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Achieving Quality Growth through Regional Cooperation and Local Action

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Transportation as a Key to Housing Affordability

The distance between where people live and work is widening, leading to an increase in transportation expenses for many households, particularly those who work in metro areas.

A recent brief from the Tennessee Housing Development Agency aims *"to demonstrate the importance of incorporating transportation costs when assessing housing affordability and will provide examples of tools and strategies that may be used to minimize combined housing and transportation cost burdens."*

Read the full publication [here](#).

SAVE THE DATE: Housing Needs Workshop

Upcoming Events

April 19, 6-7p

Recode Knoxville Public Meeting, *Cumberland Estates Recreation Center (4529 Silverhill Dr)*, more info [here](#)

April 24, 6-8p

Active Knox presents Jana Lynott, *Bridgewater Place (205 Bridgewater Rd)*, register [here](#)

April 26, 1-2p

Webinar: *Climate Changes Health: Adaptation in Action*, more information [here](#)

April 26, 6-7p

Recode Knoxville Public Meeting, *Deane Hill Recreation Center (7414 Deane Hill Dr NW)*, more info [here](#)

May 24

Affordable Rental Housing Workshop (hosted by ETQG and ETRLA), *Regas Building (more details soon)*

Congratulations!

ETQG Board member Todd Morgan is the new Executive Director of Knox Heritage. You can read more about Todd and his work in East Tennessee [here](#).

Congratulations, Todd!

Funding Opportunities

The **Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)** is accepting proposals for the *Partnerships for Opportunity and Workforce and Economic Revitalization (POWER)* Initiative.



May 24th, Save the Date: ETQG and ETRLA will host an afternoon workshop to continue discussions initiated at last fall's housing conference. We heard from you! The workshop will focus on *affordable rental housing*. The format will begin with a lunch hour presentation, then will shift to break out discussions for the remainder of the afternoon. We are looking for content experts or "coaches" to help lead the break outs. If you would like to participate as a content expert or help with workshop planning, please [email us](#).

What Makes a Community Livable?

As a part of the Active Knox speaker series, Jana Lynott, AICP, from AARP's Public Policy Institute will be presenting on **April 24** at Bridgewater Place.

Jana is a senior strategic policy advisor for the Livable Communities Team. Her research and videography focus on a broad array of planning and policy issues including complete streets, public transportation, and travel patterns. Jana was responsible for bringing AARP's groundbreaking Livability Index to fruition. Her presentation will focus on the role that community design and transportation play in the health and quality of life of people of all ages, abilities and incomes.



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The speaker series is free to the community but they would like folks to register in advance. Details [here](#). Doors Open at 5:30pm. Light refreshments will be provided. A reception afterward is sponsored by AARP and KAAR.

Jana will also give an abbreviated version of her presentation at the [TPO's Executive Board meeting](#) on April 25 (9am, TPO Executive Board Meeting, *Main Assembly Room, City County Building*).

Climate Resiliency in East Tennessee

According to the American Public Health Association,

The POWER Initiative that targets federal resources to help communities and regions affected by job losses in coal mining, coal power plant operations, and coal-related supply chain industries due to the changing economics of America's energy production. Proposals are due **May 1**. Find more information [here](#).

Citizens Academy for Planning


East Tennessee Quality Growth is evaluating options for future Citizens Academies throughout the region, and we will begin tailoring the academy to the needs of other communities.

Please [email](#) us if you would like to see this program in your county/community.

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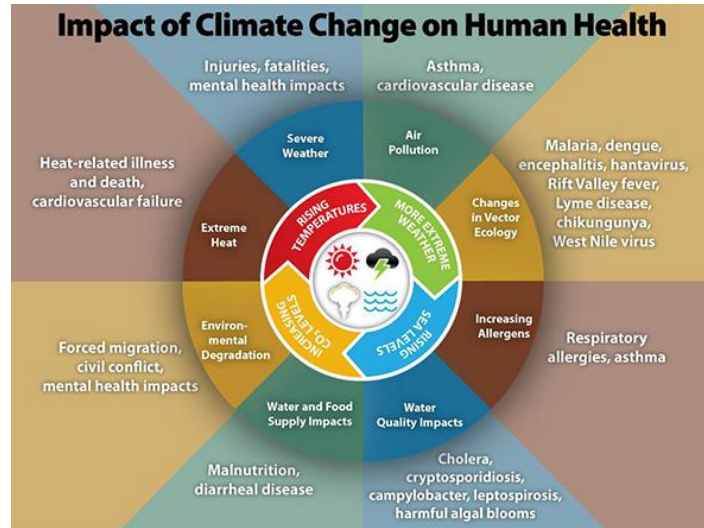
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climate change is a serious risk to human health, impacting our food, water, air, disease risk and mental well-being. It's expected to increase heat-related deaths, exacerbate chronic conditions such as respiratory illnesses and heart disease, raise the number of dangerous asthma events, heighten the severity and frequency of natural disasters, and endanger water safety and food security.

Through collaborative work between APHA and the CDC, there are some online resources available ([here](#)). Also, look for the upcoming livestream and webinar opportunities listed in Upcoming Events (column to the left).



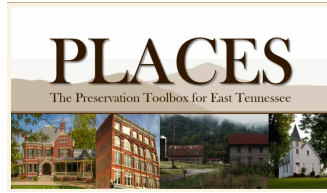
We need to be prepared for the impacts climate changes will have on our region. East Tennessee Quality Growth received climate resilience training from the [City of Knoxville Office of Sustainability](#) and [Oak Ridge National Lab's Climate Change Science Institute](#) earlier this year. This training, which included access to the data compiled by ORNL, along with passionate Board members, allows ETQG qualified to present and facilitate thoughtful discussions on climate preparedness throughout our region.

If you would like to host this presentation in your community, please [contact us](#).

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