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Upcoming Event: Advisory Board Forum

WRI will host its second Advisory Board Forum on January 19, 2010. Invitees will include the advisory board members and other planning and community development stakeholders for a briefing on current planning projects at the Institute. This forum will include presentation about; Municipal Prevention Planning, Regional Planning Growth Fit and Affordable Housing Need in South Jersey. The previous Public Safety forum on October 6 was a success. The upcoming forum is being held to keep advisory board members and other stakeholders informed of current project achievements at the Institute.



Past Event: Author Meets Critics: "Fixing Broken Cities"



The Office of the Chancellor, Department of Public Policy & Administration and WRI hosted a panel discussion to examine, "Fixing Broken Cities" by John Kromer. A panel of Rutgers Camden professors provided their critique of how the book in its review of the challenges that cities face in redevelopment. John Kromer, senior consultant at the University of Pennsylvania Fels Institute for Government, in his book, provides strategies to revive cities that are highly disadvantaged and resource-starved. Dr. Robyne Turner, Chair of the Department of Public Policy and Administration and Dr.

Howard Gillette, professor of history, both at Rutgers Camden provided commentary on the book and redevelopment strategies in Camden, NJ. In addition to commenting on Kromer's strategies to revive urban areas, they interacted with the audience and addressed questions relating to redevelopment in Camden. The Rutgers multi-purpose room was filled to capacity. The audience included Rutgers professors, graduate and undergraduate students, and community leaders.

New WRI Project: Municipal Prevention Planning

Walter Rand Institute is staffing Municipal Prevention Boards in two cities in New Jersey, Vineland and Trenton, in response to Governor's Corzine crime prevention initiative. WRI has been chosen to assist these communities as they devise a plan to prevent juvenile delinquency and gang membership by staffing each site's municipal planning body and facilitating community planning. WRI will utilize city data to create a picture of the current prevention system, resources available, and the risk and protective factors present within each city.



Newsletter Spotlight

JOSUE DUQUE IS THE NEW GRADUATE ASSISTANT AT WRI !!!

He is a graduate student and undergraduate alumni of Rutgers Camden. Josue is working closely with Associate Director, Gwendolyn Harris on administrative tasks in the areas of public relations, financial systems and human resources.