

**Plan East Tennessee* and the Office of the Provost welcome
The University of Oregon “Sustainable City Year Program” and
The City of Springfield
To the University of Tennessee, Knoxville
December 9, 2013**

Plan East Tennessee, UT Service-Learning, and the Office of the Provost invite you to participate in an afternoon of presentations, panel sessions, and breakout meetings on the University of Oregon's [Sustainable City Year Program](#). The University of Tennessee is in the early stages of building its own version of the Oregon SCYP program, entitled the [Smart Communities Initiative](#). This visit will introduce the University of Tennessee, Knoxville community to the “Oregon SCYP” model and provide guidance to faculty, staff, and administrators as to how to make our program a success. The Oregon SCI co-directors will speak to about what factors led them to create the SCYP, their experiences building the program, the benefits they have found in working with cities, the challenges they have faced, and the varying models of the program other universities have instated. City of Springfield staff will offer their perspectives on what it was like to partner with the SCYP, the benefits they have found in this partnership, the challenges, and why they think this makes sense for cities.

* Special thanks to Plan East Tennessee for funding this event through a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

11:30-1:30 Presentation and Q&A for Faculty
Black Cultural Center Multipurpose Room

Faculty are invited to this session to learn more about the model and methods for incorporating the program into existing and future courses. Lunch is provided. RSVP to kellenb@utk.edu.

2:00-3:30 SCI/City of Springfield Presentation and Panel Session to the University and Public Sector Visitors
Black Cultural Center Multipurpose Room
Introductory Remarks from Provost Martin

Faculty, staff, students, administrators and staff from the public sector are invited to this session for an overview of the model and to hear thoughts from UO's co-founders and city partners.

3:30-5:00 Post-Presentation Breakout Meetings with Public Sector Staff, Faculty, and Administrators
Black Cultural Center Multipurpose Room

Faculty, administrators and municipal staff are invited to this working session to network, discuss potential collaborations, and acquire guidance regarding methods of implementing the model based on their individual circumstances.

SUSTAINABLE CITIES INITIATIVE, UO



Marc Schlossberg is an Associate Professor of Planning, Public Policy and Management (PPPM) and Co-Director of the Sustainable Cities Initiative (SCI) at the University of Oregon. His research focuses on active transportation, complete streets, urban design, and community participation related to enhancing active transportation design, planning, and policy. Professor Schlossberg was a 2010 Distinguished Fulbright Scholar and 2012 Faculty Innovator of the Year, along with Nico Larco, awarded by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in higher Education (AASHE). He holds a PhD from the University of Michigan, and prior to academia worked professionally in the nonprofit sector and was a United States Peace Corps Volunteer in Fiji.



Nico Larco is an Associate Professor in the Department of Architecture and is a Co-Director of the Sustainable Cities Initiative (SCI) at the University of Oregon. His research focus is on sustainable urban design, active transportation, street design, and how urban design affects the sustainability of buildings. Professor Larco was a 2012/13 Distinguished Fulbright Scholar in Spain and has received numerous national and international awards for his work. He is a licensed architect and has worked professionally in the fields of Architecture, Urban Design, Planning, and Development.

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, OR



Jeff Towery is the Assistant City Manager for the City of Springfield, OR. He began his career in 1986 in Coos Bay, OR as Assistant to the City Manager, City Manager Pro Tem and Assistant City Manager. He has since served Cottage Grove, OR and Auburn, NY as City Manager; Lane County, OR as Management Analyst and Land Management Manager; and established Towery Consulting to provide consulting services to local governments and other agencies. Towery holds a Master of Public Administration degree from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. He has served on a variety of boards and committees for several professional and community organizations including the International City/County Management Association, the Oregon Chapter of ICMA, United Way and Rotary.



Courtney Griesel is the Senior Economic Development Analyst for the City of Springfield Oregon, focusing on economic and community development. She has managed the public partnership with the University of Oregon as the 2011-2012 and 2012-2013 Sustainable City Year resulting in work on over 20 needed community projects with students, faculty, staff, and an array of community partners and businesses. She is an author of the City's Downtown Urban Renewal Plan, designer and manager of the Downtown Parking program, and staff to other City administered business incentive and redevelopment initiatives. She received her degree in Public Policy, Planning & Management from the University of Oregon in 2006 and will complete her Masters of Organizational Leadership in spring of 2014.