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Editors' Notes

Our observance of carolina planning's tenth anniversary, like that of most milestones, is a bit of old and new; of looking behind and projecting ahead. The front and back covers of this issue contain design elements from Vol. 1 No. 1 of carolina planning, most notably the "cp" that was introduced on the title page of that first issue and at the beginning of each article. We've reintroduced that symbol throughout this issue's text to mark the ends of articles. New elements in this issue include some deviations from standard page format of the past few years.

The reader survey that appeared in the last issue is another part of our birthday self-assessment. We appreciate the diversity of your comments -- both praise and criticism -- and will publish the results in the next c.p. The carolina planning index, found at the back of this issue, is provided as a reference for our readers, and points out the range and depth of planning topics we've addressed over the years.

In this issue, don't miss a historical perspective of c.p. written by its first editor, Nancy Grden-Ellson. There are other reflections. Laura Webb Margeson writes of her relaxed interview with recently retired Wake County Planning Director John Scott. Wes Hankins and Richard Stephenson celebrate another anniversary in this issue -- the tenth for East Carolina University's undergraduate planning degree -- with a historical look at the planning program there with emphasis on curriculum development.

Lawrence E. Susskind describes planning as a process of mediation. He notes similarities between a negotiated investment strategy process and the typically-construed planning process, with an important difference: the planner's responsibility for building consensus.

Nancy Randall and Beverly Kawalec both address downtown revitalization, although at different scales and via different programs. Randall writes of the role of a "private investment and public cooperation partnership" and its development arm in "single-handedly and dramatically" changing the character of New Brunswick, New Jersey. Kawalec describes and analyzes revitalization strategies through the Main Street Program in the North Carolina towns of Tarboro, Rocky Mount, and Wilson.

In other articles, Dan Morrill writes of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission's successful efforts for historic preservation in a community which has not traditionally had a strong historic image; and George Gerstle describes a low-cost method of dealing with the effects of strip development through roadway access management. Daniel Freedman outlines Durham, North Carolina's low-cost housing development involving owner-builder efforts. There, under the coordination of Neighborhood Housing Services, owners will build eight new townhouses and rehabilitate a historic apartment building.

Don't miss our regular features: Book Reviews and In The Works. And, as always, we encourage your submission of letters and articles.

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