



## **Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) Visit**

East Bayside, Portland, Maine

March 30 – April 1, 2010

### **CALLING THE PROFESSIONAL DESIGN COMMUNITY: OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE**

Portland is one of seven communities nationwide to win a competitive grant from the American Institute of Architects (AIA) for technical assistance to turn the city's East Bayside neighborhood into a model for a vibrant, sustainable, urban community.

On March 30, AIA's Sustainable Design Assessment Team (SDAT) program will bring a team of national experts to the city for three days to develop recommendations for improving East Bayside: Maine's most ethnically diverse neighborhood, with the most varied land use of any 100 acres in the city, and a major gateway to the peninsula. The SDAT will work with public officials, community leaders and residents over the course of three days to help shape a holistic strategy to address transportation, economic, social and environmental issues in East Bayside.

### **A Unique Opportunity**

The SDAT will concentrate their first day (March 30) conducting key interviews and roundtables with East Bayside stakeholders, with a neighborhood meeting that evening. On day 2 & 3 (March 31 & April 1) the SDAT will set up headquarters at the Wishcamper building (USM) to create their report to be presented Thursday evening, April 1, 6:00 pm @ the Portland High School. The general topic areas to be covered in their assessment/report are highlighted by the SDAT member:

1. **Connectivity/streetscapes; open space; urban design:** Patricia Smith, ASLA, AICP [*Los Angeles*]
2. **Transportation/bicycle & pedestrian planning:** Seleta Reynolds, AICP [*Seattle*]
3. **Green Infrastructure:** Dave Rodgers, PE, LEED AP, principal; SvR Design [*Seattle*]
4. **Creative Economy/cultural development:** Neil Takemoto, Cool Town Studios [*DC*]
5. **Public Safety/Youth Development:** Richard Goll, Onsite-Insight [*Hampton, VA*]
6. **Housing/Neighborhood Revitalization:** Reemberto Rodriguez, Silver Springs Regional Center [*MD*]
7. **SDAT Team Leader:** J. Todd Scott, AIA: Design Review Coordinator/Preservation [*King County, WA*]
8. **Design Assistance:** Erin Simmons, AIA: Director of Design Assistance; AIA Communities by Design [*DC*]
9. **Facilitation:** Joel Mills, Director; AIA Center for Communities by Design [*DC*]

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The SDAT welcomes volunteer participation from local architects and landscape architects to assist with the production phase during day 2 & 3. Studio hours at Wishcamper are expected to be: **Wednesday, March 31 from 10:00 – 5:00, and Thursday, April 1 from 9:00 – 3:00.**

Time commitments of 4 hours or more preferred; preregistration required. Space limited.  
AIA Maine members can earn HSW/SD Learning Units for participation.

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***The grant is a partnership between the East Bayside Neighborhood Organization (EBHO), the USM Muskie School of Public Service and the City of Portland.*** More info: [www.eastbayside.org](http://www.eastbayside.org)