

SRPC Planning Board UPDATE

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1 The Form-Based Codes Institute (FBCI) at Smart Growth America is offering an exciting opportunity for five communities to host its highly regarded two-day class on form-based codes.

As Smart Growth America explains, “form-based codes focus on how the form of the community—the streets, buildings, and open spaces—work together to create great places.” This is different from conventional zoning, which is based on what happens inside the building, with little attention paid to the overall community character.

In recent years, municipalities have begun updating their zoning codes to encourage walkable, mixed-use development that supports physically and economically healthy communities. Adopting form-based codes is one way to do this.

To be considered for hosting a class, you must send by Friday, May 18, an email to Smart Growth America (info@smartgrowthamerica.org) that includes your responses to these questions:

- Are planning and land use professionals in your region interested in learning more about form-based codes?
- Can you provide or find classroom space, on a complimentary basis, for up to 50 attendees for a two-day workshop?
- Can you identify two or three local organizations (like APA or CNU chapters, ULI district council, municipal league, or zoning association) in your area who you think would be interested in helping FBCI market the class?

Smart Growth America will choose five winners. If you’re interested in being one of the five communities to host an FBCI course this year, send them an email now!

2 The New Hampshire Planners Association (NHPA) will hold its Spring Conference on Thursday, May 31, and Friday, June 1, at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Nashua. The conference will highlight the City of Nashua and its downtown improvements. Other topics to be covered include new urbanism techniques for municipalities, unique financing options, and form-based codes.

The day-long conference on Friday will be preceded by a session on ethics and an opportunity for networking at the Hunt Memorial Building in Nashua from 3:30 to 5 p.m. on Thursday.

To learn more about the conference, or to register, visit <http://www.nhplanners.org/2018-Spring-Conference>.