



King County

HealthScape

Community design for health and the environment

This is a periodic e-mail designed to keep you in the loop on current efforts, events, and news related to HealthScape.

Meeting recap

The Urban Land Institute breakfast on May 30 featured Chris Leinberger of the Brookings Institution. In addition, Alex Johnston (Bank of America), Ron Posthuma (King County), Alex Pietsch (City of Renton), and Rob Odle (City of Redmond) spoke about different ways their organizations have implemented Smart Growth strategies. The breakfast was followed by the HealthScape Advisory Committee meeting. You can learn more about the meeting at the HealthScape Web site (www.metrokc.gov/healthscape).

Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) hosting event on Health

Please join us for the Regional Staff Committee and King County HealthScape Event at the Seattle Art Museum Outdoor Sculpture Park on Wednesday, July 25. To RSVP, please contact Megan Marston (mmarston@psrc.org).

New HealthScape brochure

HealthScape has a new brochure that describes what the program is, and what it does. You can view the brochure online at <http://www.metrokc.gov/healthscape/>, or e-mail Chris O'Claire (christina.oclaire@kingcounty.gov) to request a hard copy.

In the news...

Sprawl clashes with warming in California—California's pioneering push to reduce greenhouse gas emissions is colliding with one of the state's most ingrained legacies: urban sprawl. (SFGate.com) <http://sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/05/27/MNGJ0Q2FUI1.DTL>

FasTracks speeding vertical use of land—Some may resist zoning changes to allow taller buildings at transit stops, but a new audience is emerging for multi-family homes in thriving neighborhoods. (Denver Post) http://www.denverpost.com/business/ci_6008192

Walkability helps older adults stay healthy, studies say—Studies show a neighborhood's walkability—how well its streets connect and whether it has sidewalks, nearby shopping, and welcoming public places—helps or hinders how well its residents age. (Seattle Times) http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2003745500_neighborhoods13m.html

Let's talk

Would you like someone to come talk to your organization about our study results, or to get people involved in upcoming HealthScape events and activities? Please contact the project managers, Karen Wolf (karen.wolf@kingcounty.gov / 206.296.3423) or Chris O'Claire (christina.oclaire@kingcounty.gov / 206.263.4753).