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**Mountlake Terrace Town Center Planning
Gets Citizen Involvement Award**

Mountlake Terrace is the winner of a Citizen Involvement Award from the Washington State Chapter of the American Planning Association to recognize the City's Town Center planning process.

"Our community really worked hard to plan for a high quality Town Center," said Mayor Jerry Smith. "The honor goes to our citizens who gave of their time to participate in roundtable meetings, workshops, and internet surveys."

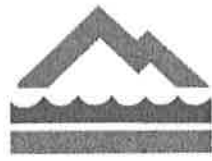
A Town Center Plan was adopted by the Mountlake Terrace City Council in February to encourage revitalization of its existing downtown. The plan calls for the development of restaurants, retail stores, offices, coffee shops, and mixed uses, along with new community amenities, such as wider sidewalks, street trees, and a large public plaza.

An extensive public outreach process guided the plan development. It included six citywide mailings and twenty public events, such as community roundtables, design workshops, and hearings. The City also created a public website to host an internet survey, announcements, comment forms, and dozens of informational materials.

"We got a lot of public input," said Alice Kier, Planning Commission Chair. "Sure, there were different opinions out there, but in the end, most people had a chance to participate and most people supported the vision for revitalizing downtown. I am so pleased that Mountlake Terrace is being awarded."

According to the City's records, this is the first time Mountlake Terrace has received a statewide planning award. For more information, check the City's Town Center webpage: www.cityofmlt.com/towncenter or call (425) 744-6266.

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Town Center Plan Selected for Governor's Smart Communities Award

MOUNTLAKE TERRACE—Mountlake Terrace's Town Center Plan project has been chosen for a Governor's Smart Communities Vision Award, to be given at a statewide event in Spokane on June 25.

The Town Center Plan project includes a master plan for the city's downtown, along with an environmental study that streamlines future development review and new zoning codes that implement the vision.

Over the next 20 years, the Town Center efforts are expected to result in about 1400 jobs, 471,000 square feet of retail and office, and 800 housing units in the downtown area.

More information is available from the City's Community and Economic Development Department at (425) 744-6266.

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Gov. Gregoire Announces 2009 Smart Communities Award Winners

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OLYMPIA – Gov. Chris Gregoire today announced the winners of her 2009 Smart Communities Awards for creating livable communities. The awards honor nine communities across the state from among 21 outstanding nominees for outstanding achievements in growth management.

“As Washington recovers from this downturn in the economy, the work of local governments and their partners in creating vibrant, quality communities is vital to success,” said Gregoire. “The leadership of these award winners helps to make Washington a great state in which to live and do business.”

City winners are Hoquiam, Walla Walla, Mountlake Terrace, Everett, and Puyallup. Partnership awards recognize King County and the City of Issaquah for work on transit-oriented development; and to Pasco, Richland and Kennewick in partnership with Benton and Franklin Counties, for their work on the Sacagawea Heritage Trail. The judges also gave Merit Awards for cutting-edge work by Garfield County on zoning for renewable energy projects, and by City of Sammamish on its permitting process

“The Smart Communities Award winners reflect the wide variety of efforts and collaborations that make up growth management planning in Washington,” said Rogers Weed, director of the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED). “Communities can move forward economically when good, collaborative work like this is being accomplished.”

Many of the projects included collaborations between government and the private sector. The Smart Communities Award winners will be showcased at the Washington State Association of Counties statewide meeting June 11 in Kennewick and the Association of Washington Cities annual conference June 25 in Spokane.

Washington’s comprehensive Growth Management Act has been in place for 19 years, providing a framework for local communities to plan and implement their vision for the future. For more information on the Smart Communities Awards or the Growth Management Act, visit www.cted.wa.gov/growth.

CTED is the lead state agency charged with enhancing and promoting sustainable community and economic vitality in Washington State. For more information, please visit www.cted.wa.gov.

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2009 Smart Communities Award Winners:

Smart Vision Award – Comprehensive Planning

City of Hoquiam – City Land Use Plan

City of Walla Walla – Urban Area Comprehensive Plan Update

City of Mountlake Terrace – Town Center Plan

Smart Choices Award – Implementation of a Comprehensive Plan

City of Everett – Core Area Residential Development Standards & Design Guidelines

City of Puyallup – Civic Center Project

Smart Partnerships Award – Development Project to Implement a Plan

Tri-Cities with Benton and Franklin Counties – Sacagawea Heritage Trail Project

City of Issaquah with King County – Transit-Oriented Development Agreement

Judges' Merit Award

Garfield County – Zoning Ordinance for Renewable Energy Facilities

City of Sammamish – Over-the-Counter Permit Approval Process

Other 2009 Nominees:

City of Bothell – Downtown Revitalization Plan

City of Fife – Community Mixed-Use Zone/Pedestrian-Oriented Minor Arterials

City of Mountlake Terrace – Sustainability Strategy Plan and Clean Technology Plan

City of Liberty Lake – Hawkstone Workforce and Senior Affordable Housing

City of Mill Creek – East Gateway Urban Village Plan and Public Participation Process

City of Poulsbo – Comprehensive Plan Update

City of Tacoma – Downtown Plan

City of Vancouver – Riverview Gateway Subarea Plan and Plan District

City of Mountlake Terrace – Housing Choices Plan

City of Dupont – Northwest Landing/Hoffman Hill Community Plan

Pend Oreille County, City of Newport, and Newport School District – Don Ellersick Memorial Track Project

City of Mountlake Terrace – Interurban Trail Connection

City of Orting – Orting Downtown Vision Plan