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*Today, a state government must act
quickly to meet the challenges created
on the other side of the globe.*

Can North Carolina resolve potential
obstacles and successfully implement
a statewide planning program?

**For most planners,
zoning is a given.**

Few would argue with the assertion that urban
crime is out of control in cities across the United
States. The less-told story is the crisis in another
type of crime: violations of building, environmental
and land-use regulations.

From the Editors

We are very pleased with the variety, quality, and practical relevance of the articles in this issue. The issue contains material on several of the major areas of planning, including growth management, zoning, environmental policy, and economic development. In addition to a variety of topics, there are several different styles of articles, from a case study narrative to a paper written from a legal perspective. There is no variation, however, in the level of quality. While each of the articles adds to the knowledge base of planners, five in particular will be of direct benefit to practitioners. Those who deal with code enforcement, new zoning ordinances, North Carolina's Wetland Restoration Program, economic development policy formulation and the law will find useful insights and information in this issue.

Readers will notice changes in the format, some of which are caused by our current financial stress. We now owe the Department of City and Regional Planning almost \$2,000. Three factors are responsible for

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this shortfall: the cost of printing has increased dramatically; we have not raised our subscription rates to our two main subscribers, North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association (NCAPA) and the Department of City and Regional Planning Alumni Association (DCRPAA), for several years; and NCAPA's recent reduction in the number of issues purchased has increased the cost per issue. Previously NCAPA ordered an issue for every member; the current policy is to order an issue for institutions.

We have adopted a four-part strategy to deal with this problem. First, we have done everything we can to cut costs, including replacing our glossy cover and eliminating all shading and internal pictures. Second, we are pursuing alternate means for finding money to cover our deficit, including a grant from the graduate student federation (but feel free to send donations). Third, from now on we will charge our two institutional subscribers the actual cost of the issues their members receive. This change should prevent future deficits while ensuring that we do not generate a surplus at the expense of our two largest and most valued subscribers. NCAPA generously increased their budget allocation for *Carolina Planning*, which was not easy given that we make up almost ten percent of their budget. Fourth, we will try to expand the journal's audience, and thus reduce the cost per issue. This will be difficult and time consuming, but we feel that we have a quality product that should reach more planners.

We appreciate the continued interest and support of NCAPA, DCRPAA, and the planning community at large. As always, your comments and suggestions are welcome.

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Carolina Planning is currently accepting articles for the Spring issue. Topics should be relevant to practicing planners in the southeastern United States.

Submission guidelines: Manuscripts should be up to 25 typed, double-spaced pages (approximately 7500 words). Submit two paper copies and one copy on a 3.5" diskette in WordPerfect or ASCII text. All citations should follow the author-date system in the Chicago Manual of Style, with endnotes used for explanatory text (legal articles may use Bluebook format). Tables and graphics should be camera-ready. Please include the author's name, address, telephone number, and email address, along with a 2-3 sentence biographical sketch. *Carolina Planning* reserves the right to edit articles accepted for publication, subject to the author's approval.