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GREENING YOUR COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

**with Meera Parthasarathy,
Spatial Synergy Studio LLC**

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

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This one-day program will focus on efforts community development organizations are taking to promote green in their community. These efforts include education, development, community green spaces, food production, etc. CDC efforts are often challenged by stagnant, disinvested, and unsafe spaces within their community. The training shall discuss how to make these spaces more vibrant through green, environmentally friendly approaches.

Learn how to translate “green is the right thing to do” to a language people with different priorities could hear. Residents, government agencies, police, churches, nonprofit organizations, the business community, and private developers have come to believe green strategies will help them address their very real fears and challenges.

Training will include:

- National Case-Studies in Green Communities
- Local Case Studies in Greening Your Community
- Tools for Non-Profits Going Green
 - Rationalization
 - Asset Mapping
 - Small Steps
 - Funding
 - Best Practices
- Green Policy Issues
 - Why should communities enact green policies?
 - Effects of policy decisions.
 - Mainstreaming green decision making.

TRAINER:

Meera Parthasarathy is an Ohio registered architect with over seventeen years of experience in the building industry. In 2003, she founded the Central Ohio based nonprofit, Columbus Green Building Forum which has advanced the practices of sustainability through education and outreach efforts. Through her work with the Forum in the last eight years, Meera has collaborated with local governments, nonprofit and community-based organizations to make Green building practices mainstream. As Principal at Spatial Synergy Studio LLC (SSS), Meera has provided green affordable housing classes to non-profit developers around Ohio. She was co-developer for Columbus State Community College’s certificate program in Sustainable Design and taught the first part of the course for two quarters in 2006. In 2009, she co-developed curriculum for a three-credit Green Building construction management course at Ohio State University’s FABE department.

CO-TRAINERS:

Catherine Girves Sustainability as a Social Justice Issue Sustainability Now! Keynote Speaker. Simply Living and The Ohio State University's Social Responsibility Initiative Conference (2008) University Area Enrichment Association, Director (2003–present) The UAEA works to improve quality of life for people who live, work, attend school, worship, and volunteer in the neighborhoods surrounding Ohio State University. We focus on individual and community empowerment by assisting people in creating lives in which they can thrive, and believe one of the best ways to positively impact the community is through leadership development and support. Working with the Green Communities Committee, drafted the Complete Green Streets proposal with committee members.

Brian Higgins currently services as principal in Arch City Development (ACD), a consulting firm that specializes in urban housing and development solutions. Arch City has conducted dozens of market research studies, including nine focusing on the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. ACD has provided development services to a multitude of community based non-profits and technical assistance on behalf of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Previous to creating Arch City Development, Mr. Higgins spent eight years as a Program Director at Enterprise Community Partners' Columbus office, where he specialized in housing development, foreclosure mitigation, environmental sustainability, economic development, brownfield redevelopment, public policy, transportation, land use planning, data analysis and information technology.

Mr. Higgins earned his Master's Degree in City and Regional Planning 2000 and his undergraduate degree in International Studies, Urban Geography and Russian in 1995, both from The Ohio State University.

Gloria Ann Zebbs North Central Area Commission (1999-present) Commissioner-at-Large since 1999. Planning Committee Chair. Finalizing writing of neighborhood plan with Columbus Department of Development. President, Argyle Park Civic Association (1998-present) Community-based organization develops events to improve health, welfare and quality of life in Columbus' North Central Area. Organizer and Secretary (2000-present) Chair, Health Survey Committee, Columbus North Central Health Advisory Board Collaboration of various government, business, and non-profit organizations membership. Environmental Advisory Council (2005-present) Known as the "*Mayor's Green Team*", one of a 35-member council responsible for advising Mayor Michael B. Coleman and his constituents regarding environmental improvements in policy and procedures to reduce environmental impact of Columbus and Central Ohio. Also serving on the Recycling Core Committee and Education/Outreach Committee. Volunteered to give presentations to neighborhood groups and the Regional Neighborhood Network Conference. Governing Board Member, W.C. Cupe Community Schools (2005-present) Board Member, Educational Academy at Linden and Educational Academy for Boys and Girls, Elementary Charter Schools for College Prep

ADDITIONAL TRAINING INFORMATION:

Time:

Registration begins at 8:30 am with Training Workshop from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm

Training Location:

CPO Training Facility, 933 East Gay Street, Columbus, OH 43203

The CPO Training Facility is directly behind CPO Management Offices, 910 E. Broad St
Free, On-Site, Surface Parking is Available

Fees:

Ohio CDC Member/ OCDCA AmeriCorps VISTA*: Training is FREE of charge.
Non-CHDO, Non Ohio CDC Member: \$50

Please Note: Refreshments will **NOT** be provided. We will break for lunch and there are several close by options off-site. Please bring any beverages and snacks with you.

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