



EAST TENNESSEE QUALITY GROWTH

Achieving Quality Growth through Regional Cooperation and Local Action

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This month brings a couple of changes to the ETQG team. We said goodbye and thank you to Allyn Richardson who has been with us since November 2015. Allyn's behind the scenes work has helped our board-driven work stay organized and on task. Allyn plans to stay active in regional advocacy and perhaps work with ETQG again on special projects.

We also are welcoming Susan Shin as a part-time outreach and communications coordinator. Susan comes to us with a strong background in community advocacy, including time with Knoxville's Office of Neighborhoods and the Transportation Planning Office.

Our organization is stronger as a result of Allyn's time with us, and we think Susan will be an asset to our program! Welcome Susan and best of wishes Allyn!

Upcoming Events

June 12th, 5:30p

Creating Quality Mixed Use Spaces (hosted by [Active Knox](#) and regional partners) Ben Crenshaw, senior vice president over design at Southern Land Company will be in town on June 12th. He will share his experience creating quality mixed-used communities with affordable housing components. [RSVP here](#).

June 16th, 10a-4p

Community and Social Justice Fair, *Pellissippi State Community College Magnolia*

Citizens Academy for Planning: Anderson County

Our next Citizens Academy for Planning is in underway! Thanks to the feedback from our inaugural two-day event in Knox County, we are working on setting up a workshop in Anderson County over the summer. If you are interested in helping to host an Anderson County event, please [contact us](#)! Stay tuned!

Affordable Rental Housing Workshop

Regional Cooperation and Local Action: Tennessee's Changing Housing Needs



Ave Campus ([registration link](#))

June 28th, 12n-3p

Affordable Rental Housing Workshop (hosted by ETQG and ETRLA), *Regas Building* ([registration link](#))

Convenience Index

Many Nashvillians commute to work alone each day. What would it take for metro residents to use transit?

[ThinkTennessee.org](#) issued a study, [The Convenience Index](#), reviewing possible gains from Nashville's now tabled transit plan. The study suggested transit would increase commuter options and provide more convenient options for work travel, however infrastructure spending for the project was rejected recently by residents.

Policy Principles to Solve the Nation's Housing Crisis

American Planning Association recently issued a policy statement on housing. According to the APA, the shortage of quality affordable housing reinforces inequality and limits access to opportunity. Lack of housing options also hurt our economy and constrains social and economic mobility. Collaboration between legislators, planners, developers, and residents is needed to solve this important issue. See more [here](#).

Share Your Stories!

Have something for the ETQG Newsletter?

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June 28th, 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 out discussions. If you would like to participate as a content expert or help with workshop planning, please [email](#) us. [Registration](#) is free.

Climate Resiliency in East Tennessee

Climate change models predict that East Tennessee's middle continental geography will experience climatic change, but more dramatic weather and flooding will occur along coastal areas of the US. Could East Tennessee become home to "climate refugees" as more people relocate from coastal areas to our country's interior? Our population will no doubt increase. We need to prepare for growth and for potential changes to our agricultural and natural resource systems.

East Tennessee Quality Growth board and staff 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. We would like to present this information to civic groups in the region. If you would like to host this presentation in your community, please [contact us](#).

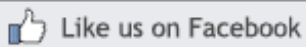
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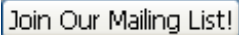


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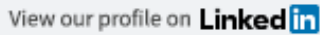
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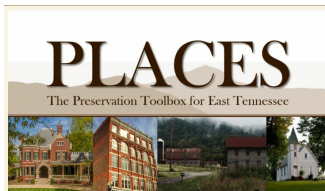


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