Mr. Burke (and others) goes to Washington. Several of the Chapter Leadership attend the Mid-Year Conference at ASLA National Headquarters in Washington D.C. Advocacy opportunities abounded.

Our sections have been busy. Discover what “Guerilla Urbanism” is and how a street in Atlanta was transformed by pedestrians, bicyclists, plants and loaned street furniture.

The Georgia Chapter has begun the nomination process for the Executive Committee. If you or someone you know is itching to get involved and is ready to take the next step, then read on...

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TRANSPORTATION REFERENDUM

The 2010 Transportation Investment Act (HB 277) created the framework for a special transportation referendum that allows Georgia voters to decide on July 31, 2012 whether to approve a penny sales tax for a period of 10 years that would fund specific transportation projects in their respective regions from project lists selected by local officials with citizen input.

The Georgia Department of Transportation has developed an online toolkit to inform voters about the Transportation Investment Act, including a complete list of hundreds of transportation projects that would be delivered across all 12 regions in the state if the referendum is approved.

In metro Atlanta, the Atlanta Regional Commission has put together an online portal featuring an interactive map of the 157 transportation projects on the region’s final list, as well as projections that describe the potential economic, environmental and mobility impacts of these projects.

What is TSPLOST?
Some refer to the Transportation Investment Act as a TSPLOST or a Transportation Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax. It is actually a regional tax that has specific projects rather than categories like a county SPLOST list. A more accurate description is that it is a Regional Transportation Referendum.

Is this a statewide TSPLOST?
The state is divided into 12 regions. Each region will vote on July 31, 2012 for its regional transportation referendum. For information about the 11 regions outside Metro Atlanta, visit www.ConnectGeorgia2012.com. For information about the metro Atlanta region, go to www.TransformMetroAtlanta.com.

When is the referendum scheduled?
The Transportation Investment Act (TIA) referendum is scheduled for July 31, 2012 during the General Primary Election.

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Isackson and Saxby Chambliss Tom Price and Senators Johnny

The Board received updates on:
• The public awareness campaign and National Landscape Architecture Month
• Sustainable Sites Initiative (SITES)
• The 2012 annual meeting and EXPO (you should have already received your registration brochure for this September’s meeting in Phoenix)
• The ASLA Fund

The Board also heard from representatives of the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards, Landscape Architecture Foundation, American Institute of Architects, and American Society of Civil Engineers.

If anyone would like more detailed information on any of these topics, please contact me at greggtx11@att.net.

Trustee: Gregg Hudspeth

The last item is not related directly to the ASLA National News.

Trustees Message: National ASLA Pulse

During the week of 10 May, we had the opportunity to attend the mid-year Chapter Presidents Conference. This event encompasses a day of advocacy at Congress followed by a day and a half of sessions with folks from other chapters regarding various elements related to overseeing our respective organizations. For our rounds of the halls of Congress, our group consisted of Gregg Hudspeth, Ed Czyzson, Adam Ragsdale and Andrew Kohr.

We visited the offices of Congressmen John Lewis, Jack Kingston, John Barrow, Tom Price and Senators Johnny Isackson and Saxby Chambliss. Our focus was on promoting passage of the Transportation and Green Infrastructure Bills as this have a direct impact on our work. Several of the Reps. Kingston and Barrow (who we were able to meet with personally) all stated that not much was going to happen until the lame duck session and/or the 113th Congress next year after the election cycle is over.

During our second and third days, the focus was on talking through a variety of issues that affect all chapters.

• How do we reach out to other allied disciplines to have a greater voice on our common interests. Our ExComm asst. Liz Mueller, is currently engaged along with the ExComm in reaching out to USGBC, AIA, & CNU. There is also discussion about contacting Statehouses to determine where we might have common interests.

• AABASH is next March in Athens. We need to reach out to the student committee members to provide support and encourage them to make sure to use, as they determine, on their own

Transportation Referendum Q&A

Is this tax permanent?
The penny tax will be in place for 10 years or until the funding level is reached, whichever comes first. By law, the tax cannot be extended unless approved by voters.

Can the money collected be used for items not related to transportation, such as education?
No. Revenues raised from this penny tax can only be spent on the specific project list approved by each region’s Regional Roundtable in October 2011 (75% of the revenue) and on local transportation projects selected by local counties and municipalities (25% of the revenue).

How will the money be divided and spent throughout the region?
The transportation money raised in each region will only fund approved projects in that specific region. It cannot be used to fund projects in any other region. The majority of the money would be used for regional projects. However, 25 percent of the funds raised will be distributed to counties and municipalities to use, as they determine, on their own

Local transportation and infrastructure projects.

What is the dollar amount of the 25% that counties and cities will get and what can it be spent on?
The discretionary 25% funding can be spent on any new or existing airports, bike lanes, bridges, bus and rail, signal systems, freight and passenger rail, pedestrian facilities, ports, roads, terminals, and all activities and structures useful and related to providing, operating, and maintaining the same. The dollars can also be spent as a local match for state or federal funding. The actual amount of funding varies by region.

Is it guaranteed that the money would be spent only on the selected projects?
The Transportation Investment Act requires strict accountability. A Citizen Oversight Committee of non-elected officials would be appointed by the Speaker of the House and Lieutenant Governor to help ensure that projects are completed on time and on budget. An annual audit published on a public website will report progress on individual projects and keep citizens apprised of project spending.

Who selects the transportation projects?
Project selection in each of the 12 regions was led by a Regional Roundtable made up of local elected officials. These Roundtables held public hearings on the projects, and submitted a final list to the state Department of Transportation for final approval. Final project lists were approved in October 2011.

How does this funding source connect with other funds for transportation projects?
The TIA project list is designed to maximize federal and state dollars. Every project submitted for consideration and ultimate approval on the final list had to come from an existing plan. As a result, projects funded through TIA either complement an existing project or jump-start a new phase of a plan to enhance mobility. If the sales tax is passed, it will free up funds already programmed and those who will be eligible for additional regional priorities.

If the projects come in under cost, what happens to the remaining dollars?

ANOTHER D.C. PERSPECTIVE

On May 10, the Georgia Chapter had the largest attendance for Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill. At the Board of Trustees and Chapter Presidents’ Mid-Year meeting, it has become customary for ASLA officers to fly into Washington a day early to visit their respective Congressional offices and discuss important legislation that affects our profession.

Ed Czyzson (National VP for Professional Practice), Gregg Hudspeth (Transportation Committee Chair), Val Burke (President-Elect), Andrew Kohr (Member-at-Large for Advocacy), and Adam Ragsdale (President 2009-2010) called on 8 offices during the day. They visited the offices of Senators Saxby Chambliss and Johnny Isackson, and Representatives John Lewis, Tom Price, John Barrow, and Jack Kingston.

In all, chapter leaders visited a total of 204 offices and met with 75 Senators or House members. Topics that were discussed included the Green Infrastructure for Clean Water Act, the Transportation Reauthorization Bill, and the Urban Revitalization

Another D.C. Perspective

The Georgia Chapter led an effort to conduct an outside of DC, which resulted in a high level of advocacy and the Atlanta Beltline, which were warmly received by the Congressman and legislative aids.

National Advocacy Day in Washington has grown each year and the Georgia Chapter leaders were able to exchange ideas with other chapters about their challenges and opportunities for the profession.

Trustee: Gregg Hudspeth
ing up in a few months. Have you thought of getting involved with GAASLA in a defining position? Now is the time to step forward. Do you know someone who might be a great section chair, member-at-large, or even President-Elect? Let me know at your earliest convenience.

Do you have specific interests or questions that you want to raise with the Board? We represent all of you so please contact me at kburke@atlbeltline.org

Kevin W. Burke
President-Elect
March events included the 2nd annual Twain’s Billiards and Tap Social hosted by the Atlanta Section on March 22nd, 2012. Industry Partners, members, and guests enjoyed an evening of mingling, billiards, darts, and tasty brew and appetizers. Photos are posted on the Georgia ASLA website.

On April 26th, 2012 we enjoyed the annual Frederick Law Olmsted Luncheon at the Frazer Center including a keynote address by Stan Skalka, Co-founder of Victor Stanley, who generously provided attendees with a copy of the book, E=mc2. The lunch was preceded by an Educational Tour of Druid Hills, led by Spencer Tunnell, Wright Marshall, and Mark McDonalld. Photos are posted on the Georgia ASLA website.

The next Atlanta Section Social will be held on Wednesday, June 20th, starting at 6:00 p.m. at Joey D’s Oak Room in Dunwoody. Meet there for an after happy hour for socializing with industry colleagues. This event is cash bar. Joey D’s is located at 1015 Crown Pointe Parkway Atlanta, GA 30338 and is walking distance from the Sandy Springs Marta station. Mailchimp notice to come.

Our July event is the Transportation Referendum Presentation set for Tuesday, July 17th 5:30-7:30 at the Atlanta Beltline, Inc. office, Conference Room A. This is regarding the upcoming vote on July 31st. Please see the coming Mailchimp notice and respond if attending.

No items reported for the Coastal Section at the time of publication of this newsletter.

The following activities have taken place in the NE Section...

On March 30th, the NE Section hosted professionals from around the state to jury presentations by students in the Annual ASLA Student Honor and Merit Awards. Ten undergraduates and four graduate students were selected to make presentations of their academic work based on GPA and faculty recommendations. Honor and Merit Awards were awarded by a distinguished panel of practitioners including Bill Caldwell, Jennifer Collins, Kevin Burke, John Anderson, Ed Czywson, Erik Jarkins and David West. Students selected to receive awards were honored at a special awards luncheon the following day as a part of the CED Alumni Weekend festivities. Melissa Moeller, Jessie West, Ashley Stinson, and Taylor Ladd received Honor Awards. Aaron Hursey, Grace Miller, Veronica Pimentel, Chris McDowell and Stephanie Wolfgang all received Merit Awards. Special thanks to the jurors for their participation.

As a part of the CED Alumni Weekend the NE Section helped sponsor a reception on Friday, March 30th.

As a part of the GA-ASLA golf tournament held Monday, April 9th, The NE Section contributed students, faculty and staff as players, organizers and caddy’s. Faculty playing the tournament included Donnie Longnecker, Jack Crowley, Stephanie Crockatt, Gregg Coyle and Brian LaHaie. A record number of students played in the tournament and 6-8 participated as Caddys.

Does this photo look vaguely familiar to you? If you know who this is please contact us and let us know so we can include their photo and contact information in our records. Our Central Section does not currently have an elected chairperson. If you would like to nominate someone for this position please let us know. The section is our largest geographic section and needs leadership. As the home section for Columbus, Macon, Augusta and many other developed areas, GA|ASLA is actively seeking members for representatives to this section. This section boasts three of the seven most populated cities in Georgia (Census 2010): 1.) Atlanta: 420,003, 2.) Augusta: 195,844, 3.) Columbus: 189,885, 4.) Savannah: 136,286, 5.) Athens: 115,452, 6.) Sandy Springs: 93,853, 7.) Macon: 91,351.

Surely you can nominate someone, surely there is a GA|ASLA member out there wondering how to get involved. Contact your president via email: president@gaasl.org
One of Our Own:
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Green Since 1899?
The Atlanta chapter of ASLA’s web site says “Green since 1899.” As a basic branding exercise, it clearly relates to what we as landscape architects do. However, if one looks at it in terms of the current use of the term “green”, is it factual?

2012 marks 30 years of practice for me. I never had to take a soils class at Utah State. The standard practice from the 50’s through even today was to nuke any bugs that had the temerity to show up on plants or turf. Fertilization of turf was several times a year. I had no idea that the former directly led to the latter. I never understood that eradicating soil organisms via pesticides, fungicides, and herbicides could make plants more susceptible to various pathogens for a great discussion of the effects of stress on organisms I have just met Chip Osborne of Osborne Organics (www.osborneorganics.com ), a nationally recognized expert on sustainable turf care, who started to educate us on the soil food web, microbiology, compost tea, and other facets that we would need to know. That experience led me to become a NAPA Accredited Organic Land Care Professional (www.organiclandcare.net ) in 2007.

As the Sr. Landscape Architect on the Atlanta BeltLine Project, I over- see the organic based approach that we are using on all our public spaces; both in rehabbing soils impacted by construction and in the land care after we are done. Part of my job is to help local consultants and contractors delve into this method in order to become comfortable with this approach which does not have a long history in the Southeast. Our sports fields south of Grant Park achieves this spring, basically, the organisms feed on each other and create plant available nutrients in a loop system. While that is a success, we fully expect there will be “failures” of one sort or another and that we will deal with and use them as learning tools to inform our partners and to adapt our practices. Our current CEO challenged every- one on staff to get engaged with our communities on the micro or macro levels. I chose to start a 1 day Symposium on Organic Land Care that is held on the first Monday in March. We just had our second event this year and saw attendance rise by 78% to 146 attendees. One of the issues with system-based approach that is that there is little to no university data that exists for climates such as ours. Our first Symposium in ‘11 led to a major local foundation funding a study by Dr. Clint Waltz of UGA of the organic care of warm season grasses. My education did not include “Green since 1899” as it does not take a lot of effort to determine that the statement is erroneous in the context of the current understanding by most people of the term. However, we all have the opportunities in our practices to actually make the statement a reality via incorporation of more sustainable practices related to our soils.

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that will hopefully change as more LAs incorporate SITES standards on their projects.

In 2003, I was working on the Central Artery/Tunnel Project (“Big Dig”) in Boston as consultant with CRJA. By 2005, I had been laid off and was then working for the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. We were to be in charge of the mainte- nance of all the state-owned parkland that resulted from the Project and the decision was made to organically maintain the spaces. I first met Chip Osborne of Osborne Organics (www.osborneorganics.com), a nationally recognized expert on sustainable turf care, who started to educate us on the soil food web, microbiology, compost tea, and other facets that we would need to know. That experience led me to become a NAPA Accredited Organic Land Care Professional (www.organiclandcare.net) in 2007.

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To me, that storm water could be infiltrated on site today. We have come to realize the efficacy of reducing runoff but I submit we are still nowhere close to incorporating sustainable land care practices into our projects... although

The collaborative this past Sunday included plant material benches, temporary outlines for bulb outs, and sharrowes to showcase the possibilities of a pedestrian friendly corridor. A pop-up “city hall” was set up with boards where people could write down what they want to see on their streets and in their cities. “Bike lanes,” “more pedestrian and neighbor- hoods. Sometimes known as “gue- rilla urbanism”, tactical urbanism is designed around the idea of creating temporary parklets, streetscapes, and inviting areas which requires little project delivery promotes local business, fosters professional relationships and illustrates my partnership mentality. 

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I was the largest turnout in over four years at the 2012 ASLA|GA Annual Charity Golf Tournament benefiting the University of Georgia’s College of the Environment and Design. Seventy-three golfers took advantage of the sunny weather to come and join their co-workers, industry partners, and students and fellow ASLA members for a round of eighteen holes on a Monday afternoon.

For the third consecutive year, River Pines Golf Club in Johns Creek, Georgia served as the backdrop for our annual event. Golfers began arriving around noon to warm up on the practice range and were greeted by over a half-dozen CED student volunteers.

ASLA|GA partnered with these students from the CED program to try something new this year. Under the guidance of Professors Brian Lahrle and Donnie Longenecker, and with the provided additional contest holes. John Deere Landscapes, also an Annual Silver Industry Partner, sponsored a Closest to the Pin contest at the 173 yard hole no.3. This contest won by the tournament participant, Erik Belgium at 13’-1”. Our Bronze Annual Industry Partner Sesco Lighting sponsored a second Closest to the Pin contest at the 184 yard hole no.16. This contest was won by Steve Manley (Manley Land Design) who knocked it still at 3’-1” from the cup. This year we also added a Putting Contest, presented by NGTurf and SportsTurf. Every golfer participated in this contest as they made the turn at the clubhouse. Golfers were given three putts from 15’ in what was intended to be a first round to the contest. This proved to not be the case as Jeff Smith was the only participant to drain two putts in the first round which won him the contest. Pavestone, also an Annual Silver Industry Partner, sponsored the beverage cart throughout the tournament. AZEK also participated as an Eagle Level Tournament Partner. Our Birdie Level Tournament Partners wrote correspondence and also sponsored our Longest Drive Contest won by Jason Cory. Our Tournament Eagle Level Partners and our thanks go out to each of them. Their support and participation in this year’s tournament enabled us to sponsor our student volunteers and to provide more activities to our student volunteers.

Fostering this interaction between our CED students and chapter membership was one of the top priorities for this event. The 2012 ASLA|GA Golf Tournament Committee made the decision to only allow our membership to register for the tournament twosomes rather than a full foursome. This created the opportunity to integrate our participating CED students, as well as our loyal industry partners, into each foursome. Hats off to our membership for going along with this experiment as it proved widely successful (especially for the threesome who picked up a long driving 20 year old).

Not only did we have a record number of golfers participating, we also had a record number of industry partners commit to sponsor this event. Nineteen different companies participated in our golf tournament, and our thanks go out to each of them. Our presenting sponsor and Tournament Double Eagle Level Partner, Belgard Hardscapes provided each golfer with an ASLA|GA golf towel as course souvenirs, and also sponsored our Longest Drive Contest won by Jason Cory. Our Tournament Eagle Level Partners and our thanks go out to each of them. Their support and participation in this year’s tournament enabled us to sponsor our student volunteers and to provide more activities to our student volunteers.

5 MB of storage. The pro plan gives you unlimited raindrops and 250 MB of storage with a private domain. I used the free for a few months and decided to invest $45 for a year subscription to the pro plan.

The second is Dropbox. This is a universal platform app that allows me to put files on a remote server that can be accessed while I am out of the office. It can also support a shared drobox that will allow me and any other confirmed user to upload and download shared files. Storage space is limited to 2 GB but can be upgraded for a fee to way more.

The third is to create an FTP server. Files can be uploaded and placed in a secure folder only that the client can view or download with the correct login name and password. There are some technical things to work out, but this can provide easy access that is secure and “in-house.”

That’s it. I can’t give away all of my trade secrets in one tech tip. Drop me a line for Q&A and I will try and answer them between billable hours.

Charles Sears

The 2012 ASLA|GA Annual Charity Golf Tournament was won this year by the threesome of Travis Roberts, Bill Simpson and Doug Patten with an impressive low score of 51.

Our runners up, finishing the round one stroke off the lead at 52 were Alex Tidwell, Jason Cory, Tyson Hohn with NDS, and Shawn Case with Ed Castro Landscape.

Thanks to all of our participants and tournament partners for making the tournament such a success. Through your commitment, ASLA|GA was able to put over $3,700 towards our annual $5,000 contribution to our CED Undergraduate Scholarship Endowment. Thanks to your support, our funding to date is now $22,000. Our chapter is well on its way to meeting our goal of $25,000 by December 31, 2013.

Tech-Tip: Go Mobile

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The weather was cool and the breeze pleasant at the Frederick Law Olmsted Luncheon, held this year at the Cator Woolford Gardens. Located within the Druid Hills neighborhood of Atlanta, the gardens are adjacent to the Druid Hills Linear Park, one of Olmsted’s final commissions. To honor landscape architecture’s founding father, this year’s event featured a walking tour through Olmsted’s Linear Park!

The tour, which departed from the Fernbank Science Center, was guided by George Ickes of the Olmsted Linear Park Alliance. It featured three elements of design, each with its own distinguished guest speaker: Spencer Tunnell for landscape architecture, Wright Marshall for architecture, and Mark McDonald for historic preservation. Thankfully, the clouds held back their rain and they kept the temperatures cool. Feedback from the tour was highly receptive and positive and the ASLA-GA executive board plans on hosting more tours in the future. The tour concluded at the Cator Woolford Garden, the site of this year’s FLO luncheon. The garden, a hidden gem within the Druid Hills community, was filled with late spring blooms and was the perfect location for an outdoor lunch event. The luncheon’s keynote address was given by Stan Skalka, founder of Victor Stanley Incorporated, who was made an honorary member of ASLA this past fall at the ASLA national conference in San Diego. The luncheon was catered by the Oak Grove Market, a delicious delic everyone should go visit in Decatur (Try their pimiento cheese!). A special thank you goes out to all of the volunteers who made the event possible, especially the landscape architecture students from the University of Georgia.

President-Elect

This is actually a 3-year position while you serve one year as President-Elect, one year as President, and your third year as Past President. One of the primary purposes of President-Elect is to provide the opportunity to become familiar with chapter members and their concerns, current chapter program, budget and operations. The term of the President-Elect is also used for planning and transition. By the time the Elect assumes the position, he or she should have an annual program, have completed committee assignments, created a budget and an annual calendar. Please read the duties of President on the ASLA website too.

Treasurer

The Treasurer is "keeper of the funds, trustee of the accounts, and keeper of the chapter financial records". The Treasurer receives and disburses funds and should keep a permanent record book showing the detailed account of all monies received and paid out. This is for a one-year term.

Secretary

The Secretary has the primary duty of keeping the records (election results, membership) in the chapter, recorder of the minutes, chapter constitution and bylaws updates) and to act as liaison between the other members of the Chapter Executive Committee. He or she works closely with the Member-at-Large of Membership and Member-at-Large of Communications. This is for a one-year term.

Member-at-Large (3 different positions)

The Georgia Chapter added 3 Member-At-Positions to help grow the chapter executive committee and share the duties between the executive committee and committee chairs. The 3 positions are focused on Membership, Communications, and Advocacy. Members-at-Large can serve at the discretion of the Chapter President on various committees, but both 3 items are the current focus that each of them have as their specialty. These are one-year terms.

ExComm

The ExComm will work to organize socials and business meetings. There’s something for everyone and we welcome you to help organize socials and business meetings. There’s something for everyone and we welcome you to help organize socials and business meetings.

Membership Additions

Gary Caraway, Jr. Amelia V. Kane Samuel V. Kelleher Taylor L. Ladd Melissa Kay Moeller Emmeline Morris

Jimmie D. Mosely Randy Ott Jennifer A. Overton Ginger A. Ross Raymond B. Ruggles Mike Saunders

Arthur B. Simms Laura E. Sommet Pedro Torres Lendl Trieu Christian N. Vitulli

Due to recent short falls in membership revenues, ASLA National has begun a membership recruitment push. Each chapter has a 5% membership recruitment goal (either new members or rejoining lapsed members). Please encourage your fellow practitioners to strengthen the landscape architect’s voice on Capitol Hill, in the State House, and in City Hall by joining ASLA today! ASLA National has greatly improved their membership recruitment website (http://www.asla.org/join.aspx). Please direct any potential members to this website and/or pass their contact information on to the state chapter (mail_membership@gaasl.org). A member of the Executive Committee will be happy to contact them with additional membership information.

Special thanks to all members who have recently renewed ASLA memberships or recently rejoined ASLA. We welcome the new members who have joined (or re-joined) the ranks of ASLA in the past 30 days (see member list)
GA\ASLA was contacted by the Dunwoody Nature Center (http://www.dunwoodynature.org/) to request that we assist them as they look to upgrade their site and building. Jonathan Young of Quercus Studio LLC, Kevin Burke of the Atlanta BeltLine Inc, and Meghan Injaychock, BeltLine Fellow and UGA Masters graduate in Environmental Planning, visited the site to see what opportunities existed. All three immediately realized that stormwater management was at the top of the list.

The center sits well below Roberts Drive and adjacent to Wildcat Creek. All agreed that there are great opportunities to both manage the water and make the design thereof an integral part of the center’s curriculum. “The ability to creatively manage the on-site storm water was the first thing to jump out at us,” stated Jonathan.

The lined drainage course along the south property edge offers myriad opportunities to utilize Best Management Practices (BMPs) to slow the velocity of the water, to provide for infiltration opportunities, and to create a more hospitable environment for wildlife. The Team recommended creating a series of weirs and forebays that will allow sediments to settle out and will reduce the velocity of the stormwater. The addition of native plantings will also help soak up stormwater and enrich the edge condition.

Currently, the stormwater at the upper end of the parking lot is collected and funneled under the road into the woods and though a swale on the north side of the property. In a similar manner to the treatment on the south side, this swale can be enhanced via plantings, establishment of a path, and perhaps a recirculating system that can be tied into a cistern. Using a solar pump, stormwater, when available, could be used to make this a “flowing” stream during camp sessions. The other recommendation may be a little more controversial. The group recommended that a new barrier-free path from the parking area to the front door be installed as currently the route goes to the back of the building before one arrives at the front door. They also recommended that the existing steps from the parking lot be removed so that everyone uses the new walkway. The steps and the existing large native dogwood (Cornus florida) would be removed. This tree is old for the species and has very noticeable tip die-back. If this plan were to be implemented, the team recommended the construction of a low retaining wall that will hold back the grade from the parking lot, increase the available space in front for gathering campers and holding demonstrations, and incorporate a water feature that could use a small amount of the stormwater from the system noted above to create the calming sound of water in the entrance space.

The Team is very excited by the outcome of this effort and look forward to supporting the DNC as it moves forward.
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2012 TWAINS SOCIAL

TACTICAL URBANISM: STREETS ALIVE
On Friday, May 11th, The College of Environment and Design (CED) held its Commencement graduation ceremonies for the 2012 graduating class. The CED honored 65 undergraduates graduating with a bachelor’s degree and 21 graduate students with a master’s degree in landscape architecture. In addition, thirteen students graduated with a Master’s degree in Historic Preservation and seventeen with a Masters of Environmental Planning and Design degree.

A wide range of summer classes and travel opportunities are being offered at the CED this summer. In the Maymester period, students may travel to Croatia, take a landscape painting and drawing class on Jekyll Island, participate in a preservation field school on the Georgia coast, or travel along the “Trail of Tears” as a part of a Plant Communities of the Cherokee Landscape course. In the summer sessions students are being offered a Jekyll Island Master Planning Studio in partnership with the CED and the Fanning Institute, a Costa Rica Summer Program and The Cortona Italy Summer Studios.

“LaBash” is a national student landscape architecture conference that first began in 1970 at the University of Georgia with just a few students of landscape architecture gathering to share ideas, knowledge, and skills. Since that time the conference has grown into a three day event which includes landscape architecture students from across the US and Canada.

Earlier this year, GSLA asked the GA-ASLA if they would help support a trip to LABASH 2012 in Miami, Florida. The GA-ASLA’s generous contribution to GSLA’s transportation fund allowed us to take almost 20 students for the conference. Our students took part in lectures, tours, keynote speakers, workshops, and a small expo. LABash 2012 allowed those who took part in the trip the opportunity to bond with one another and meet a whole new group of equally passionate young landscape architects. Without the support of the GA-ASLA, none of this would have been possible. Thank you for allowing GSLA and the CED to take part in LaBash 2012!

On March 21-23, the College of Environment and Design at the University of Georgia will host Labash 2013 – “Southern Comfort.” We are anticipating over 500 students from across the country will attend. In addition, we are also expecting over 50 different companies, landscape architecture firms, and universities will be a part of our Labash vendor expo. We would love to have a strong showing from the GAASLA at Labash 2013. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for updates on registration, participating in the Expo and the conference schedule. We look forward to seeing you in Athens in March 2013!

MIAMI BEACH

LABASH 2012

UGA CED Summer Classes: Maybe I SHOULD go Back to School...

CROATIA

Courses are taught by UGA faculty, including Professor James Reap of the College of Environment and Design, and use active engagement approaches that will take students into different regions and allow them to interact with scholars from Croatian universities. The 2012 study abroad program will focus on nationalism & ethnic conflict, culture & national identity, the conservation & interpretation of tangible and intangible resources on Georgia’s coast.

CORTONA

This program provides a challenging opportunity for those students who wish to combine international travel with an intensive studio and classroom experience. Students live and work at a UGA facility in the medieval hill town of Cortona, Italy. Cortona, LAND 4070/6070 LAND 6910 Hawthorne Avenue Summer Studio 4

JEKYLL ISLAND

This course will involve two weeks of perspective drawing and landscape painting instruction on beautiful Jekyll Island, Georgia. Students will have the opportunity to discover, draw, and paint Jekyll’s historic architecture and low country habitats.

GEORGIA COAST

A three week intensive course in site documentation and hands-on conservation techniques, mixed with an examination of conservation strategies for cultural resources on Georgia’s coast. Techniques of measuring will consist of traditional hand measuring and Global Positioning System mapping. Conservation skills include carpentry, masonry, epoxy, and painting. Site visits to Sapelo Island, Cumberland Island, Ossabaw Island, and/or Jekyll Island will examine different approaches to conservation and interpretation.

JEKYLL ISLAND

Students will conduct four days of fieldwork on Jekyll Island gathering information. Afterwards students will return to Athens to develop a master plan for Jekyll Island.

COSTA RICA

Combine travel and design exploration in Costa Rica through the eyes of a landscape architect. The focus of the course is on environmental design and landscape architecture in tropical ecosystems.

CHEROKEE LANDSCAPE

A field study of the native plants of the Cherokee landscape and their historical and contemporary uses. The Cherokee landscape describes the region consisting of the eastern Cherokee Homeland, the route westward along the Trail of Tears and the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma.

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Transportation Referendum Q&A

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1. How does the referendum work?
   - The law requires that any excess dollars will be apportioned back to the local jurisdictions to be used on local transportation projects based on the percentage of population and lane miles in each jurisdiction.

2. What happens to a project if TIA money runs out before it is finished?
   - All of the projects have been scoped to meet the funds available through this process. An annual audit will track progress and citizens will be able to monitor which projects are on budget and those that may have run into additional roadblocks.

3. What happens if the regional sales tax doesn’t pass?
   - Today, local governments are required to match state funds in order to receive their state local maintenance grants. If the voters turn down the transportation referendum in 2012, the local match will be 30%. If the project list is adopted and the voters pass the transportation referendum in 2012, the local match will be 10%. Also, the region cannot attempt another transportation referendum for at least two years. Jurisdictions where the regional sales tax doesn’t pass will have to fund transportation projects through other sources of revenue such as grants, toll roads, local tax or bond referendums and federal money.

4. Can changes be made to the project list and if so, when is the last date to make changes?
   - Each Roundtable has approved the final list and no further changes can be made. Local governments are working now to determine how they will spend the 25% of funds that will be allocated to local projects.

5. Are any of my sales tax dollars going to be spent outside the region?
   - No. By law, all sales taxes collected in a region must be spent within that region. These funds cannot be used to fund projects in any other region.

6. Will bonds be issued to pay for these projects?
   - Currently, the legislation is silent on the issuance of bonds.

7. Are there any items or sales that are exempt from the regional sales tax?
   - Exemptions from the tax include: motor fuel; jet fuel; off-road fuel for heavy-duty, farm, or agricultural equipment; locomotive fuel; public mass transit fuel; the sale or use of energy used in manufacturing or processing tangible goods; and, building and construction materials. In addition, the tax is only levied on the first $5,000 of any transaction involving the sale or lease of a motor vehicle.

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Jun.
6.08.12 Executive Committee will have a “F2F” meeting in Athens
6.20.12 6 PM at Joey D’s in the Oak Room. The After Hours Happy Hour will be a socializing event. Attendees will be “on your own” for food and beverages.
6.20.12 YLA goes MTB: All ages are welcome to a group mountain bike ride at Blankets Creek Spm-dark. See the flyer in this newsletter
7.17.12 Transportation Referendum Presentation. Watch your email for updates on the presentation.

Jul.
7.17.12 Transportation Referendum Presentation at the Atlanta Beltline Offices: Conference Room A from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Learn about the upcoming TSPLOST vote. More details to come.
7.18.12 Executive Committee Conference Call
7.21.12 Party in the Park. Stay tuned for more information as this event begins to take shape

Aug.
8.15.12 Executive Committee Conference Call
8.17.12 Awards Banquet at the Atlanta Botanical Gardens