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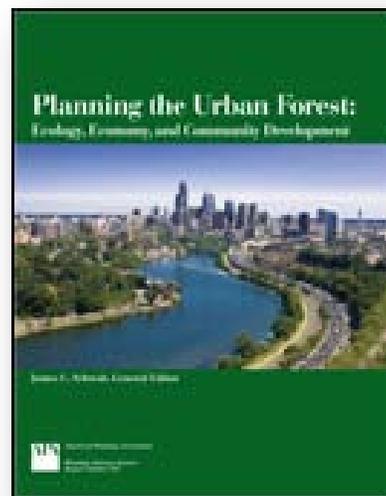
Invites you to join us for

Planning the Urban Forest

With nationally renowned land use planner Jim Schwab

Thursday, March 3rd at 7:15 p.m. Reception, then Jim's discussion at 8:00.

Audubon Naturalist Society Woodend Sanctuary, 8940 Jones Mill Road Chevy Chase, Maryland 20815



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Jim Schwab, AICP

Jim works with the [American Planning Association](#) in Chicago. His career reflects his double penchant. At the University of Iowa, he obtained master's degrees in both urban and regional planning and journalism. He has combined these skills in his writing, using the analytical skills of the planner and the narrative skills of the journalist to probe major social, economic, and environmental issues.



Jim's newest publication is *Planning the Urban Forest*, for which is the principal author. Over time, Jim has expanded APA's profile in planning for natural hazards, and the presence of its Hazards Planning Research Center, to include work on wildfires, landslides, and other hazards, with overseas outreach work in the Caribbean, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, and New Zealand, as well as the U.S. Gulf Coast after Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Ike. He has spoken in numerous venues in the U.S. and abroad.

Two of Jim's other books are [Raising Less Corn and More Hell: Midwestern Farmers Speak Out](#) (University of Illinois Press, 1988) and [Deeper Shades of Green: The Rise of Blue-Collar and Minority Environmentalism in America](#) (Sierra Club Books, 1994). The first was essentially an oral history of the farm protest of the 1980s that challenged widespread farm bankruptcies and liquidations. The second examined the often invisible movement within African-American, Hispanic, and other minority communities, as well as white blue-collar neighborhoods, to fight industrial pollution and protect public health. He is currently developing plans for a book about the 1993 and 2008 Midwest floods and would love to hear from anyone with thoughts or useful information to contribute on the subject. (See [News](#).) His long list of articles for national journals and magazines appears under Publications. From 1992-1996, he edited APA's environmental planning newsletter, *Environment & Development*; since 1990, he has also edited APA's *Zoning News* (now *Zoning Practice*), a monthly newsletter on zoning issues. He was formerly assistant editor of APA's monthly magazine, *Planning*. He is a past President of the [Society of Midland Authors](#) (1997-99), and has served in many capacities including as SMA's membership secretary, vice-president, and currently, a board member and perennial judge in the annual book awards contest.

Jim has a B.A. in Political Science from Cleveland State University, and M.A.s in both Journalism and Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Iowa. In recent years, he has been serving as adjunct faculty at both the University of Illinois-Chicago and the [University of Iowa](#), teaching graduate-level urban planning classes on planning for disasters.

Jim is married to Jean Schwab, a retired Chicago Public Schools teacher. They have two adopted daughters, as well as two former foster daughters, and are currently caring for two

Come to this event and hear more about Montgomery County's Forest Conservation Program and the County's urban forest planting efforts.