Call for Workshop Proposals
4th Biennial Power of Place Summit – May 11, 2012

Submission deadline: 2/17/12

This form may be completed, saved and returned electronically or printed and returned via fax to 401.228.6594.

Format
An interactive 75-minute session with 1-3 presenters that explores/reflects one of the six conference categories below. Sessions are intended to allow time for audience participation and discussion.

The Summit will feature twenty (20) 75-minute breakouts sessions in three tracks. All workshops and presentations should reflect and relate to this year’s theme:

Beyond Austerity: Leveraging the Power of Place for a Stronger Rhode Island Economy

Topic Categories

Please indicate the categories that best describe your proposal.

☐ PROJECT BRIEFINGS
Presentations about smart growth projects that are advancing across Rhode Island. Attendees should be able to learn from the successes being achieved and hurdles being overcome on projects such as the I-195 Knowledge District, the Warwick Station Redevelopment District, the West Side Master Plan, KeepSpace Initiatives, RIPTA’s 5-Yr. Strategic Plan and Wickford Station Commuter Rail Development, among others.

☐ ECONOMICALLY REVITALIZED AND WALKABLE URBAN & TOWN CENTERS
Best practices, regulatory reforms, policies, incentives or market conditions that contribute to revitalized urban and town centers. Sessions should profile connections between revitalized centers and economic development, public health, environmental protection, efficiency of public investments and overall improved quality of life.

☐ HOUSING OPTIONS AND AFFORDABILITY
The importance and “how-to’s” of achieving a diverse mix of housing options in all communities – including single-family homes of all sizes, duplexes, small and large apartments, studios above garages or shops, condominiums, lofts and housing that meets the legal definition of affordable housing.

☐ EXPANDED TRANSPORTATION CHOICES
Topics that illustrate the significant connection between transportation and land-use planning and explore some of the many ways to achieve a 21st century transportation system that enhances our economy, safeguards the environment and provides more Rhode Islanders with healthy and affordable transportation choices.

☐ A VITAL AGRICULTURAL SECTOR
Topics that relate to the economic, cultural and food security importance of Rhode Island’s agricultural sector and to strategies to further agricultural viability. Examples include innovative approaches to urban farming, efforts to increase food security and access to fresh local food through community design, and ways to address the high cost of agricultural land in Rhode Island and municipal land use regulations that impede agricultural viability.

☐ RESPONSIBLE STEWARDSHIP OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Topics related to development and redevelopment that conserve and safeguard natural resources such as Transfer of Development rights, Conservation Development Design, Low Impact Development, LEED and innovative implementation of new stormwater regulations.
Through our association with the Rhode Island Chapter of the American Planning Association, workshops may be eligible for CM credits.

☐ Yes, I would like my workshop to qualify for continuing education CM Credits. (we will contact you for necessary details).

**Suggested Presenters / Moderator:**

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**Session Description:** (Intro paragraph should consist of a 50-100 word description that is suitable for printing in conference brochure). Use extra sheet if necessary.

**Provide Your Contact Information**

Full Name:
Title:
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The submittal deadline is 2/17/2012. Direct all questions to John Flaherty at 401-273-5711 ext. 5 or e-mail jflaherty@growsmartri.com.

All submissions will receive an e-mail confirming receipt of your proposal, so please provide your e-mail address. Grow Smart reserves the right to combine sessions if practical. Grow Smart will make program selections and notify all applicants by February 27, 2012.