

Coastal Development

The issue of Sustainability

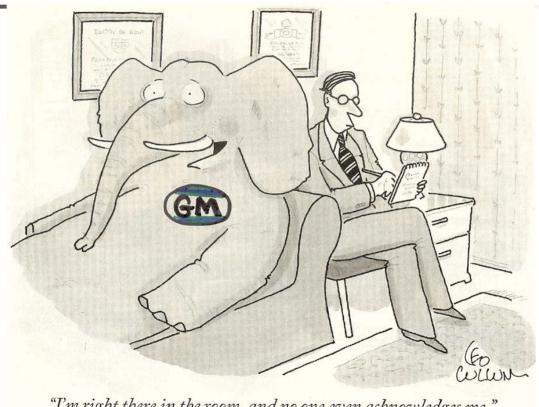
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Emerging Issue



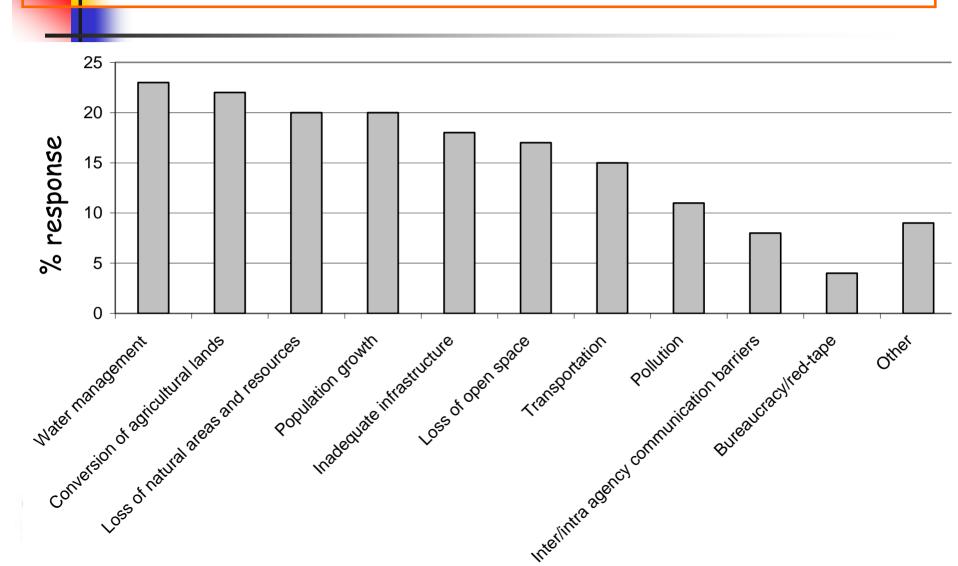
"I'm right there in the room, and no one even acknowledges me."

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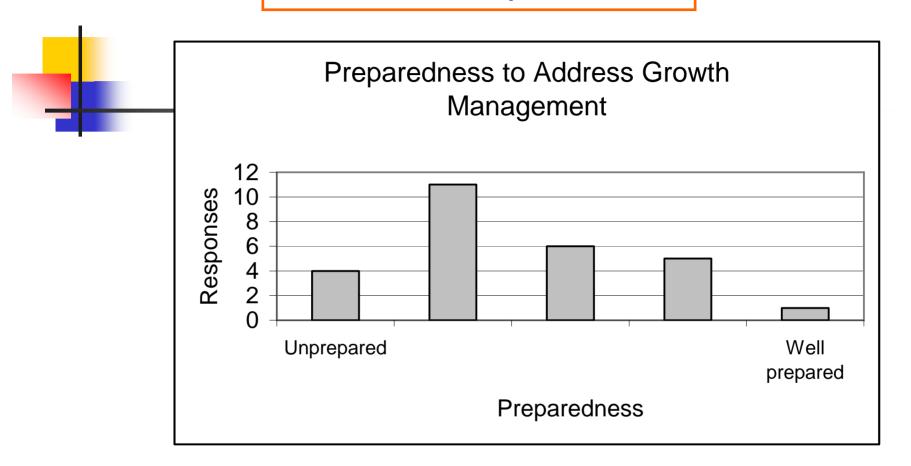




Most pressing GM issues



Extension Preparedness



56% of respondents felt unprepared to address growth management







Efforts in Sustainable Economic and Community Development

- ► Land/Coastal Use Issues
- ➤ Leadership Training
- **≻**Cooperative Development
- > Rural Development
- **➤**Water Quality
- ➤ Rural Urban Interface Issues







Examples

Florida Yard and Neighborhood

- Assist homeowners to help reduce pollution and enhance environment by improving home and landscape management
- ➤ Goal to protect Florida's natural environment for future generations









Florida Yard and Neighborhood And NEMO

- > Reduce storm water runoff
- ➤ Decrease non-point source pollution
- **≻**Conserve water
- >Enhance wildlife habitat
- ➤ Create beautiful landscapes







Program for Resource Efficient Communities

➤ Assist developers in adoption of best design, construction and management practices

in new residential community developments

➤ Goal: Reduce energy and water consumption and practices that degrade the natural environment





Program for Resource Efficient Communities

Implementation of resource efficient community development practices through:

- Training and consulting
- Academic courses
- ➤ Applied research and case studies
- > Evaluation of Certification standards







The Future

Focus on Sustainability Issues

- Ecosystem, interdisciplinary focus
- Training of existing faculty
- Hiring new faculty in different disciplines
- Partnerships across campus, agencies and the private sector
- Research and demonstration project







What we can bring to issue

- Science-based information
- Statewide network and delivery system
- Federal, state and county partnerships
- Ecosystem, interdisciplinary focus
- Research and demonstration sites
- Knowledge in developing, implementing and evaluating community-based programs



