

VALUES, ETHICS, AND SUSTAINABILITY

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10:25 am – 11:35 am Monday-Friday

Location: Education South, Room 165

May 18: Sprawl, Agriculture and Food Security

Special Guest

Debbie Hubbard,
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<http://greateredmontonalliance.com/>

Brief review - sprawl

- Sprawl continues, with significant costs
 - City finances, environmental, health, etc.
- Causes – much boils down to financial incentives
- A solution: turn around the incentives to favour denser development
 - Effective (addresses prime cause; isn't a band-aid)
 - Non-coercive
 - Manage distributional impacts through financial transfers, programs (not subsidies of sprawl)

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- As important as stopping sprawl is a vision for the future:
 - Retrofitting the suburbs
 - Protecting local agriculture and food security (GEA)
 - See also Transition Town
www.transitionnetwork.org