

New Metropolis Lecture Series @ Virginia Tech

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Growing Cooler: The Evidence on Urban Development and Climate Change

Reid Ewing, National Center for Smart Growth, University of Maryland

7 pm to 9 pm
Virginia Tech's Alexandria Center
1021 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314
Main Conference Room, 3rd floor

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About the presentation:

In the new Urban Land Institute (www.uli.org) book by the same title, a team of researchers and practitioners found that urban development is a key contributor to climate change and an essential factor in addressing it. Meeting the growing demand for conveniently located homes in walkable neighborhoods could significantly reduce the growth in the number of miles American's drive, shrink the nation's carbon footprint while giving people more housing choices. Co-author Reid Ewing will answer three critical questions as planners, land developers and policymakers confront the climate change challenge:

- 1) What reduction in vehicle miles traveled (VMT) is possible in the United States with compact development rather than continuing urban sprawl?
- 2) What reduction in CO2 emissions will accompany such a reduction in VMT?
- 3) What policy changes will be required to shift the dominant land development pattern from sprawl to compact development?

See www.smartgrowthamerica.org for more information on the book, their findings, and additional climate change resources. For more information about this lecture, contact Professor Joe Schilling (jms33@vt.edu or 703-706-8102).

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