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# Introduction

A change in administration and the start of a new decade have provoked a reexamination of the role of planning. In this issue of *carolina planning*, "Planning in the Eighties: A Special Report" views the future of planning in seven articles, each focused on a separate substantive area of the profession. The articles suggest changes which may be forced upon the profession, as well as changes that it would benefit us to initiate, informed by experiences of previous decades. New partnerships with the private sector in response to a reduced federal presence is a refrain heard throughout the report.

In other articles, Ed Bergman explores strategies for local economic development in the eighties and the planner's role in implementing them; Richard Ducker gives an overview and analysis of recent legislation affecting planning in five southeastern states; and Stephanie Greenberg and Charles Usher discuss the distribution of the public costs of growth, based on a study of the Raleigh/Durham area.

*carolina planning* is beginning with this issue a new section of the magazine: *In the Works*. This section, researched and written by our staff, focuses on proposed or recently undertaken projects. It is our hope that practicing planners will use this section of *cp* to communicate with other planners in the southeast concerned with similar issues. Call or write with information about interesting projects "in the works" and we will do the additional research and writing.

In order to make space for the Special Report, the *forum* and *letters* sections of the magazine were left out of this issue and will return in the spring.

The spring issue of *carolina planning* will focus on planning in rural areas. We would like to request from our readers articles, letters, book reviews and forum pieces which pertain to this subject. Thank you for your continued support.

-The Editors

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