

IForums 2013

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The Innovation Imperative

The Great Recession has wounded Connecticut's state budget, its communities and its families. Solutions are needed – now, and for a sustainable, long-term recovery. States and communities that emerge from recession soonest will recognize the opportunities in a quickly changing economy and housing market. We can redevelop our cities, rebalance our housing supply, make our aging population secure, attract a new young professional class of workers, and narrow our wage and wealth disparities.

New solutions – innovative, clever ideas – already exist. Energy-efficient housing design. Creative ways to reach hard-to-serve clients. Mixed-income housing and thoughtful “placemaking” to get the most impact from Connecticut's new and existing transit lines. Mixed-use development as a cornerstone of vibrant town centers.

Connecticut can do this. IForums 2013, organized by the Partnership for Strong Communities, will be both a reality check and a springboard to the innovative state Connecticut can be. The six-part series of forums will assemble expertise and creativity to answer vexing questions: How can we compete for residents and economic opportunities? How can we save scarce public resources by solving nagging public problems? How can we ensure that all state residents benefit – and keep income, education and health disparities from growing wider?

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The Lyceum, 227 Lawrence Street, Hartford, CT (Directions: <http://www.lyceumcenter.org/directions.html>)

Event is free. To register, contact laura@pschousing.org.

More information available at www.pschousing.org/2013-iforums

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Department of Economic and Community Development



Tuesday, January 29, 2013

What Makes a Strong Community?

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After countless individuals weigh many factors, the real estate market recognizes some neighborhoods as desirable investments, and other neighborhoods as less so. Most large and small cities, suburbs and rural towns have places that don't reach their potential or struggle. At this IForum, a fresh look at how these neighborhoods can be strengthened.

Friday, March 22, 2013

Mixing Uses, Incomes, Vitality: Case Studies from Neighboring States

Creating mixed-use, mixed-income developments can be challenging. Organized in cooperation with the CT Chapter of the American Planning Association & CT Committee of the Urban Land Institute's Boston Chapter, this IForum will take a look at two projects that have taken very different routes to getting it done, with a focus on financing, market dynamics and municipal involvement.

Thursday, April 11, 2013

The Peril and The Potential:

How The New Housing Market Could Affect Towns, Residents and Revenue-Raising

Lower home values have led to the shrinking and flattening of municipal grand lists and demographics indicate that this change may not be temporary. Organized in cooperation with the UConn Dept. of Economics and the CT Conference of Municipalities, this IForum will present potential solutions presented in the spring edition of the publication *The Connecticut Economy*.

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To save money and achieve better outcomes, it makes sense to link coordinated care with permanent supportive housing for frequent users of emergency rooms and other expensive health services. But it requires vigorous targeting and data analysis to find and track users, and strong collaboration between professionals and policymakers in the homelessness/housing and healthcare sectors.

Wednesday, June 19, 2013

Creating Pathways To Economic Security for Those Who Are Homeless

Finding and keeping a job can be hard for anyone. It's tougher without a home as a springboard for a job search. But innovators are finding that, with the right supports, people with substantial needs can be secure and productive. Learn more about the approaches being refined in CT and how they could help a wide variety of workers struggling in our tough economy.

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