrative Specialist**, City of Clayton, starting: \$36,000 - \$39,000; full: \$33,975 - \$46,885: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Building Department Coordinator**, City of Ladue, \$39,000 to \$58,000: [www.cityofladue-mo.gov](http://www.cityofladue-mo.gov)

**Finance Clerk**, City of Brentwood, \$43,991 - \$60,895: [www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.brentwoodmo.org/jobs.aspx)

**City Administrator**, City of Wentzville, starting range: \$110,219-140,529: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**City Engineer**, City of Collinsville, range begins at \$90,000: [www.collinsvilleil.org/Departments/jobposting](http://www.collinsvilleil.org/Departments/jobposting)

**Police Officer**, City of Town and Country, starting salary for NON-POST: \$43,680; salary range for POST certified: \$56,654 to \$78,182: [www.town-and-country.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.town-and-country.org/jobs.aspx)

**Building Safety Inspector**, City of Wentzville, \$21.55 starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Aquatics Supervisor**, City of Clayton, starting range: \$46,401 – \$53,361: [www.claytonmo.gov/jobs](http://www.claytonmo.gov/jobs)

**Civil Engineer**, City of Wentzville, \$56,073 starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Engineering Technician**, City of Wentzville, \$21.55/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Project Manager**, City of Wentzville, \$23.86/hr. starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**Asst. City Engineer**, City of O'Fallon, Mo., starting range \$69,181 - \$84,282: [www.ofallon.mo.us/hr](http://www.ofallon.mo.us/hr)

**Mechanic/Maintenance Worker**, City of Creve Coeur, \$36,344 - \$52,284: [www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx](http://www.creve-coeur.org/jobs.aspx)

**Water Operator I**, City of Wentzville, \$14.39 starting: [www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx](http://www.wentzvillemo.org/job-listing.aspx)

**P.T. Building & Housing Clerk**, City of Shrewsbury, \$11.50: [www.cityofshrewsbury.com/jobs-shrewsbury.htm](http://www.cityofshrewsbury.com/jobs-shrewsbury.htm)

**Grants Administrator**, DOORWAYS: <http://goo.gl/ryMEsU>

**Chief Financial Officer**, DOORWAYS: <http://goo.gl/ryMEsU>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Crestwood, \$30,000 starting: <http://goo.gl/ktJ4lQ>

**Maintenance Worker I**, City of Fenton: [www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874](http://www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874)

**Building Inspector**, City of Maryland Heights, starting range \$55,930-\$60,493: [www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69](http://www.marylandheights.com/index.aspx?page=69)

**Police Officers (2)**, City of Edmundson, \$16.04/hr. starting: e-mail [cityclerkphelps@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cityclerkphelps@sbcglobal.net) to request job posting

**Forestry Intern**, City of Chesterfield, \$12/hr.: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**P.T. Neighborhood Trainer**, SLACO, \$13 - \$14/hr.: [www.slaco-mo.org/jobs.html](http://www.slaco-mo.org/jobs.html)

**Permit Coordinator/Administrative Assistant**, City of Fenton: <http://fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874>

**P.T. Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Manchester, <http://goo.gl/MjaPKr>

**Construction Worker**, City of Chesterfield, \$17.26 starting: [www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html](http://www.chesterfield.mo.us/careers.html)

**Code Enforcement Officer**, City of Fenton: [www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874](http://www.fentonmo.org/index.aspx?NID=874)

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## Grants...

### Social and Environmental Justice Projects

The Ben & Jerry's Foundation offers one-year grants of up to \$20,000 grants to nonprofit, grassroots community-organizing groups located in the U.S. to further social and environmental justice and support sustainable and just-food systems. Grants can be used to support either programming or operational costs. The foundation will only consider proposals from grassroots, constituent-led organizations with annual budgets under \$500,000 that are using direct action, grassroots, and community-organizing strategies to accomplish their goals. Pre-proposals must be received no later than April 15. Upon review, select applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal by July 15. Learn more at <http://goo.gl/LSrwlq>.

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### NEA Challenge America for the Arts

The National Endowment for the Arts' Challenge America grants program offers support primarily to small and mid-sized organizations for projects that extend the reach of the arts to underserved populations -- those whose opportunities to experience the arts are limited by geography, ethnicity, economics, or disability. Age alone (e.g., youth, seniors) does not qualify a group as underserved; at least one of the underserved characteristics noted above also must be present. Grants are available for professional arts programming and for projects that emphasize the potential of the arts in community development. NEA will award grants of \$10,000 to professional projects that have a \$10,000 match from an outside funder. Applicants are encouraged to consider partnerships among organizations, both in and outside the arts. Learn more at <https://goo.gl/0ineNH>.

## Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program

The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support. Projects include a variety of ecological improvements including: wetland, riparian, forest and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation; community tree canopy enhancement; and/or water quality monitoring and stormwater management; along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship. NFWF may use a mix of public and private funding sources to support any grant made through this program and priority will be given to projects that advance water quality goals in underserved communities. Go to [www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/2016RFP.aspx](http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/2016RFP.aspx) for more information.

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## USDA Announces New Round of REAP Funding

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced \$50 million of funding under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) to assist agricultural producers and small business owners in applying for resources to purchase and install renewable energy systems or make energy efficiency improvements. Eligible renewable energy systems include wind, solar, renewable biomass (including anaerobic digesters), small hydro-electric, ocean, geothermal, or hydrogen derived from these renewable resources. Eligible entities are agricultural producers and rural small businesses. Learn more at [www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-06/pdf/2015-25321.pdf](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2015-10-06/pdf/2015-25321.pdf).

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## Quotes...

*"When we have our governors-only meetings at the NGA [National Governors Association], it's almost impossible -- not quite -- but almost impossible to tell who's a Democrat and who's a Republican."*

Delaware Gov. Jack Markell, who previously served as chair of the National Governors Association.

Source: *Governing*, January 1, 2016

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