



# Housing, Land Use & Growth Management Resources

FOR LOCAL REALTORS®  
ASSOCIATIONS 2015-16

Washington REALTORS® has prepared a number of policy and educational resources for local associations to better understand housing, land use and growth management issues in Washington State.

## NEW RESEARCH & POLICY PAPERS

Local Associations can request funds to have this information presented to members, local officials, and more from the REALTORS® Issues Fund. Local Presentations can be used to meet NAR's Core Standards for Local Association Advocacy. These policy papers can be emailed to you.



### Boomers & Millennials: The Python Now Has Two Pigs

New Research Paper available at [www.warealtor.org/government/resources](http://www.warealtor.org/government/resources)

Insights from Mike Luis on the two largest demographics living in our communities — Baby Boomers and Generation-Y (or Millennials). Learn the realities and myths of housing both generations and housing strategies to consider for comprehensive plan housing and land use policies.



### The Balance of Jobs & Housing

New Research Paper available at [www.warealtor.org/government/resources](http://www.warealtor.org/government/resources)

Mike Luis explores the complex dynamics between employment & housing; and discusses the importance of balance between them. Serving current & future populations, local government faces issues like housing affordability, local and regional planning, attracting employment opportunities and providing adequate roads and transit.



### Washington Research Council (WRC) A 25 Year Review of the Growth Management Act

New Research Paper Available December 2015

This WRC paper provides an overview of the GMA, its history, performance over its first 25 years, and suggested improvements to meet current land use and housing needs.



### Washington REALTORS® Government Affairs Online Resources [www.warealtor.org/government/resources](http://www.warealtor.org/government/resources)

Important resources created to inform members about key topics like Housing, Land Use & Environmental Policies, Consumer & Business Affairs, Tax & Fiscal, and Infrastructure. Materials include policy briefs, research/studies, issue/position papers & a GA Toolkit on participating in policy planning, regulation development and providing effective testimony.

#### Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC)

is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting local governments state-wide. Great site for information on topics such as housing, land use, shorelines, critical areas issues, transportation, and infrastructure together with local government ordinances. Anyone can access this site.

#### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

**Municipal Research and Services Center (MRSC)**  
<http://mrsc.org/Home.aspx>

**Washington Center for Real Estate Research**  
<http://wcrer.be.washington.edu/>

**City Data**  
<http://www.city-data.com/>

## TECHNICAL HELP

### Specialized Assistance for Local Associations

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When papers & classes are not enough to address local issues, Washington REALTORS® Government Affairs can assist Associations to effectively analyze and respond to local land use and housing issues.





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## NEW LAND USE / GROWTH MANAGEMENT EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

These classes can be scheduled locally, or viewed online.

### Land Use Permitting & Growth Management

CE: 3.5 Clock Hours | [www.warealtor.org/education](http://www.warealtor.org/education)

Presented by top attorneys in land use and the Growth Management Act (GMA), this class explains the complex policy and regulatory requirements affecting development in Washington. Real estate professionals will become adept at helping clients buy properties for development as well as learn to be a member of a development project team. Learn more about the class and instructors on [warealtor.org](http://warealtor.org).



### Washington Department of Commerce "Short Course on Local Planning"

Free 3-Hour Class | [www.warealtor.org/government/gm-resources](http://www.warealtor.org/government/gm-resources)

Focused on policy planning and implementing development regulations at the local government level, this free "Short Course" from the Department of Commerce covers the legalities of planning in Washington; the Growth Management Act; their impact on implementing community plans and regulations; the Open Public Meetings Act & Public Records Act; and roles/relationships in the planning process.

Dates and times for the Short Course on Local Planning will be posted in the Washington REALTORS® Friday Facts email and also on the Government Affairs page online. Learning materials, videos and special topics have been developed exclusively for this class.



### Association of Washington Cities (AWC) Growth Management Videos

[www.awcnet.org](http://www.awcnet.org)

A series of short videos ("GMA Comp Plan Conversation Starters") from AWC that includes discussion questions to help jurisdictions in updating a GMA comprehensive plan. Learn more on the Government Affairs page online.

