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**WHAT'S LAND GOT TO DO WITH IT? FORUM WILL EXAMINE LAND USE
AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

Role of cities and development patterns eyed in greenhouse gas emissions, energy efficiency

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – The role of land use patterns and cities has emerged as a critical element in strategies to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions. A forum Nov. 1 in Boston will explore how metropolitan and regional growth policies and climate action plans can address climate change.

Climate Change: The Emerging Role of Land Use is the title of this year's annual New England Smart Growth Leadership Forum, hosted by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, the University of Massachusetts at Lowell, the Vermont Agency of Transportation, and the Boston Society of Architects.

“At a time when climate change and energy efficiency are more and more on people's minds, our goal is to bring a sharp focus on the land use component in addressing global warming,” said Armando Carbonell, senior fellow and chair of the Department of Planning and Urban Form at the Lincoln Institute, which has brought together policymakers and practitioners and expanded research over the past year on land policy and climate change.

Speakers will include Paul Kirshen, research professor at Tufts University, on what New England can expect in climate change; Steve Winkelman, manager of the transportation program at the Center for Clean Air Policy, on what smart growth can do to address climate change; and Douglas I. Foy, founding partner of Serrafix, on innovations in cities addressing emissions reduction and energy efficiency.

A panel discussion will also include Gina McCarthy, commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection; Scott Wolf, executive director of Grow Smart Rhode Island; Beth Nagusky, project director for Grow Smart Maine; Geoff Anderson, director of the EPA's Development, Community and Environmental Division; and Andre Leroux, executive director of the Massachusetts Smart Growth Alliance.

The event is from 9:30 to 3 at the Federal Reserve Bank, Boston on Nov. 1, and is open to the public. [Registration required.](#)

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, a nonpartisan think-tank in Cambridge, Mass., has convened over 30 big city planners to review best practices in climate action plans, examined how land conservation management must adapt to changes in ecosystems, initiated research by New Orleans recovery director Edward Blakely on how urban planning must also adapt to inevitable impacts of climate change, and is playing a role in the Superstition Vistas project in Arizona, a large-scale development on 275 acres of former state trust land that includes the goals of being carbon-neutral and energy efficient. More information is at www.lincolninst.edu.

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