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Editors' Note

This issue of *Carolina Planning* offers a diverse collection of articles on a range of subjects. It begins with a reprint of Neal Pierce's speech to the 39th Annual North Carolina Planning Association Conference. This speech, which offers a provocative look at the state of planning in North Carolina, was part of the Robert and Helen Siler Lecture Series for the 50th Anniversary of the Department of City and Regional Planning of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The rest of the articles are described below.

- An article by Darrell Cook and Dwight Merriam describes the SLAPP lawsuit, how it is being used, and what opportunities and dangers it poses for plaintiffs and defendants. It contains several case studies and covers new anti-SLAPP legislation from several states.
- Leon Eplan, the Commissioner of Planning and Development for the City of Atlanta, gives a planner's view of the Atlanta Olympics. He describes how this high profile public event has focused attention on correcting nagging planning problems in the city and shows how important the city's comprehensive planning process has been in preparing for the event.
- The Main Street program, as described by Rodney Swink, is concerned with revitalizing downtown areas. This article covers the history of the program and argues that a comprehensive approach to revitalization is needed.
- Mike Cowhig explains how the City of Greensboro benefitted from its application to the Enterprise Community Program, even though the city did not ultimately win the grant. Through the application process, a number of community and public participation activities were initiated.
- In a look at residential segregation in North Carolina, Lance Freeman shows the state of segregation in North Carolina and suggests reasons for continued segregation in communities across the state. He also discusses what this means for society and how it might be addressed in the future.
- Dave Buchholz discusses how a unique microenterprise program centered in Durham, North Carolina has successfully helped dozens of entrepreneurs get their businesses off the ground even when other institutions had expressed doubt that they could do so.
- Wes Hankins and Garry Cooper describe the undergraduate planning programs at Appalachian State and East Carolina Universities, including curriculae and activities of graduates.
- In the final article, Steve Gurley looks at ways that planners can provide students with the opportunity to explore concepts of planning and community design. He describes the efforts that APA and NCAPA have made to help educate our future citizens about planning issues and also provides tips for individual planners on speaking to students.

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The editors of *Carolina Planning* offer a special congratulations to the Department of City and Regional Planning at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill for 50 years of outstanding education at the master's and doctoral levels. May the next 50 years bring the same success!

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