



SCALE
Scott County Association For Leadership And Efficiency

On Nov. 12, 2010, SCALE Chair (and Savage Mayor) **Janet Williams** convened the general meeting at Prior Lake City Hall, in which the topics of sustainable development and upcoming legislative priorities were the focus of the morning's agenda.

Credit River Township Supervisor **Al Aspengren** — who also serves as an adjunct professor at the University of Saint Thomas — led the presentation on sustainable development, noting that "...development is defined as 'sustainable' when it meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs." After profiling a dam project in the Ural Sea area of the former Soviet Union as inherently *unsustainable* — "The sea essentially vanished," he noted — Aspengren continued by delineating the "triple bottom lines" of equity (social justice, fair wages, safety, et cetera), the environment, and economy of true sustainable development.

Noting that SCALE members are already engaging in elements of sustainable development (e.g., tree preservation, stormwater management, erosion control), Aspengren and his colleagues on the SCALE Quality of Life Committee encouraged the general SCALE membership to consider moving even further into areas such as advocating for LEED principles, providing tangible incentives for developers to use sustainable practices, better educating developers and residents alike, and advancing sustainable transportation and transit systems. In closing, on a request by Prior Lake City Manager **Frank Boyles**, the SCALE membership adopted a general statement directing "... the Quality of Life Committee proceed to identify incentive-based sustainable development concepts for possible incorporation into current Planned Unit Development (PUD) ordinances and to develop a model sustainable development ordinance for members to choose to use in whole, in part, or not at all (at the member's discretion)."

After a brief update on the Quality of Life Committee's work on the Emerald Ash Borer, the remainder of the morning's meeting was dedicated to discussing and considering the proposed 2011 legislative agenda (which can be found online at www.scaleinfo.org) for formal adoption at the December meeting.

The next SCALE meeting is scheduled for 7:30—9:00 a.m., Friday, Dec. 10, at Prior Lake City Hall. Please continue to check the SCALE website at www.scaleinfo.org for agendas, news, information, and committee updates!

"The mission of SCALE is to forge new and innovative ways in which government entities can collaborate to provide superior services while making the most of limited resources."

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