Greetings from Smart Growth America, and welcome to 2006! This report covers the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2005, but I can’t help but reflect on the entirety of 2005. It now seems in retrospect that much of the work we did in the year prior was to prepare us for the world we found after Hurricane Katrina and other upheavals of 2005.

The disaster in the Gulf Coast region thrust many of our issues front and center and called upon members of our coalition and our own staff to lend considerable expertise and resources toward planning of the rebuilding and the legislative response in Congress. Through Katrina, our nation saw powerful illustrations of the urgent need to plan with nature, rather than against her; to build cities and towns that are safe, equitable and free of heavy concentrations of poverty; and to build redundant and complete transportation systems. The rise in fuel prices throughout 2005 and the heightened concern over future oil supplies also brought new urgency to our task, as we work to help communities design a future that allows families to become less dependent on long commutes and a life spent in the car.

It remains to be seen whether the new federal transportation law will help in that effort. The last year also saw the passage – finally! – of the national transportation bill, which had been a major focus of SGA’s work on Capitol Hill. SGA’s coalition and allies succeeded in preserving most of the progressive policy features of previous bills, while winning provisions for mitigating stormwater impact and more flexible use of some of the funds. Unfortunately, the bill was larded to a shocking degree with ear-marks for congress members’ “bridges to nowhere” and other pet projects. (Read on to learn more about our Hill work.)

This report also documents a busy year for SGA as an organization. Our national coalition merged with our longtime ally, the association of state and local organizations known as the Growth Management Leadership Alliance. We worked in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and others to launch the Governors’ Institute on Community Design, to be led by three former governors. We produced a guidebook designed to help citizens get the most of out development in their neighborhoods, towns and regions, called Choosing Our Community’s Future, and co-authored a groundbreaking report on the effect of sprawling development on wildlife habitat. The Vacant Properties Campaign, housed at SGA, also hit its stride, providing technical assistance to several communities, and producing reports and forums on the issue that catalyzed action in several states.

As we celebrated our fifth anniversary in October, we could only look back and marvel at how far we, and the issues we champion, have come over that period of time. Today, most communities across the country are having active debates about how they ought to grow, and the majority of those are working to adopt plans and policies that fit comfortably within the principles of smart growth. With new regulatory flexibility spreading, creative urban projects are being built all over the country, and concepts such as mixed use, mixed housing types and streetcars are popping seemingly everywhere.

Of course, the battle is far from over. Progress has been threatened in some of our leading states, from Oregon to Maryland, and we see other challenges ahead. With your support, however, we’ll continue making great strides.

All the best,

Don Chen, Executive Director
Since SGA was founded in 2000, we have worked closely with the Growth Management Leadership Alliance, a long-established network of state and local growth management advocacy organizations. Our focus on federal and national issues complemented their support for state and local action, but as time went on it became clear that our missions were growing closer together.

As both organizations contemplated new strategic plans, it became clear that a merger would produce great benefits. SGA would receive an infusion of energy from the frontlines of the smart growth movement, GMLA members would be able to call on a larger staff to support their work, and the organizations would consolidate duplicative administrative and development operations.

When GMLA and SGA officially merged on July 1, 2005, GMLA became the State and Local Policy Program of Smart Growth America, under the leadership of former GMLA executive director Elizabeth Schilling. The core activities of the GMLA, including its semi-annual networking meetings for members, will continue under the auspices of SGA. In addition, the new program will be able to focus more on the key issues that touch many states — such as the use of eminent domain in redevelopment or anti-planning efforts under the banner of “property rights” — and will further strengthen the relationships and communications among smart growth allies.

### New Publications from Smart Growth America

#### Choosing Our Community’s Future

In July of 2005, SGA released Choosing Our Communities’ Future: A Citizens’ Guidebook to Getting the Most out of New Development. The guide is a primer for homeowners or renters who would like to have a positive influence changes to their neighborhoods, towns or metro regions. While getting them quickly up to speed on planning issues, it also helps citizens make clear-eyed assessments of likely impacts, to understand some of the benefits associated with well-designed density, and to push for improvements to projects and plans without eliminating “smart” features. Funded in part by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the book has been acquired by individuals, state and local non-profit organizations, local governments, development agencies, and a university, for use in a wide range of public processes. In addition, we are pleased to note that the guidebook has been used for planning workshops in Louisiana and Mississippi as they recover from Hurricane Katrina.

#### CD-ROM Shareware

SGA’s Smart Growth Shareware CD-ROM, released in January, 2005, contains more than 100 of the most helpful and up-to-date articles, reports, presentations, fact sheets, and web links related to smart growth. The CD is organized to help citizens and public officials make their cases for more efficient land use. Since last year, SGA has distributed the full run of 10,000 CDs to a broad range of individuals and organizations, from citizen activists, to public officials, to planners and architects, to government employees in the U.S. and abroad. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which funded the first run of the Shareware, is also supporting the production of the a second version, to meet the continued demand for this product. Version 2 will be distributed online, at www.smartgrowthamerica.org.

#### Endangered by Sprawl

In January, 2005, SGA, NatureServe, and the National Wildlife Federation together produced the first study to quantify the impact of sprawling development on wildlife nationally. Endangered by Sprawl: How Runaway Development Threatens America’s Wildlife found that the rapid consumption of land in the nation’s fastest-growing large metropolitan areas could threaten the survival of nearly one out of every three imperiled species. The report garnered coverage in more than 100 publications and broadcast reports and continues to be cited in news and opinion pieces related to habitat loss and threats to wildlife.

#### Smart Growth Around America E-Newsletter

SGA’s twice-monthly electronic newsletter, a regular SGA publication since October of 2004, includes updates and information about Smart Growth America and the work of...
our Coalition members, as well as important and breaking smart growth news, publication releases, awards and funding opportunities, conference listings, recent headlines, and more. The e-newsletter, which covers smart growth from environmental, policy, equity, economic, design, housing, and many more angles, now reaches an audience of about 5,000 subscribers, and growing. Sign up to receive the newsletter at www.smartgrowthamerica.org.

Vacant Properties: The True Costs to Communities
In cities and older suburbs across the country, vacant and abandoned properties are a growing challenge, as this report from the SGA-housed National Vacant Properties Campaign documents. While they produce little or no property tax income, vacant properties rack up millions of dollars in costs for demolition, fire and police response, and other expenses. The Campaign is a joint project of Smart Growth America, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation, and the Metropolitan Institute at Virginia Tech. The good news is that some communities are finding ways to recapture the value in vacant properties, bringing vitality back to once blighted neighborhoods and providing land to accommodate growth that might otherwise leak into farm and forest land. A PDF of the report is available online at www.vacantproperties.org.

SGA on Capitol Hill in 2005
Smart Growth America had a busy year on Capitol Hill, scoring some successes in transportation and energy legislation, conducting briefings for congressional members and staff on smart growth issues, and responding to the tragedies of Hurricanes Rita and Katrina.

In August, Congress passed a multi-year renewal of the nation's transportation law, dubbed the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). Despite significant flaws – particularly the unprecedented number of earmarks for pork-barrel projects and failure to increase transit funding -- the bill nonetheless contains a number of positive provisions, including several actively advocated by Smart Growth America. SGA helped enact a provision that allows localities to flex highway dollars to mitigate stormwater impacts from road projects. SGA’s coalition members also helped to pass the Safe Routes to School Program, which commits about $120 million annually to make walking and bicycling safer for elementary and middle school children traveling to and from school. Other SGA-supported measures will expand opportunities for public involvement in transportation planning; provide greater financial transparency and accountability in transportation projects; promote small transit starts and increase public safety.

As America grapples with the issue of our increasing reliance on unstable areas of the world for oil supplies, SGA is trying to help draw attention to a key factor in the growing U.S. appetite for oil: sprawling land development, which increases dramatically the number of miles people must travel each day. During consideration of this year’s energy bill, SGA won a provision authorizing the Department of Energy and the National Academy of Sciences to study the relationship between land use, increased vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and U.S. energy security.

Smart Growth America also assisted coalition members, and members of Congress and their staff, with education, policy and legislative advice on a variety of smart growth issues including affordable housing, transportation, the environment and other issues. Don Chen, Executive Director of Smart Growth America, also participated in two formal briefings to members of Congress, one on general principles of smart growth, and the other on the impact of land use patterns on physical activity and human health.
Getting the word out

Smart Growth America reaches a broad spectrum of audiences around the country -- everyone from planners and developers, to activists, government employees, elected officials, non-profit agencies and many other kinds of individuals and groups. Some of the many ways we communicated smart growth this year include:

Webcasts — In the spring of 2005, Smart Growth America joined forces with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), to launch the Smart Metropolitan Neighborhoods Webcast Series. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and Living Cities, the series consisted of six interactive web-based sessions on how urban neighborhoods across America are working to become more livable and sustainable. Each webcast featured dynamic leaders in academic, non-profit, and governmental arenas and their PowerPoint presentations, all available to web-connected participants anywhere in the world.

Speaking engagements — 2005 was another busy year for Smart Growth America staff, several of whom traveled the nation and appeared on broadcast programs to speak with audiences far and wide. Former Maryland Governor and SGLI President Parris Glendening spoke to economic development organizations, developers, shopping center representatives, health practitioners, historic preservationists, architects, planners, and many others. SGA Executive Director Donald Chen, SGA Communications Director David Goldberg, and SGLI Director Harriet Tregoning were also hot tickets on the speaker circuit this year, speaking on topics as diverse as racial equity in transportation, public health, clean water, vacant properties, and more.

Responding to Katrina

As massive rebuilding begins in the communities leveled by Hurricanes Rita and Katrina, SGA is responding with both policy recommendations and on-the-ground technical advice. Given the expertise of our staff and coalition members on the built environment, Smart Growth America issued a platform of principles for the benefit of lawmakers and others addressing the rebuilding of devastated communities according to smart growth principles. The principles included providing for affordable housing, both temporary and permanent; environmental remediation; transportation and other infrastructure planning, and a host of other concerns. SGA staff also participated in Gulf Coast planning activities, including those hosted by Governor Haley Barbour of Mississippi, ACORN and the American Institute of Architects. Smart Growth America also responded to a number of requests for policy and legislative advice from members of Congress relating to how to rebuild in a smart growth fashion; we participated in a workshop on rebuilding issues sponsored by the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works; and we will be assisting with strategies for the rebuilding process in Louisiana.

Harriet Tregoning (left), Director of the Smart Growth Leadership Institute at the massive Mississippi Charrette convened by Gov. Haley Barbour and the Congress for the New Urbanism.

Greater Ohio lends calm to eminent domain frenzy

Last summer’s Supreme Court ruling in the case of Kelo v. New London, which supported that city in using eminent domain in an attempt to spur economic development, thrust several sticky issues to fore: governmental powers versus the rights of property owners, the difficulty of rejuvenating struggling cities and the legacy of urban renewal and poorly conceived redevelopment schemes. Amid the ensuing frenzy, many state and federal lawmakers felt compelled to calm anxious citizens -- or exploit their unease -- by proposing to ban the use of eminent domain for purposes of economic development.

In Ohio, where abandoned homes and industrial sites are all too prevalent and the state government is struggling to spur economic development, state officials sought a better way to allay citizens’ fears that their property was not safe from grabby governments, without eliminating this important and necessary power. The state Senate invited Gene Krebs, executive director of Greater Ohio (an SGA coalition member), to help them deal with the issue without tying their hands permanently. Realizing that this is a complicated issue with far-reaching implications for the long-term health of Ohio’s cities, Krebs suggested a measure, ultimately accepted by Ohio’s Senate, that would impose a moratorium on use of the power for a year while a blue-ribbon panel assesses the uses, abuses and potential reform of eminent domain.

Harriet Tregoning (left), Director of the Smart Growth Leadership Institute at the massive Mississippi Charrette convened by Gov. Haley Barbour and the Congress for the New Urbanism.
Governors’ Institute on Community Design

In recent years, a growing number of governors have found themselves challenged by issues of sprawl, transportation, air quality, housing, watershed protection, park systems and economic development.

As they seek to craft responses to these issues, governors now have an unprecedented resource to which they can turn: the Governors’ Institute on Community Design. Sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Governors’ Institute is a project of SGA’s Smart Growth Leadership Institute. Patterned after the successful Mayors’ Institute operated by the NEA, the Governors’ Institute will bring outside experts and state leaders together in workshops focused on discovering ways to make the best use of state investments and development guides in shaping a livable, sustainable future. During the intensive workshops, experts will learn the ins and outs of policy, design and leadership approaches that have worked well in other places, as well as the potential for innovation in the governor’s own state.

Smart Growth America Coalition: Stronger Than Ever

SGA’s coalition added several new members this year, including the Sonoran Institute and the Institute for Sustainable Communities. The coalition now has more than 100 member organizations and held its first annual meeting January 2005, in Miami, Florida. At the annual meeting, coalition members used the time to share information about each other’s activities and strengthen their commitment to working together on a range of issues, including a coalition-wide campaign focused on targeting infrastructure investments to existing communities.

Since the annual meeting in January, Smart Growth America’s coalition members have been involved in a host of activities. Members have met by phone each quarter to discuss key topics including the 2004 election results and eminent domain as well as to keep each other updated on various activities. Members also assisted SGA’s federal policy director in educating members of Congress on various legislative initiatives and have met to discuss communications strategies.
The National Smart Growth Council

In September, 2004, SGA helped to create the National Smart Growth Council, a high-level group that includes mayors, a county executive, bankers, business leaders and developers, and is co-chaired by former governors, Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey and Parris N. Glendening of Maryland. Since then, the Council has worked to develop an agenda that focuses on redevelopment and infill with an emphasis on affordable housing and transit-oriented development.

The Council’s September 2005 meeting in Washington, D.C. focused largely on how to assist the Gulf Coast region. The advisory council members agreed that they could have the most positive impact by reaching out to their counterparts — business leaders, governors, mayors, etc. — in the affected regions, and by offering their expertise and connections in the rebuilding process. Council members touched on the opportunity to correct past patterns of development — automobile dependency, concentration of poverty, the governmental tendency to de-emphasize maintaining existing infrastructure — in the rebuilding.

SGA-sponsored Events

Smart Growth for Clean Water Conference, East Lansing, MI – In February, SGA worked with the Michigan Environmental Council to host a conference for local planners, engineers and advocates on growth and water quality. More than 300 people from across Michigan and other Great Lakes states came to Lansing for a day to learn more about the relationship between growth patterns and water quality, and, in particular, how local governments can use smart growth planning to meet state and federal water quality permitting requirements. To follow up on the event, we jointly produced a white paper, Smart Growth and Clean Water, that lays out how smart growth policies can meet clean water needs in Michigan. In addition to MEC, our other partners in the project included the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, American Rivers, and the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Land Bank Authorities Forum, Flint, MI – In April, the SGA-housed National Vacant Properties Campaign sponsored a two-day gathering in Flint on land-bank authorities, which have shown promise in seeing that vacant properties are redeveloped while keeping community needs in mind. The forum helped participants learn about various models of land banks, how to set them up, how property is acquired and distributed, and the benefits to the community. With a bevy of expert practitioners (like Dan Kildee), academics (like Bruce Katz, Frank Alexander, and John Powell), and public leaders (like Mayor Bill Johnson) on hand, this forum answered those questions for the 135 attendees from Michigan and from around the nation.

Ohio Vacant Properties Forum, Columbus, OH – In October, the National Vacant Properties Campaign also sponsored the first ever Ohio-wide forum to address issues surrounding vacant properties. This two-day gathering in Columbus brought together 265 Ohio-based participants, including county treasurers, community advocates, bankers, residents, civic leaders, environmentalists, elected officials, housing and community development agencies, and others. The excitement generated by the forum was so great that, in November, about 90 individuals met to discuss forming a permanent, state-wide network of groups dealing with vacant properties and abandonment. When this network gets off the ground and running in Ohio, it will set an inspiring example for the many other states dealing with this problem.

The Genessee Valley Land Bank Authority played a major role in the forum, sharing its wisdom on many aspects of land banking, including the demolition process, as seen in this Genesee project.
Technical Assistance: Making Smart Growth Happen

In 2005, we significantly expanded our technical assistance to communities that are working to implement smart growth policies and practices.

The Smart Growth Leadership Institute

The Smart Growth Leadership Institute recently completed its second in a four-year effort to provide assistance to communities, with the end goal of creating a “Smart Growth Implementation Kit” to help communities grow smarter. Funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the kit will be a set of diagnostic tools that communities around the nation can use to assess how well they are currently growing and using their land, and what changes must be made to policies, practices, and codes, in order to meet their end goals of smarter growth and stronger communities.

In year one, SGLI and its partners — the University of Colorado and the University of Southern California — worked with 13 communities to develop assessment techniques, including a code and zoning audit, a smart growth design checklist, and a smart growth scorecard. In year two, the team has gone on to use those tools to perform smart growth assessments in four communities: Greenville, SC; Coconino County, AZ; Davis, CA; and Chattahoochee Hill Country, GA. In year three, six communities will be selected for beta testing of the implementation tools. Three communities will be assessing themselves using the tools on their own, and three communities will be assessed by the SGLI team.

New Jersey’s Bright Future

Smart Growth America coalition member New Jersey Future has always excelled at boiling complicated policy issues into concise and compelling summaries that help us all understand what’s at stake with land use and development decisions, and what we can do to achieve better outcomes. The organization’s most recent refinement of complicated issues is its “4 Ways to Genuine Prosperity” campaign, a roadmap for creating a healthy environment, a just society, and a robust economy: 1) Put people first, 2) Protect our landscape, 3) Make it easier to get around, and 4) Change the rules. New Jersey Future’s masterly communications team lays this plan out in a visually striking, easily navigable website that delves as deeply into the issues as you’d care to go, providing everything from short summaries to specific and detailed policy recommendations. (Check it out at www.njfuture.org.)

In addition, the organization’s expertise and credibility have garnered them invitations to provide policy advice to the state’s incoming governor. Seven New Jersey Future leaders, including Executive Director George S. Hawkins, have been asked to serve as policy advisors on transition teams formed by Governor-Elect Jon Corzine.
COALITION MEMBER SPOTLIGHT
Certification for “green” neighborhoods: Developing LEED-ND

Over the last several years, increasing numbers of buildings have been certified as environmentally sound under the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Program, or LEED, operated by the U.S. Green Building Council. While LEED’s popularity is growing, one acknowledged shortcoming is that it does not account for the location or setting of the building, and applies to individual structures, rather than complete developments.

In recognition of this, the U.S. Green Building Council has joined with the Congressional Leadership in Energy and Environmental Defense Council, along with other smart growth experts, to create LEED for Neighborhood Development, a new rating system that responds to concerns about the environmental impacts of site location within a broader region. SGA’s Elizabeth Schilling sits on the 15-person core committee for LEED-ND, the group that has drafted the rating system and which will oversee its eventual launch. As 2005 begins, the committee is incorporating comments into its draft requirements and will begin a year-long pilot phase later this year, after which the partners will evaluate the program with the goal of launching it officially in 2007. As a result of this partnership, LEED-ND will be the first effort to make a comprehensive evaluation of the environmental impact of development, covering issues ranging from transportation, and project siting to habitat loss, water quality and ecology and more.

Vacant Properties

Recognizing the sobering extent of vacancy and abandonment in America, the National Vacant Properties Campaign is providing technical assistance to seven communities seeking to address these challenges, thanks to generous funding from the Surdna Foundation. The campaign’s technical assistance program provides a broad spectrum of aid, from convening roundtable discussions with experts, to setting up consultations with public officials and helping implement specific strategies.

For each selected community, the campaign sends a specially selected team of experts to assess the extent and causes of current challenges, through policy reviews and interviews with key local players, and to recommend strategies and reforms to reverse the damage. This year’s seven communities, selected from 52 applicants, are Baltimore, MD; Bridgeport, CT; Buffalo, NY; Spartanburg, SC; Tucson, AZ; Indianapolis, IN; Richmond, VA.

In addition, the Vacant Properties Campaign has also begun to provide fee-for-service technical assistance to other communities, including Memphis, TN, and Waterloo, IA, which are not funded by the Surdna grant.

COALITION MEMBER SPOTLIGHT
After 30 years, 1,000 Friends of Oregon still blazing trails

Since its founding in 1975 as a state-wide land use watchdog, 1,000 Friends of Oregon has been deeply committed to ensuring that the actions of the state and its local governments are consistent with Oregon’s publicly chosen goals of preserving its unparalleled livability and natural beauty. Over the past 30 years, the organization and its attorneys have taken on hundreds of cases, successfully beating back every challenge to achieving these goals, both in the legislature and at ballot boxes across the state.

In 2000, however, an initiative called Measure 7 was passed, amending the state constitution to require governments to pay landowners to comply with land use laws. After the state Supreme Court ruled the measure unconstitutional in 2001, anti-planning activists in 2004 succeeded in passing a similar public initiative, this time as a state statute known as Measure 37. The law mandates that local governments must either pay landowners or waive their rights of enforcement, when zoning rules or environmental protections reduce the value—or potential value—of a piece of property.

As a result of the passage of Measure 37, 1,000 Friends of Oregon has had to rethink its role in the public conversation about protecting communities and the unique Oregonian way of life. Rather than watch-dogging the law, the organization has a new emphasis on proactively addressing the many issues created by Measure 37. In addition, the organization is working with local governments and their citizens to look towards a positive future, and to identify the best ways to solve new challenges—such as accommodating growth on the Oregon coast. Smart Growth America is proud to see this venerable organization, now entering its fourth decade, skillfully reinventing itself to address the challenges of today and the future.

1000 Friends of Oregon continued to successfully reshape its work and its mission this year, in order to carry on preserving the high quality of life, valuable farmland, scenic natural areas, and vibrant communities—like Portland—that make Oregon unique.”
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Expenses

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| Change in Net Assets      | $(651,548.00) |
| Unrestricted Fund Balance | $83,267.00    |

Analysis of FY 2005 expenses

Management & General 5%
Fundraising 9%
Programs 84%