

WHY DID YOU ATTEND THE YOUR TOWN WORKSHOP?	IF YOU COULD ADD ANYTHING TO THE YOUR TOWN WORKSHOP, WHAT WOULD IT BE?	AFTER THE YOUR TOWN WORKSHOP, DID YOU FOLLOW UP WITH ANY OTHER COMPLIMENTARY PROGRAMS?				HOW CAN YOUR TOWN ASSIST YOU IN HELPING YOUR COMMUNITY IN APPLYING THE YOUR TOWN CONCEPTS?
		ACE	SMALL TOWN DESIGN INITIATIVE	REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	OTHER	
I was invited by Cordova citizens and the city council	More information on funding and on getting the community involved on a wider scale					you have done so, and we greatly appreciate your help.
To learn more about city planning on a comprehensive basis		.	.	.	I have attended planning and zoning workshops, Smart Growth work session, etc.	you have helped through Paul Kennedy and CAWACO grants as well as a recent training/ information session at the American Village. I thank you for your support of Montevallo and will call about future projects and information meetings in regard to planning, zoning, and land use
to learn more about Smart Growth and effective planning and dev. techniques for sustained community dev.			.	.		
Highly recommended by colleagues, to learn more about smart growth and sustainable community planning and development	just a little more time to cover topics				National Endowment for the Arts, Auburn Landscape Architecture Dept.	Assistance with Northern Beltline and Corridor X Stakeholders' Groups, related planning...
To learn planning techniques and how to change ordinances to accommodate planning.	More before and after photos- Those are helpful to see the results of ordinances, etc.			.		
My employer thought it would be a good learning opportunity and very beneficial to our member governments.						
To learn more about community planning and design improvements						
It was an opportunity to learn how a community might develop and then implement a vision for the future			.	.		provide me with ongoing ideas and contracts
to gain experience in community design	more time					to be available for questions or meetings
To learn		.				Schedule a program for Cheryl Morgan to come and share the program with community leaders.
To learn more about planning a city.			.			Many as developed
to gain information and make contacts to improve our town		.		.		We are looking to revitalize our town
Recommended by board member (Nisa Miranda) of then employer, AL Agribusiness Council		.				
Training		.				
Learn more about town planning						

To learn more about the Your Town projects	I've only attended one and I thought it was awesome as is.		.	.		We are currently involved with the small town design concept with Cheryl Morgan and Joey Hester
to learn about Your Town and develop new ideas and resources for providing assistance to the communities within the 10 county area						
I'm very concerned with the future of our city. Both maintaining its culture and its historical qualities and aggressively planning for the urban sprawl from north Shelby County.	More information on funding grants etc. that are available to help small towns and cities with their preservation efforts		.	.		A new citizen's group has formed in Montevallo "Citizens for Montevallo" - they formed to help take an aggressive role in Montevallo's future. They have guest speakers every month. They are currently working with the city council to develop Montevallo's "business plan" for the next 5 to 20 years. Montevallo has currently approved subdivisions doubling the city's number of homes. Their contact is: Denise Woodham, 205-835-0949, deewoodham@msn.com
to learn	more regional meetings			.		just stay in touch
I thought that this opportunity would teach me better ways to be more proactive in my community						
Facilitator	More coverage of new zoning and subdivision techniques (i.e. form based codes, Smart Code, etc.)					
To learn more about planning and creative ideas for communities.						
to be able to assist my community to develop and sustain growth						
to learn how to better serve and how to renovate downtown	no suggestions		.	.		Provide chants, information on where to obtain grants, and suggestions for revitalization
To educate myself with the different aspects that are involved with economic restructuring and historic preservation and how its all tied together- to become familiar with the various opportunities/ challenges that present themselves when managing a main street program.	A workshop that is focused on keeping the retail business that is currently in Your Town and how everyone can come together working as a team. Ex: maintaining regular store hours, participating in promotions, advertising as a group, etc.			.		Develop some sort of step-by-step guide to aid main street managers in hosting quarterly seminars with small businesses in their towns. Bringing Your Town ideas to the table.
To get an overview of the planning process.				.		
To learn techniques and new ideas to keep Scottsboro a special place to live and visit				.		
Contribute to our downtown community						continuing offering programs
to learn about ways to revitalize small, rural towns						We found a new profit corp. and purchased an opera house building in downtown Greensboro. The upstairs portion is still pretty much original. We feel that the restoration of this opera house could be a focal point for downtown restoration.

to learn more about good community design						
Interested in strategic planning, historic preservation, and community revitalization board member	follow up conferences- need a refresh course		•	•		need to involve more city councilmen and mayors
To see how to blend NEMO and Your Town	I think it is good as it is, but are you planning on using some viewfinders stuff too?					Montgomery is a "greedy" town- I don't know if these concepts can be accepted by the "powers." It is using a vision 2020 process.
I wanted to find a way to improve my community financially and aesthetically	Grants to finance projects		•			You have been helpful in providing ideas and suggestions on how to improve our communities in the past. Please continue!
to prepare our county for growth in a controlled manner to meet as many needs as possible	The political process we have now with the Constitution and the possibility of home rule.			•	ADECCA	
To network and gain a better understanding of the importance of effective planning and land use for the benefit of the entire community.	alumni events/ site visits, newsletter			•	Design Alabama	Keep us informed of trends and issues we could educate others and be proactive in our communities (i.e.. Smart growth, etc.) and not feel the "train has left the station" when we are dealing with the issue
I wanted to learn some new planning skills and open my thoughts to new possibilities. It was also a great networking opportunity.	I didn't feel there was enough time to do the presentations. I would extend the time limit each group had to present, by about 15 minutes. Questions should be saved to the very end.	•				In assisting with the comprehensive planning process, Your Town could help in giving direction to policy implications and planning implementation in order to achieve determined community goals and objectives.
To gain new ideas about community planning- updated info for me and how to get planning committees, city councils, etc excited about planning	can't think of any	•	•			Alumni refresher courses (I'm pretty sure alums would pay
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Debbie Quinn and I had worked for years on historic preservation issues and this workshop seemed useful in tying preservation into the total picture of working with a communities resources.	Definitely an emphasis on small group dynamics and each group could have benefited from specific work in this area. Also, more information on the change in process and how to "frame" your message to gain the greatest buy in.					First, send information on the ways you have assisted other communities and what services are available. I think the e-newsletter and alumni database is a great idea. Any effort to help people stay connected and aware of others' stories (success and failures) is helpful. I think Your Town has great potential and perhaps has only hit the tip of the iseberg as far as potential effectiveness. Now that I have received this communication I will review the website and will attempt to be more proactive in my own involvement.
to learn how to better lead our community in growth and development	presentation from professionals on such items such as waste water management and major funding resources			•		By providing short, local presentations for community residents to help them understand the purposes and benefits of controlled, managed growth.
when invited or notified						continue workshops, more involvement in one-to-one with communities
Downtown Revitalization			•			
training during first year of employment	context sensitive design for roadways and form based code Low Impact Development (LID) strategies			•	NEMO	Direct mail by city councilors and major to invite them and provide some "smart growth" educational info/ literature.

TO learn more about implementing positive change in our community. Also, to learn more about statewide resources.	More information on implementing standards for downtown areas whether through city ordinances or oversight boards for aesthetic projects.		•	•	Alabama Historical Commission	Make yourselves available for onsite seminars to help more citizens grasp the concept of city planning
To learn about planning and development and preservation	I believe that the Your Town workshop would be more effective if the town being analyzed was an actual AL town or county and the participants were actually involved in implementing a real town start affirmative action				starting a planning committee in Chilton County	direct contact with mayors, county commissioners, and chambers of commerce to ask their help and encouragement in sending participants and help with funding.
to learn more about planning, zoning, and preservation						
To learn about community involvement	Graphic design and advertising					Promote more
To learn more about addressing growth in Attalla as well as revitalizing our historic downtown. Attalla needs ordinances to address the needs mentioned above and information about annexation.	More information about downtown revitalization including methods of financing.					Visit our city and help us decide what is best for us.
to gain insight into community planning, peer-to-peer exchange					Participation in public involvement meetings re: TOD, city center, Master Plans, other	
A friend was involved with the Rural Studios project in Thomaston and signed me up for Your Town. At the time I was substitute teaching at Demopolis High School. I really didn't know what to expect, but I thoroughly enjoyed it. It was inspiring to bring ideas back home.						Maybe a single page newsletter of resources available - The AL Design Magazine is great too!
Was an employee of City of Prattville which was planning downtown revitalization project. Also served County Heritage Association and historic Prattville Redevelopment Authority	more basic design workshops. color selection for trim and structure color, hardware, awnings, etc,traffic control, parking					All alumni should receive Design Alabama. I have received few or no mailings since attending. Involving planers and developers would be helpful.
to gain new insights into community planning		•				I've encouraged many people from West Alabama to attend the workshops and many of them have, but some simply cannot commit to three days. Especially those from very small communities where there is no one to do their work for them when they are absent. Maybe if it were possible to shorten the workshop, more people could attend.
To got info/ ideas, etc.	More follow up	•		•		Funding for our Downtown Enhancement project
best practice for community development						
to learn what Your Town was about and where the Arts Council could fit into the community planning process						

I had feedback form several city officials and business people that this was the best workshop they had been to so I had to attend						It gave me valuable contact information as far as statewide organizations and an opportunity to mett city officials and support personnel from other cities our size. Eufaula has already tackled the twenty year plan, so we were way ahead of the game, were able to school others on issues we have already accomplished and are ongoing.
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To obtain resource information for reference to the Black Heritage Council's members.	How do you get a rural community together, when the houses are sparse?					
To learn more about the phases involved in renovating and designing a town. We are in this process here in Haleyville.	I loved it! If anything, I would like to know more about finding(what's available and how to get it). However, I'm sure most of the people who attend will know more about this than myself.	•				
community leadership	Community building and the spirit of place			•		Identifying funding resources, identify resources for writing grants.
to gain additional knowledge about municipal issues to help with decisions on a county level	issues and topics relating to county zoning and its relationship to municipal issues					
I am very much interested in historic preservation						
To gain a basic knowledge of the community and economic development of a small town.						
My supervisor thought it would be a good learning experience for me.		•		•	Also pursued info about water/ ground water & environmental issues	Actually we are doing really well with community involvement right now. I keep my notebook at the office and turn to it for resources periodically. Thank you!
Planning for city	Workshops help on sites/ cities where You Town knowledge has been applied	•		•		
I was chairman of the Shelby County Planning Commission at the time. This was a learning opportunity.				•		
Interested in improving my community					Planning and Zoning Workshops	
Because of the role I want to play in my community's development						
I attended to identify resources for municipal economic and downtown revitalization	I believe small group meeting of representatives from comparable towns would be beneficial			•	Alabama Power's Strategic Plan Development	

It came highly recommended and was well worth it	More availability on the local level; fellowships where someone from the staff comes and visits a local getting to know the principles, lay of the land					Do you have a website where people can exchange practical information- like a chat room dealing with revitalization efforts throughout the state? Since many individuals involved in their cities are volunteers, experience and knowledge are premium commodities. We need to be able to "plug in" to an expert for various questions and situations that evolve during the ongoing process of revitalization.
To assist communities with downtown revitalization through economic development.						
Very interested in community development- especially rural						
for the education and contacts						
To learn more about community development. I was very pleased with the ideas that I learned.		•		•		I learned a new way of looking at communities- Live, Work, and Play. Everytime I mow or rake my yard, or pay for the gas used as I drive around "My Town," I dream of better planned, denser, more energy efficient communities. I long for my town to develop a tree program. This year I am working to recruit a team to represent our town.
Expand knowledge, skills, and techniques						
To find out what other towns and communities were doing to enrich their down town areas.					Istea GRN - \$189,000 and \$260,000.00	We need to get involved with the small town design initiative. (thru Auburn University)
To help with my position as Pickens County Commissioner. Be more involved/ knowledgeable about community activities.			•	•		
A request by the Mayor of Prattville. I was a small business owner at the time. I loved the workshop.						
To decide what constitutes sound ('smart') practice amongst others apparently similarly confused; caring but unenlightened when I went to McDowell.	Another day and more "break out" sessions; and then, a "reunion" meeting after a year for reflection and application of things learned		•	•		Developing team of volunteers willing to convene in small communities throughout AL to explore planning concepts and their viability on the local level. Develop a rural initiative to answer the ease with which strip mall commerce is embraced by road-commissioner politicians singing songs of progress with refrains of JOBS.
Interested in community planning		•				Have a representative speak at a chamber function
learn ho to make community better						
To help me, an elected official, better understand positive design standards.	Continue to promote with elected officials through participation in the league of municipalities.				Mayor's Design Institute	Continue to train elected leadership and community leadership.
To enhance my community assistance tools and skills	Stoemwater management & erosion/ sediment overview (especially as it relates to planning for existing areas restoration) and new areas of development					Articles on website of successes/ failures (what may have gone wrong or to do differently); examples of local outreach articles.