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Chapter Update



From the President

Inspiring Planners Through Education, Networking, and Policy Advocacy

Thank you all who participated in the APA Minnesota/Upper Midwest Planning Conference. This annual conference was a huge success, building upon many years of great education, networking, and advocacy. This event is our marquee event, and hopefully inspired all of you as Planners. Keep an eye out for our other major events including, but not limited to:

- Holiday Party (January)
- Policy and Advocacy Workshop/Planners Day at the Capitol (late winter/early spring)
- Spring Mobile Workshop (May)

Looking Forward

Each January, the Board of Directors holds an annual Retreat and Strategic Planning Session. This year, this session will be held on Friday, January 18th. We welcome ideas from the Membership, so feel free to share your ideas on how to improve our Chapter. To see our planned strategic direction, visit www.planningmn.org/strategicplan.

We are also looking for individuals who want to get involved in APA Minnesota with a variety of opportunities through our updated committee system. If you are interested in joining these groups to help advance our priorities and create a space for these key topics, please contact Kathy Aro, APA Minnesota Executive Director at kathy.aro@planningmn.org or visit our website at www.planningmn.org.

- Legislative and Law Committee (Policy and Advocacy)
- Women in Planning
- Diversity and Equity
- Brown Bag Lunch/Webinar Coordinator

As we wrap up another successful year, we look forward to renewed energy in 2019.

We hope to see you at one of our many amazing events throughout the year.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Ashwill".

APA MN 2018 Fall Conference Wrap-up

On behalf of the 2018 Conference Committee and APA MN Board, we would like to thank you for attending this year's conference in Rochester, MN. We made quite a few changes this year, and we appreciate your attendance and flexibility. This year's conference included:

- 420 attendees
- 59 sessions
- 10 mobile tours
- 27 sponsors
- 9 awards, and over 20 award winners
- Over \$700 raised for Channel One with food drive

Rochester welcomed our over 420 attendees with good weather and a speech by Mayor Brede, a health panel with speakers from AARP, SRF, the Minneapolis Health Department, and the City of Rochester. Our 59 sessions over three days included sessions on transportation, equity, public health, and rural planning. Those sessions were supplemented with a student poster session, a book club discussion, and a live podcast for Thursday's keynote with Dr. Melody Hoffmann and Jeff Wood.

Our thanks go to many people-- Hally Turner, Lance Bernard, and Dan Edgerton, for chairing the programs committee. Thanks to Lew Overhaug, Logan Tjossem, and Molly Patterson-Lundgren, and Todd Larson for organizing the mobile tours. Thank you Stephanie Falkers for the Awards program, and Rita Trapp for organizing the Exhibitors and Sponsors. And special thanks to Alex Conzemius for planning the food drive for Channel One Food Shelf in Rochester, which raised over \$700.

Congratulations again for our award winners, including Gordon Hydukovich for Lifetime Achievement, and LisaBeth Barajas for the Peg and Otto Schmid Award.

We look forward to the 2019 conference in Breezy Point. If you are interested in serving on that Conference Committee, or acting as a co-chair for next year's conference, please get in touch with Chloe McGuire at chloe-plans@gmail.com. We promise next year there will be more coffee.

Thank you,

Chloe McGuire Brigl and
Stephanie Rouse
2018 Conference Co-Chairs



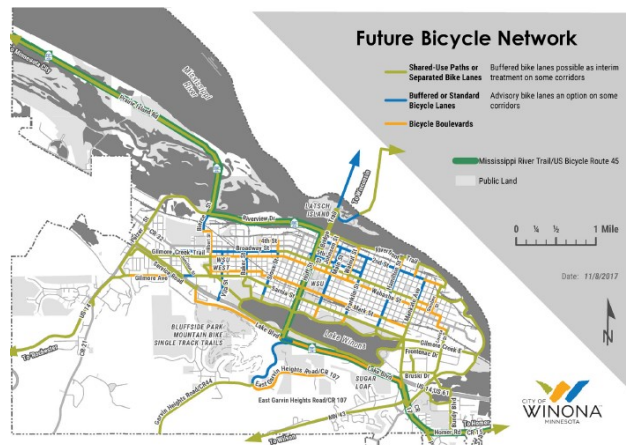
Planning in Context Award: Winona Complete Streets Policy and Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan

Recipients: City of Winona and Toole Design Group

The Winona Complete Streets Policy and Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan showcases successful attention and integration of land use and transportation, racial/cultural communities and changing demographics.

The planning process featured:

- A robust information gathering component
- Incorporation of the context of the community as a walkable university city
- Emphasis on building community support
- A detailed approach to plan implementation around complete streets and bicycle facilities



Excellence in Community Engagement: Chanhassen Parks and Recreation System Plan

*Recipients: City of Chanhassen Parks and Recreation
Department and HKGi*

The City of Chanhassen's first Parks and Recreation System Plan is a landmark document that will provide guidance to civic leaders in their efforts to enhance and maintain one of the state's highest quality parks and recreation systems.

The engagement process featured:

- Innovation, with new and interactive ways to capture ideas and images from locations in real time
- High participation level, with extensive community participation in the process
- Impact of participation on the plan, and its contribution to the plan's overall success



 **63** identified areas that need work

"The trails around Lake Susan need improvement. Very cracked, pitted, bumpy and uneven. Have seen people trip and fall."

"The Chanhassen Rec Center is sub-standard compared to other adjacent towns. We could definitely improve it. Aim high, add an indoor skating rink and a pool."

"Need a safe way to cross Highway 5 at Powers. Underground tunnel?"



Innovation in Planning: Rochester Destination Medical Center Integrated Transit Studies

*Recipients: City of Rochester,
SRF Consulting Group*

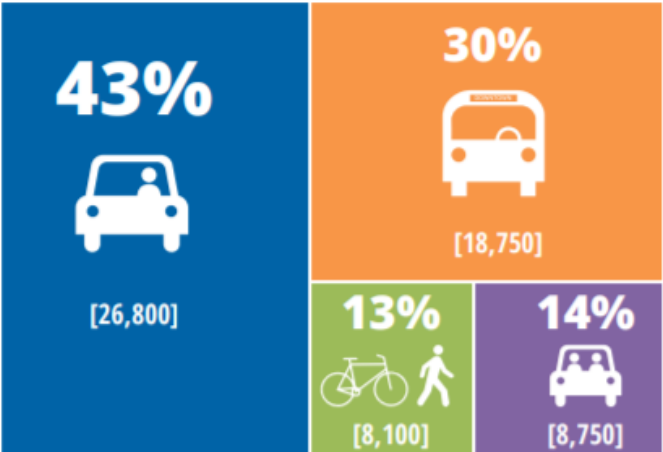
The transportation goal for Rochester’s Destination Medical Center (DMC) is bold – to accommodate 60 percent of all trips within the DMC boundaries with transit, walking, biking, and ridesharing.

The City of Rochester in cooperation with the DMC Corporation recently completed an innovative multi-year effort -- the Integrated Transit Studies -- which created a multi-modal blueprint laying out policies, strategies and infrastructure investments to achieve that goal over the next 20 years.

The Preferred Solution identified through this planning process is now proceeding with an implemen-



COMMUTER MODE OF TRAVEL: 2035 TARGET



Partnerships in Planning: CSAH 83 Improvements

Recipients: Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Scott County, City of Prior Lake, and Bolton & Menk, Inc.

The CSAH 83 project in Scott County included expanding a county highway as well as rebuilding an internal roadway system to align with the overall system solution.

The project leaders maintained strong partnerships and achieved the aggressive schedule, exemplary design and environmental solutions, and safety for travelers and the construction teams. The project included extensive interagency coordination, including on complex environmental approvals and mitigation commitments.



Plan to Implementation: Fast Tracking New Transit Service to Dakota County Technical College

Recipients: Dakota County, Dakota County Technical College, City of Rosemount, MVTA

The vision of the East-West Transit Study was to “promote a safe and efficient transportation system.” MVTA representatives believed they could do this by creating a service that connected local communities to businesses and secondary schools to support the economy and education.

MVTA staff worked with Dakota County, DCTC and the City of Rosemount to develop a year-round weekday service plan with four round trips to DCTC, with a two-year trial starting in 2018. Marketing and outreach were a big part of this project as well.



Outstanding Student Project: The TOD Evaluation Method

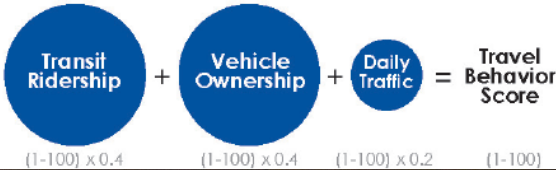
Recipients: Frank Alarcon, Y.J. Joanne Cho, Andrew Degerstrom, Ashley Hartle, Reed Sherlock

This project proposes a TOD Scoring Tool and Framework for the Metropolitan Council to use to evaluate the suitability of transit corridors and station areas for TOD. The TOD Scoring Tool is based on the Framework, which focus on three categories of variables informed by scholarly research and interviews with TOD professionals: travel behavior, built environment, and community strength.

It demonstrates the TOD Scoring Tool in practice by applying it to the METRO Green Line corridor.



TOD Score	72
Travel Behavior Score	94
Built Environment Score	67
Community Strength Score	47



Gunnar Isberg Scholarship Recipients



**APA
MN** Olivia Boerschinger
University of Minnesota
Award: Gunnar Isberg Scholarship



**APA
MN** PeggySue Imihy
University of Minnesota
Award: Gunnar Isberg Scholarship



Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners: **Dr. Carissa Schively Slotterback**



“Dr. Schively Slotterback has inspired not only her Humphrey students to take part in chapter events but she also maintained contact with the other two planning schools in the state. Dr. Schively Slotterback's unfailing enthusiasm for volunteerism encouraged other members of the Board to increase their visibility and to interact more frequently with the newly minted young planners”



National Planning Achievement Award for Best Practice: Local Planning Handbook



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HOUSING

The Council's overall housing policy priority is to:

Create housing options that give people in all life stages and of all economic means viable choices for safe, stable and affordable homes.

Housing choices allow households to find housing affordable to them in the communities where they want to live. A full range of housing types can help increase resiliency as local governments experience changing demographics and economic conditions. Housing elements are an opportunity to state a local government's specific policy priorities around housing choice within their community.

The information found here will help you develop a Housing Element and related Implementation Plan that meets minimum requirements of the Metropolitan Land Planning Act and is consistent with the adopted **2040 Housing Policy Plan**. Counties may have different requirements than cities depending on their location. If you are preparing a County Comprehensive plan this **FAQ** will provide more information.



Housing Plan

EXISTING HOUSING NEEDS

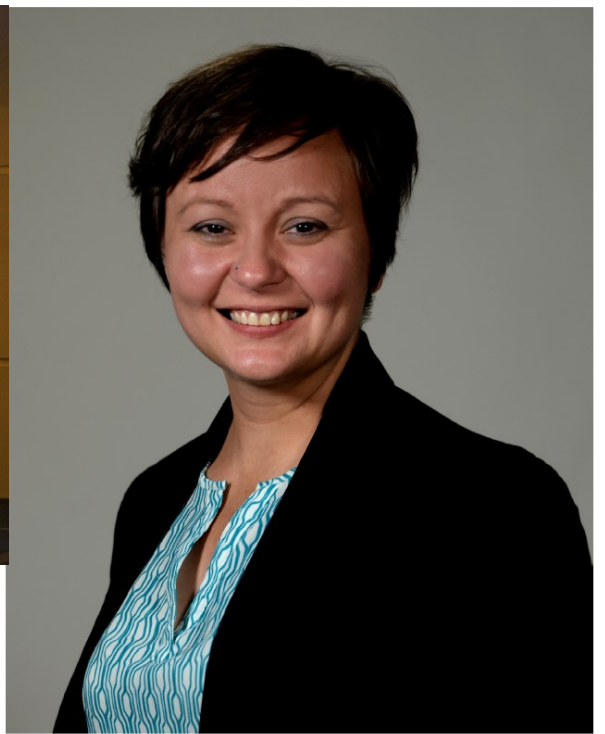
An assessment of the existing housing conditions in your community is the first step in determining existing housing needs. Communities may use alternative data to meet minimum requirements if the sources are reasonably credible.

Minimum Requirements:

- Complete an existing housing assessment, including:
 - A table of existing local conditions (found on your **Community Page**), including the following information:
 - Total number of housing units.
 - Number of housing units affordable to households with incomes at or below 30% Area Median Income (AMI), between 31 and 50% AMI, and between 51 and 80% AMI. **What these income ranges mean and how they translate to affordable housing costs.**
 - Number of housing units that are owner occupied.

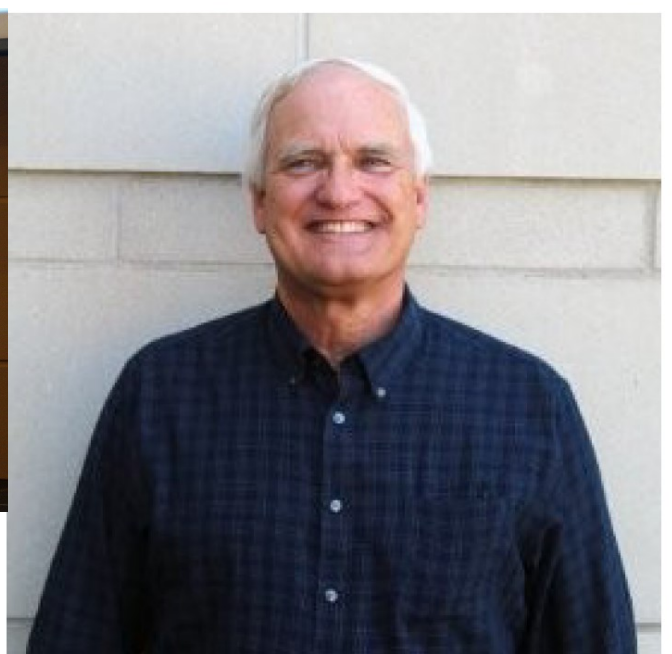


Special Career Recognition



LisaBeth Barajas

Award: Peg and Otto Schmid Award



Gordon Hydukovich

Award: Lifetime Achievement Award

Coding Like It's (Not) 1999

Michael Lamb, AICP
Urban Design+Planning Leader, LHB, Inc.

Prince's song 'Party Like It's 1999' is about the fear of nuclear build-up and anxiety about what change would happen at the end of the century. The threat of nuclear war may still be a concern, but we all know now that Y2K did not result in worldwide catastrophic change. However, the time-worn phrase 'the only constant is change' (Heraclitus 400 BC) is still very true today. Just take, for example, the rapid evolution of bricks-and-mortar retail or the acceleration of personal technology (the iPhone was introduced in 2007) or how we expect autonomous vehicles to shape the future of the built environment. Change is constantly influencing how we make decisions daily, yet many zoning codes have not significantly changed for decades or longer. As a follow-up to my Upper Midwest Regional APA Conference presentation this article addresses the opportunity to change zoning codes that focus on creating a balanced, walkable environment – codes that address all modes of movement, emphasize the prominent public realm and establish standards for how we live in and use our communities as places that are comfortable, safe and inviting for people.

After WW II growth and development expanded in a rapid fashion. A stable world-wide economy allowed business and industrial expansion to happen on a large-scale basis; jobs needed workers and workers needed housing. Large parcels of land were regularly assembled and developed for the new 'American Dream' – the single-family house on its own individual lot. As housing opportunities expanded so did the street and highway systems with the Eisenhower National System of Interstate and Defense Highways being authorized in 1956. The development of the urban interstate system essentially

subsidized access to land beyond the core cities (the suburbs) and at the same time displaced hundreds of poor and minority neighborhoods. The single use zoning code was the perfect tool at the time to accommodate large residential development that organized the growing urban pattern around the automobile. Compared to towns and neighborhoods built before WW II, the "fabric" of these new residential developments disproportionately focused infrastructure on a single mode and condition – driving.

We all know that Euclidean (single use) zoning is the common base for codes dating back to the 1930's when the Village of Euclid won a Supreme Court decision over Rambler Realty. At that point it was a needed act to separate residential uses from noisy, smelly industrial uses, railroad yards and other noxious uses. But not all residents received equal treatment; the single-family use (and its inherent ownership title) carried the highest importance over renters and economically disadvantaged citizens (especially those that lived on the "other side of the tracks"). Today, the environment polluting industries of the past have been replaced with finance, technology and clean-business sectors that generally don't create offensive conditions and often are locational advantages in the live-work-play equation. Along the way we have seen Euclidean-supportive requirements in the form of the planned unit development (PUD), performance-based zoning, incentive-based zoning and codes focused on the character and form of the built environment. The latter, character-based zoning, is a shift back to people (and how people use their communities) as the highest and most important element of the planning and development of our communities.

A character-based code is organized around the very essence of what makes a community special, unique and legible – qualities that can be studied, measured and quantified into standards for building and development. A code in its simplest state



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is a set of words and numbers that result in how a building is allowed to occupy land; the critical notion here is to understand that this combination creates a very real outcome in the ‘fabric’ of a town (in his book *Walkable City*, Jeff Speck talks about ‘fabric’ as “...the everyday collection of streets, blocks and buildings that tie the <city> together”).

It is common practice to regularly update an ordinance here or a district there, but many cities, towns and counties continue to rely on zoning that fundamentally separates, and isolates uses. The planned unit development (PUD) has become a tool of choice for many municipalities as it provides broader flexibility of land use arrangement that single use zoning cannot easily deliver. The PUD demonstrates the overall rigidity and lack of flexibility of Euclidean zoning when it comes to developing unique and creative increments of the city. This was readily apparent when I was working on the City of Madison Zoning Code Rewrite – most of the homes and buildings on the isthmus could not have been rebuilt as they stood back in 2005 using the single use zoning code in effect at the time.

We have come a long way since the 1930’s yet most communities still rely on outdated development standards to guide and regulate how we build and reinvest in our cities. A recent review of RFP’s from around the country illustrated some of the reasons why communities want to update their zoning codes.

“Design standards are outdated, difficult to administer and often hidden within the text; It’s not user-friendly; limit the use of technical jargon; reduce the need for conditional negotiated zoning; focus on user-friendly graphics and illustrations; emphasis on connectivity, walkability, complete streets and mixed-use commercial nodes to enhance the quality of life.” (summarized and para-phrased from RFP language as found on the American Planning Association’s website).

Maybe some of these reasons sound familiar or are like what is happening in your community. And though it may seem daunting to update or rewrite your code, it can be a simple process accomplished on an incremental basis one area or district (e.g., a downtown that readily lends itself to creating place-based and character standards) at a time. And whether your code is for a large city or a small town, a character-based code can easily be prepared in response to staff capacity, sophistication of the built environment and ease of understanding for elected and appointed officials and public stakeholders.

Character-based Zoning

So why update your code using a character-based approach? Simplifying the administration and approval process is certainly one reason – recent character-based codes we have prepared summarize the major development requirements

(including buildout, height, parking areas, uses, etc.) onto a two-page spread that visually communicates using simple graphic illustrations. In this format, the public stakeholders (not just lawyers and specialists) can easily understand what is required.

Probably the most important reason to consider a character-based code is to support people-friendly built environments that promote walkability, connectivity and allow a greater range and mix of uses. In this approach, it is imperative to fully understand the qualities of the physical place and support a community-based vision for how a community wants to grow and development. For well-defined downtowns (often historic streets, buildings and districts), a character-based code is a fairly straightforward process of documenting what’s there and how to code development in sensitive and contextual increments. For communities faced with redevelopment opportunities the vision of what is desired, and economically feasible (not every small town can or will support blocks and blocks of mixed-use buildings) is a critical first step.

The key elements of a character based code include how buildings relate to the street (often referred to as frontage); the building façade (façade type); the condition or type of street (on-street parking, boulevards, streetscape, lighting, etc.); buildout (how much of the building façade occupies the front property line) and the overall public realm that connects and holds the city, district or neighborhood together. These basic components exist in every town and place – you pass by them every day but maybe they aren’t thought of as ‘frontage’, ‘façade’ or ‘buildout’, but they are there waiting to be discovered. And for your community these conditions can be measured, described and documented in order to help define a character-based code that is right for your place. Obviously other metrics and performance standards come into play such as building height, parking areas, yards/setbacks and use. Use is the dominant element in Euclidean zoning; building form and arrangement are the key elements in a character-based code.

Coding with Character-based Elements

In order to address the test sites let’s review some of the basic elements of a character-based code. A major object for character-based codes is to guide the physical conditions of a local community to create a people-centered, walkable environment. The code should focus on a few basic conditions to support a street and building relationship that is human scaled, comfortable and safe.

Begin with streets as this is the most fundamental connective ‘tissue’ of a place (and the single largest connected open space in a city). Streets (street types) need to accommodate all modes of movement, provide for on-street parking (as need-

Coding (continued)

ed), support businesses with adequate sidewalks, define yards and landscape appropriate to the setting.

Frontage is the condition where the building and street meet and how this area is physically defined. This typically is a result of two components: the setback (up to a maximum) and how the building type (façade) will function. A larger setback might suggest a residential building and probably some type of landscape and groundcover treatment in the yard. A smaller setback might suggest a more commercial or retail building that could include hardscape and landscape treatments.

Façade indicates how a particular building would be used such as a shopfront or storefront façade type which would emphasize a high percentage of transparent glazing at the ground or street level. A common entry façade would be found on an office or apartment building. A stoop façade is typical for a townhouse or rowhouse building; a porch façade type corresponds to a detached residential building whether a single or multiple units within the envelope.

Another critical element when coding for a walkable environment is the buildout of the development along a principal street. The principal street is the one that a building fronts onto and defines the character of a street and its pedestrian experience. The higher the buildout percentage the more urban the character (e.g., a downtown block might have a 90-100% buildout; a less urban character might be 80-90%; a detached residential buildout could be 65-75%). Working in concert with buildout is the building setback which is commonly expressed in a range, from 0'-15' for example, to a maximum. This approach provides a flexible dimension within a walkable context whether developing a shopfront building, room for outdoor café seating or allowing for an urban residential building.

Redevelopment and Greenfield Test Sites

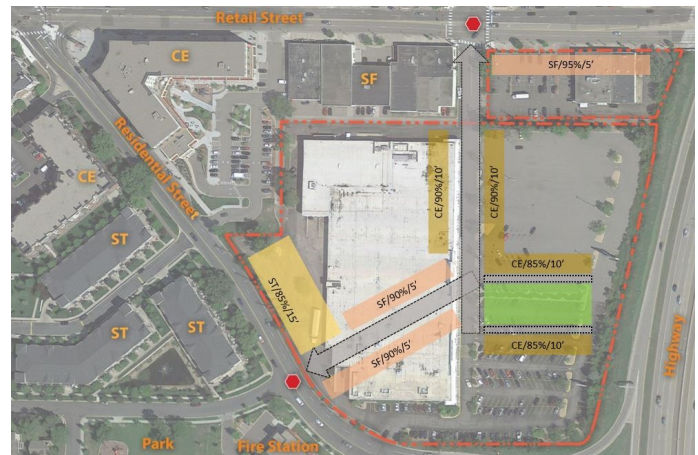
Following up from the Fall Conference I have included both test case sites to show how I coded the sites and then how the character-based code results in a particular development plan.

Test Site – Redevelopment, St. Louis Park

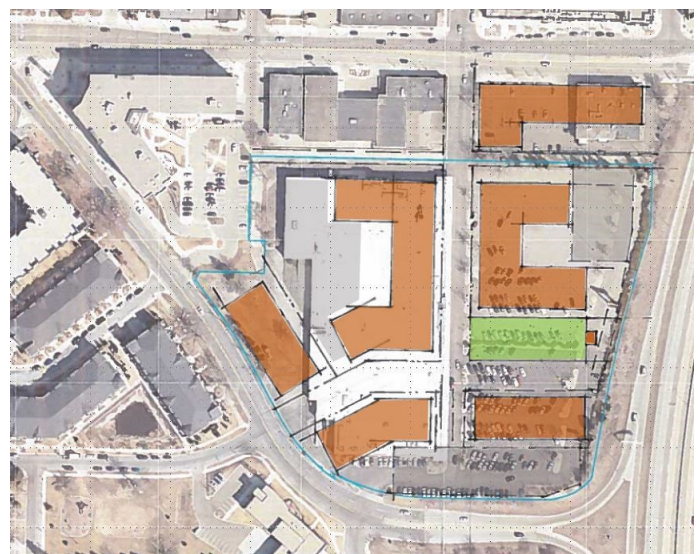
This site is an established first-ring location that is slated for redevelopment. The client wants a connected, multi-modal street network to provide auto/truck access, pedestrian circulation and a walkable block pattern. It is expected that a mix of uses would be developed on the site including a variety of residential building, retail/ commercial/office, parking and at least



Wooddale Ave (the residential street in the zoning map) is lined with townhouse development.



The zoning diagram codes façade type, buildout percent and maximum setback. ST indicates a stoop façade that requires 85% lot buildout (amount of building facing the front property line) and a 15 foot setback. SF indicates a shopfront façade type with 90% lot buildout and a 5 foot setback. CE indicates a common entry façade type with a 90% buildout and a 10 foot setback.



The redevelopment plan in St. Louis Park includes similar townhouse development facing across the residential street and a 'main street' building facing the retail street. Internally the site is organized around a small pocket park that includes mixed use/retail and multi-family residential buildings.

Coding (continued)

a small pocket park. I show the site with a primary connecting street from the retail street to the residential street. The parcel facing the retail street is coded for a shopfront façade with alley access; most the remainder of the site is coded for common entry façade (apartment or mixed use) and stoop façade type facing the residential street. A small urban park is located at the intersection of the two streets.

Test Site – Greenfield, Hamel (Medina)

There are multiple sites located on and just off the small town “main street” in Hamel and could include a range of retail, commercial and residential uses. Two of the lots are contiguous to an existing park; one includes a lot that is dedicated to parking and the other is undeveloped. It is expected that a mix of uses would be developed on the site including residential, retail/commercial/office, and parking. I am showing the site coded for a small storefront building at the corner with parking behind and with access from the side street. The second parcel is adjacent to a park so the existing parking supply is arranged mid-block; a new street extends west (and provides future property access) along the north edge of the park (insuring public access to the park) which is coded for a stoop façade building.

Conclusion

Character based codes are a simple way to update your code whether you are working in a small town, first-ring suburb or wanting to improve the performance of a district or redevelopment area. Using basic graphics to communicate standards to create people-oriented development is a very productive way to help all stakeholders better understand how zoning can support desirable development. And with comprehensive plans coming to a completion in the Twin Cities thinking about the use of character-based codes can streamline the next steps to implementation and the investment process. In the end we want our communities to operate to the highest standards for business and community - character-based codes can deliver results that enhance building performance, allow greater flexibility and create people-oriented places that far exceed conventional single use zoning.



Hamel Rd is a small main street area located in Medina; the development site is behind and around the shop on the corner.



The zoning diagram codes façade type, buildout percent and maximum setback. ST indicates a stoop façade that requires 85% lot buildout (amount of building facing the front property line) and a 10 foot setback. SF indicates a shopfront façade type with 90% lot buildout and a 6 foot setback.



The infill site in Hamel includes a shopfront building in a “L” configuration fronting onto the main or retail street and townhouse and multi-family buildings facing the park and fronting onto a new street. Parking is organized internally to both sites.

Resilient Communities Project: Call for Proposals

[The University of Minnesota's Resilient Communities Project](#) (RCP) is now accepting proposals to be an RCP partner for the 2019–2020 academic year. Successful applicants will benefit from approximately 20,000 to 50,000 hours of work by University of Minnesota students and faculty, from a variety of disciplines, to provide research and technical assistance with projects that advance community resiliency. The partner must support the effort through dedicated staff time and a local financial contribution. The selection process is competitive. The deadline for applications is Friday, February 15, 2019. The selected partner(s) will be announced in March 2019. Prior partners have included Minnetonka, North St. Paul, Rosemount, Carver County, Brooklyn Park, Ramsey, Scott County, and Ramsey County.

About RCP Partnerships

RCP facilitates 15- to 18-month partnerships between the U of MN and communities in Minnesota. Through the program, students and faculty from across the University collaborate with local government partners to address the partner's self-defined research and technical assistance needs through course-based projects. RCP provides the partner community with efficient access to the broad base of sustainability and resiliency expertise at the University of Minnesota by matching community-identified projects with graduate and upper-level undergraduate courses that can address their needs.

RCP has the capacity to address 10–25 local projects during the partnership, matching each project with one or more courses or individual students to complete the necessary work. Project work will be completed primarily by graduate students, with oversight by faculty members and RCP staff. Student work will be performed

during the fall, spring, and summer terms (September 2019 to August 2020). Assistance is available related to all aspects of community resiliency and sustainability, at all project stages, and across all departments in the organization.

Eligibility

Cities, counties, tribal governments, special districts, and regional government agencies or partnerships in Minnesota are eligible to apply. The partner community must be able to support the effort through dedicated staff time and a local financial contribution.

How to Apply

Application Information for the 2019–2020 academic year is now available. As part of their proposal, applicants are required to identify and describe specific projects, the staff who will lead them, and the participation of external community partners for the 15- to 18-month partnership with RCP.

Applications are due Friday, February 15, 2019, by 11:59 pm. The selected partner community will be announced in March 2019 and partnership preparation begins in April 2019.

For More Information

If you have questions about RCP or the application process, or would like to arrange an informational presentation to your organization's staff or elected officials, contact Mike Greco, RCP Director, mgreco@umn.edu or 612-625-7501.

RCP is hosting a RCP Partnership Webinar on Thursday, November 15th from 9:00am-10:00am.



Bikeable Community Workshops: Call for Applications

BikeMN, in partnership with the Minnesota Departments of Health and Transportation, will be offering a number of Bikeable Community Workshops in 2019 from the beginning of May to the end of June. If you feel that your community is a great candidate for a workshop, please complete this online application. This is a competitive process, and a limited number of communities will be selected.

Communities are eligible if they have not held a workshop in the past and they are not currently designated as a Bicycle Friendly Community.

Application materials are [available online](#). You can preview the application by downloading this document. Please read through the entire application and the Bikeable Community Workshop Planning Guide before submitting an application. The application deadline is Friday, November 30, 2018 at 5 p.m.

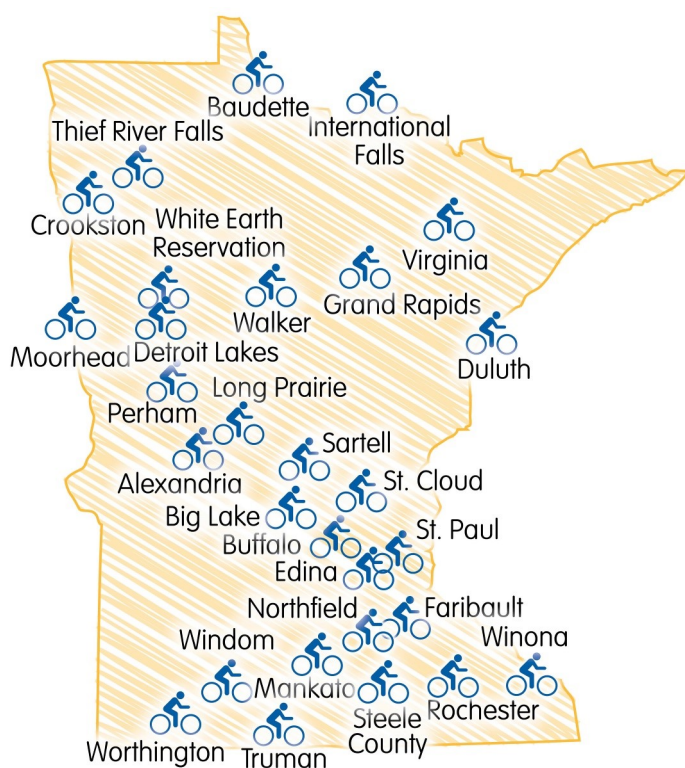
What is a Bikeable Community Workshop?

At a Bikeable Community Workshop, local and regional staff, community leaders, and local bike champions are trained on strategies that they can use to create a more bike friendly community. Through discussions, presentations, and an on-bike mobile workshop, participants will assess and evaluate their community's current bicycle friendly efforts and facilities, and work together to create a personalized community action plan.

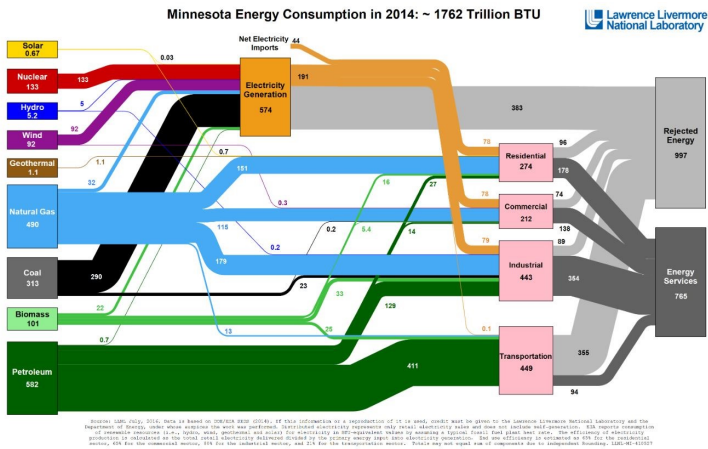
Past Bikeable Community Workshop communities can be found all over Minnesota (see map on the right).

Find out more about Bikeable Community Workshops by downloading our Planning Guide or listening to a webinar recording. The recording reiterates what is included in a Bikeable Community Workshop and provides some helpful tips to consider when applying.

Questions? Contact Kate Matusinec at kate@bikemn.org.



Resources and Opportunities

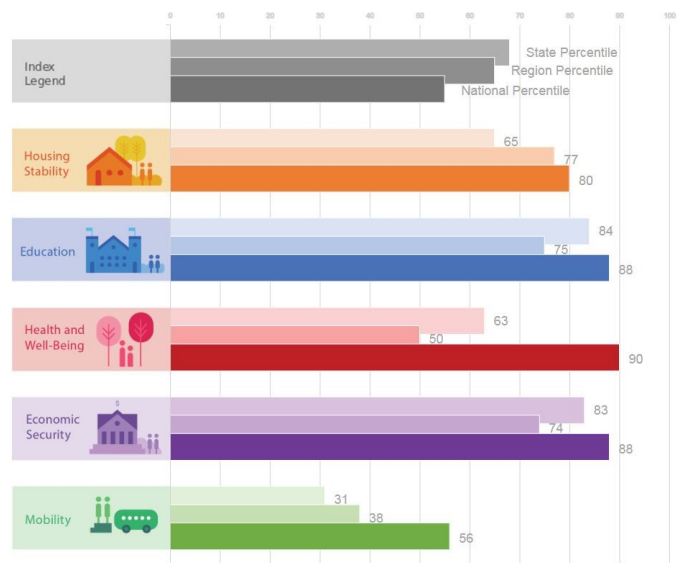


Energy Usage Interactive Tool

Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory maintains an extensive collection of "Energy Flow Charts" on its website. Energy resources included solar, nuclear, hydroelectric, wind, geothermal, natural gas, coal, biomass, and petroleum. Energy flow diagrams change over time as new technologies are developed and as priorities change.

Search the flow chart database by year, country, and state. Some charts are not available for some years. In addition to energy usage, it demonstrates the amount of waste energy produced by the systems. For instance, for 2017, US end user efficiency is calculated at 65% for the residential sector, 65% for the commercial sector, 49% for the industrial sector, and 21% for the transportation sector.

What Does Opportunity Look Like for People Living in This Community?



Opportunity Mapping

Opportunity360 is a comprehensive approach to understanding and addressing community challenges by identifying pathways to greater opportunities using cross-sector data, community engagement and measurement tools. The suite of tools and resources in the platform provides a comprehensive view into a neighborhood and facilitates a strategic, asset-building approach to community development.

The online interactive toolkit allows the user to generate a custom report for a specific geography, that measures the level of opportunity available to residents of the area.

Along with other tools, Opportunity360 has resources to help communities measure, listen, partner, and communicate on projects to improve the community.

All resources are [available online](#).

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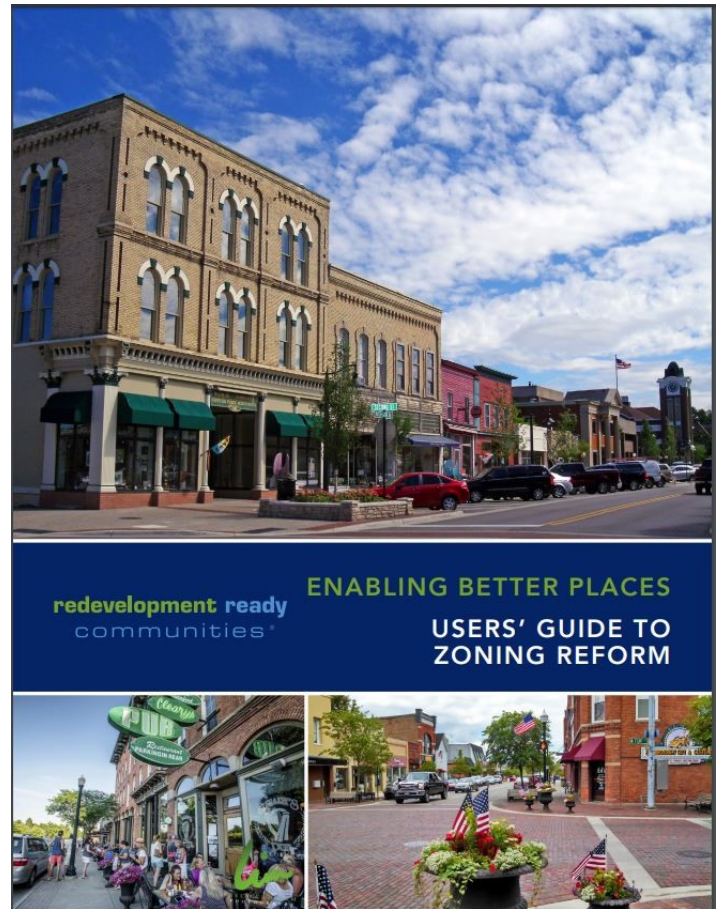
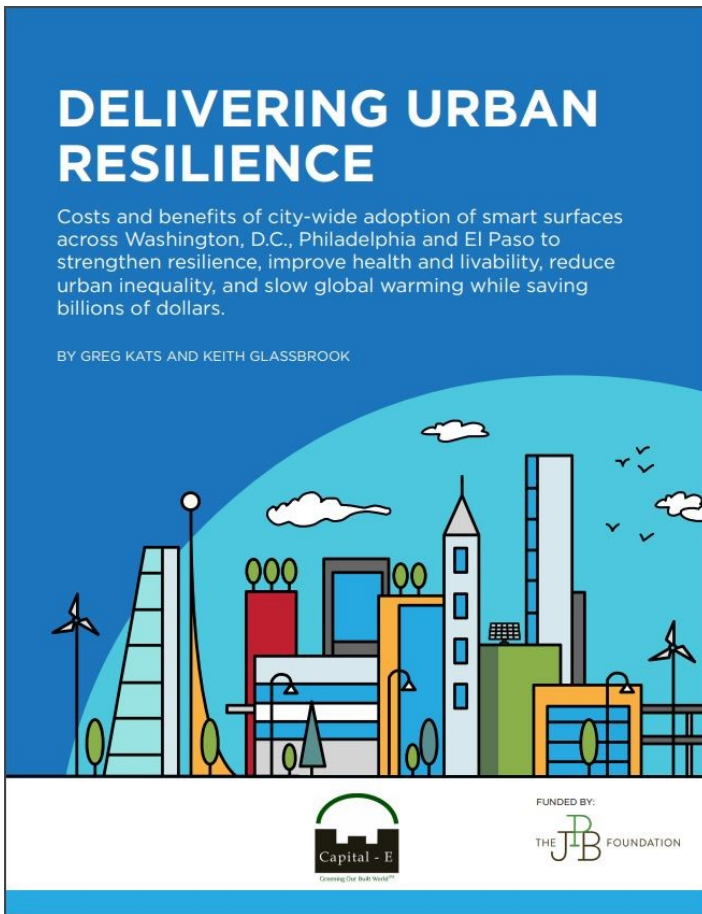


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Resources and Opportunities (continued)



Delivering Urban Resilience Report

This report, released earlier in 2018, provides an in-depth analysis of the costs and benefits of applying a set of smart surface solutions, including cool roofs, green roofs, solar PV, and permeable and reflective pavements and road surfaces across three cities: El Paso, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C.

The report demonstrates that cities can strengthen resilience, improve health and comfort, expand jobs and slow global warming through smart surface strategies while securing hundreds of millions of dollars or billions of dollars in net financial benefits. Applied nationally, these strategies could potentially deliver half a trillion dollars in net financial benefits.

This report can be [downloaded for free](#) online.

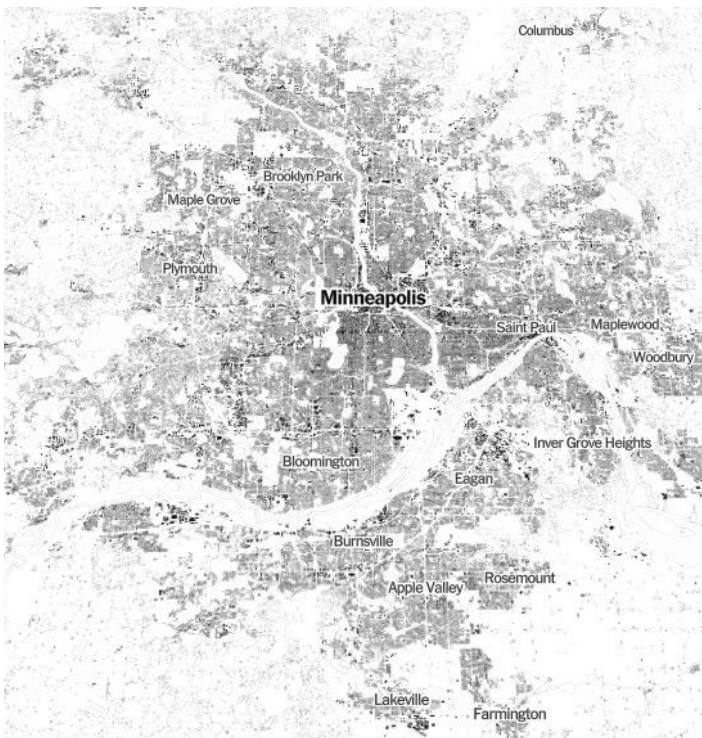
Users Guide to Zoning Reform

The Congress of New Urbanism has recently released [Enabling Better Places: Users' Guide to Zoning Code Reform](#).

It is intended for local governments who are seeking to make place-specific incremental changes to their code to address problematic barriers, build support, and ultimately improve their communities as walkable, prosperous, and equitable places.

This guide was originally developed primarily for Michigan municipalities. However, many of the principles and recommendations are more broadly applicable. The report includes templates and sample language for code amendments. Short term and mid term fixes are identified and organized by area type.

Resources and Opportunities (continued)



Map Every Building in the US

Microsoft Bing has recently released free downloadable data for every building in the US – over 135 million of them. Do you need a building footprint layer for your GIS? It's now within reach. The data can be [downloaded](#) in GIS compatible format and used for any community.

For the more casual user, the New York Times has converted this data into an [online interactive map](#) of the entire nation, that allows users to pan and zoom to any location.

Community Engagement Strategies Through Bike Share

The National Association of City Transportation Officials (NACTO) and the Better Bike Share Partnership have released [Strategies for Engaging Community](#), a practitioner's guide to building meaningful and effective relationships with constituents and historically underserved communities.

This guidance, developed by and for cities, community-based organizations, and shared active transportation operators, outlines strategies to engage with communities and offers examples and best practices for implementation.



Announcements and Upcoming Events



AIA MN Conference

Registration for the [AIA Minnesota conference](#) on November 13-16, 2018 is open. APA MN members can receive a discounted rate on registration via the conference website.



ULI MN Annual Economic Outlook

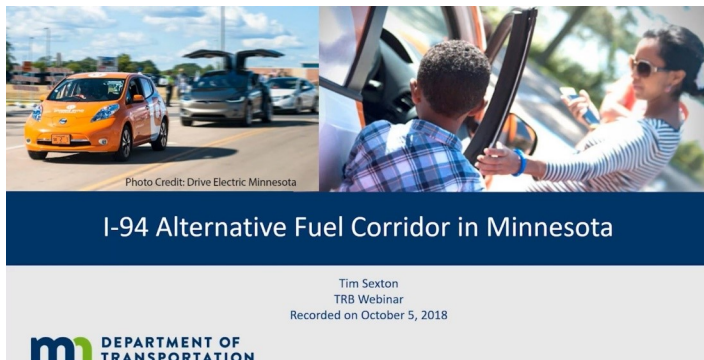
ULI Minnesota's 13th Annual Economic Outlook will be held Wednesday, November 14, 7:30-10:00 AM at Dorsey & Whitney offices in Minneapolis.

The main speaker will be Brian Beaulieu, Chief Executive Officer of the Institute for Trends Research. Participants will learn about the shifting business cycle, and what lies ahead for 2019 and beyond. [Registration is required.](#)

ULI MN Annual Housing Summit

ULI Minnesota's 10th Annual Housing Summit will be held Friday, December 14, 7:45-10:00 AM at Dorsey & Whitney offices in Minneapolis.

The keynote speaker will be Dr. Tiffany Manuel of Enterprise Community Partners, speaking on Why Housing Messages are Backfiring and 10 Things We Can Do About It. The program will also include a panel discussion on Public Engagement and Effective Leadership: Finding An Effective Balance. [Registration is required.](#)



TRB Alternative Fuels Corridor Program Resources

The Transportation Research Board (TRB) released a [series of recordings](#) in October 2018 that examine the Alternative Fuels Corridor Program established under the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

The program creates opportunities for states to develop infrastructure for vehicles that use fuels other than "traditional" fuels such as gasoline and diesel. This may reduce vehicle emissions by promoting low-polluting or no-polluting options.

This series will discuss the background of the program, including the nomination process for alternative fuels corridors, the facility types along which the corridors can be designated, the criteria associated with the designation of a corridor, the signage for the corridors, and possible funding sources. The presenters will also describe several states' experiences with the designation process and development of the corridor. This series was organized by the TRB Standing Committee on Transportation and Air Quality. The videos are available on-demand at no cost.

APA National Student Awards

APA is accepting nominations for this year's [Student Project Awards](#) and [Outstanding Planning Student Organization Awards](#). Apply for both by **December 12**. APA will honor award recipients at the 2019 National Planning Conference in San Francisco.

Upcoming Webinars



Innovative Financing for Transportation

Friday, November 9, 2018 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CST

Finding the funding for transportation projects can be one of the biggest hurdles when it comes to implementing plans, and is therefore a vital part of the planning process. Across the country, individual projects are approaching this challenge by pulling together packages composed of various sources, including value capture and innovative financing. Meanwhile, states are adjusting their funding programs to focus on regional priorities and performance measurement to ensure they meet the most critical transportation needs with limited dollars. Join Jodie Misiak of WSP (formerly of the Build America Bureau) and Jennifer Mitchell, Executive Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, to learn about the innovative funding package put together for the Maryland Purple Line light rail project, and the range of transportation reforms Virginia has put in place over the past few years to ensure funding for all modes of transportation. This webcast is hosted by APA's Transportation Planning Division. [Register online.](#)

Planning for Wildfire Resiliency

Fri, Nov 16, 2018 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CST

This free webinar will explore the role of planners and land use planning in building communities resilient to wildfires. This webcast is hosted by APA's Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Recovery Planning Division.

[Register online.](#)

Equitable Development: Let's Be Honest, this Isn't Easy

Thursday, November 15, 2018 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

For far too long, community and economic development didn't really prioritize equity, racial justice, and inclusion. Even as these important outcomes came to command more attention in the field, development proceeded as usual, with equity or inclusion treated as a procedural step, like a box to tick off on a check-list. Today, things are different. Cross-sector collaborations are meaningfully and honestly grappling with equity and inclusion, an exercise of dialogue and practice that has been challenging, humbling, and fascinating. This is definitely a positive trend, but let's be honest: it's not easy.

So what does genuine equitable development look like? What does it even mean? How can practitioners make sure equity and inclusion are not buzzwords tacked on at the end of a project, but core principles that are present from the start and throughout? How are successful cross-sector collaboratives and neighborhood equitable development plans started? This webinar will feature two profiles in the field that chose to reform programs and practices once equity and inclusion were embraced wholly as both organizational principles and desired project outcomes.

This webinar will be co-presented by JPMorgan Chase and Center for Community Progress.

[Registration](#) is available online. If you have any questions about registering, please contact [Christina Carter](#).

Job Openings and RFPs

Job Title: Assistant Planner

Hiring Agency: Minnesota Department of Transportation

Deadline for Application: November 21, 2018

Salary Range: \$22.92 - \$33.62/hourly; \$47,857 - \$70,199/annually

Web Site for Hiring Organization: <https://mn.gov/mmb/careers/>

Job Description: The Minnesota Department of Transportation's (MnDOT) Duluth District Office is hiring for an Assistant Planner. In this position, you will contribute to the development of integrated transportation plans, studies, and investment programs; coordinate with and participate in state, regional and local planning efforts; and prepare and implement public involvement processes.

This position defines scope, objectives, risk and analysis in the preparation of statewide, district, modal, system, corridor, and project plans and studies, as well as in the implementation and monitoring of investments in the transportation program.

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MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

A Bachelor's degree in Planning, Geography, Urban Studies, Political Science or related field AND two (2) years of professional transportation or transit planning experience at the local, metropolitan or state level; OR three (3) years professional transportation planning experience at the local, metropolitan or state level.

Note: A Master's degree in Planning, Geography, Urban Studies, Political Science or related field may substitute for one year professional planning experience.

If advanced to the finalist pool, in addition to the preceding minimum qualifications you may be assessed on criteria during a job interview including, but not limited to the following:

- Working knowledge of the theory and practice of comprehensive regional and community planning, with the focus on transportation, land use, and stakeholder collaboration.
- Knowledge of public engagement tools and techniques for reaching a broad spectrum of audiences.
- Human relation skills necessary to promote good working relationships with persons representing a variety of interests, private and public.
- The ability to understand, influence and serve stakeholders.
- Effective communication skills, both written and oral that diplomatically convey your position on all rele-

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vant subjects that require research, interpretation, analysis, and response.

Application Instructions: APPLY ONLINE BY 11/21/2018:

1 Go to www.mn.gov/mmb/careers/

1. Click "External Applicants"

2. On the Keyword search box, enter the Job Opening ID 27762 and click Search

3. Click on the Job Title to view the job posting

4. Click Apply

5. When prompted for your Referral Source, list: Other

****Only applicants received on mn.gov/mmb/careers/ will be considered****

Questions? Please contact Robin Jordan at 218-725-2712.

Job Title: Community Development Manager

Hiring Agency: Minnesota Housing Partnership

Deadline for Application: Open until filled

Salary Range: DOQ

Web Site for Hiring Organization: www.mhponline.org

Job Description:

We are searching for a Community Development Manager to lead capacity-building work plans, facilitate Housing and Native Institute teams, and coordinate the work of other staff and sub-recipients in order to advance economic, community, and affordable housing development for rural and Native Communities.

The ideal candidate will be a skilled, enthusiastic, results-oriented professional with strong community development and affordable housing development expertise. Candidates must be passionate about working with rural and Native organizations, and have demonstrated ability to build and maintain relationships with various constituents, including government and tribal leaders, advocates, researchers, developers, city/state/local officials, and a variety of other partners. Successful candidates will foster and

model and approach based on team work, mutual accountability, and continuous learning for self and colleagues.

Candidates must be willing to travel within the state and nationally.

Job Description/Responsibilities

- Lead and implement assignments in the areas of community development and affordable housing development, providing capacity building and technical assistance to Native and non-Native communities, governments, and non-profit organizations throughout the State of Minnesota and nationally.
- Assist in the development of programs and projects with communities, including creating and analyzing project development budgets and pro-formas and applying federal and state regulatory requirements.
- Advance program knowledge of various grants, programs, and regulatory guidance: USDA, HUD, CDBG, ICDBG, CoC, MHFA, EDA, BIA and OMB circulars.
- Research and analyze policies, statutes, and regulations that affect rural and Native communities.
- Strategize and collaborate closely with other capacity building staff on assignments, including budgets, timelines, recipient needs, contractor deployment, compliance requirements, and outcomes.
- Develop and implement scopes of work, work plans and budgets; oversee consultant contracts and implementation of work.
- Provide Native Community Development Institute (NCDI) and Housing Institute team support focused on defining team goals, understanding local needs, and assisting in the successful implementation of community and affordable housing development projects.
- Coordinate with Communications/Research and Policy departments to identify collaboration opportunities and support marketing and outreach efforts.
- Conduct research and analysis, devise options/solutions, and effectively communicate (orally and in writing) to diverse public audiences.

Requirements/Qualifications

- Three to five years' experience (5+ preferred) with Native and rural communities, application of Federal

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program requirements and regulations, implementation of community development programs, and project management.

- Bachelor's degree in community development or planning, public administration or housing. Master's degree preferred. Focus on Native American or rural communities a plus.
- Certifications from federal (HUD, USDA) and state programs a plus.
- Knowledge of applicable laws, regulations, policies, procedures, current literature, trends and developments in community/affordable housing development and planning with a focus on under-served, rural and Native communities.
- Strong project management skills - planning, coordinating, monitoring, tracking and leading internal teams and external contractors on multiple, simultaneous projects; related contract and budget management skills.
- Research, analysis, interpretation, and presentation of data.
- Flexibility in adapting to short deadlines and a fast paced environment.
- Public speaking, interpersonal, written and oral communication skills.
- Very strong computer skills, including Word, Excel, and Databases.

Application Instructions: Please email resume and cover letter, with "Community Development Manager" in the subject line, to: LoriBrandtHR@gmail.com.

MHP is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We are committed to social, racial, gender and economic justice. We strongly encourage persons of color, LGBT individuals, women, veterans and persons with disabilities to apply.

This position will remain open until filled

Job Title: Senior/ Principal Planner

Hiring Agency: Olmsted County

Deadline for Application: 11/15/2018

Salary Range: 26.67-44.81

Web Site for Hiring Organization: <http://agency.governmentjobs.com/olmsted/default.cfm>

Job Description: Candidates may be considered at either the Senior Planner or Principal Planner level based on experience requirements.

Under general supervision, this position is responsible for coordination of the work activities and processes of the Rochester Olmsted Council of Governments (ROCOG), the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Rochester urbanized area and will lead preparation of MPO planning documents required by MnDOT, FHWA, FTA or as identified by the ROCOG Policy Board. In addition, as part of the joint city and county planning responsibilities of the Rochester-Olmsted Planning Department, this job will also include involvement in transportation related planning initiatives of the City of Rochester and Olmsted County.

Application Instructions: Applications accepted only at the Olmsted County website at www.olmstedcounty.com.

Job Title: Funding Specialist

Hiring Agency: Wideth Smith Nolting

Deadline for Application:

Salary Range: DOQ

Web Site for Hiring Organization: <http://www.widethsmithnolting.com>

Job Description: Wideth Smith Nolting (WSN) is seeking a full time Funding Specialist/Grant Writer. WSN is a multi-disciplined engineering, architectural, land surveying and environmental services company.

The person hired for this position will be responsible for researching, writing and reporting on funding applications (e.g. Public Facilities Authority, Rural Development, Small Cities Development Program, Safe Routes to School, Legacy grants) to meet the financial needs of WSN's clients. This person will work to develop successful funding applications and follow through on grant administration and compliance.

Ideally, the successful candidate will have grant writing

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experience and a bachelor's degree in public administration, political science, planning or a related field. Candidates with equivalent experience will also be considered. Candidates must have excellent communication skills. Superior grammar, writing, editing, research, project management and presentation skills will also be helpful.

Application Instructions: Compensation is dependent upon experience and education. WSN offers an excellent benefits package, including health care insurance, HSA, life insurance, paid time off, extended leave time, disability, 401K, and cafeteria plans.

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<http://www.widsethsmithnolting.com/careers.php>

EOE/AA

Date posted: 10/16/18

Job Title: Community Development Director

Hiring Agency: City of Rochester, MN

Deadline for Application: Open Until Filled

Salary Range: \$112,500 - \$160,700 per year DOQ

Web Site for Hiring Organization: <https://www.rochestermn.gov/departments/human-resources/employment>

Job Description: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR A tremendous opportunity exists for an experienced, dedicated planning professional ready to positively influence the future direction of Rochester as the first director of the City's newly formed Community Development Department. The City's recently adopted Comprehensive Plan forecasts by 2040 Rochester will have 55,000 new residents, 50,000 new jobs, and 24,000 new housing units. This new department head will play a vital role in ensuring this forecast is realized while partnering with Public Works, Building Safety, and Administration to achieve the vision "to be recognized as America's most innovative development services team." Are you a leader who is dedicated to teamwork, collaboration, customer satisfaction, and continuous improvement?

Nature of Work

With the administrative guidance of the Deputy City Administrator, the Community Development Director is responsible for developing, directing, and providing ongoing leadership for a comprehensive community development program which encompasses land use planning policies and regulations and the efficient processing and issuance of development permits. The Director guides day-to-day decision-making processes and provides direction for coordinated and collaborative service delivery to the development community within the objectives established in the City's Comprehensive Plan and all other related policies pertaining to the community development activities described above.

This position is part of the City's Development Services Leadership Team, with responsibility for leading the activities of the Community Development Department and providing support throughout the organization. Successful performance of the work requires the ability to independently implement programs, projects, and policies in conformance with generally accepted standards. Participation in evening meetings will be necessary.

Application Instructions: Applications will be accepted until the vacancy is filled with priority consideration for applications submitted by October 18, 2018.

For more information and to apply online, visit the City of Rochester's website:

<https://www.rochestermn.gov>

Job Title: Community Development Director

Hiring Agency: City of Horace, ND

Deadline for Application: Open until filled with first review of applications on October 15, 2018

Salary Range: \$70k-\$85k/year DOE

Web Site for Hiring Organization: cityofhorace.com

Job Description: It's Happening in Horace!

The City of Horace is currently seeking a talented professional to fill the role of Community Development Director. This is a rewarding opportunity to make a difference in a dynamic, well-managed city!

The Community Development Director will plan, direct, manage, and oversee city planning, economic develop-

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ment, and code enforcement/building inspection activities. The Community Development Director will coordinate with and represent the city planning department to other departments, elected officials, and outside agencies.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

- Prepare and update planning studies for the Comprehensive Plan to include neighborhood, district, and sustainability plans as needed.
- Manage and oversee major activities and special projects related to long-range and sustainability efforts.
- Coordinate with other governmental entities, organizations, and stakeholder groups on planning projects.
- Process and analyze proposals for zoning text and map amendments, land development, conditional use permits, subdivision plats and regulation amendments, and provide and present recommendations related to long-range planning goals, objectives, projects, and the Comprehensive Plan.
- Summarize information from maps, graphs, reports, and field studies to compile, prepare, and illustrate long-range planning studies, census information, and special projects.
- Manage long-range planning efforts with other governmental jurisdictions.
- Enforce zoning and subdivision regulations.
- Prepare City Council legislation, such as ordinances and resolutions, related to both planning and economic development matters; develop and revise applicable City codes, policies, procedures and projects as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor's degree in Urban and Regional Planning, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Public Administration, Geography, Community Development, Sustainability or related field; Master's degree preferred.
- At least three years of experience in city planning, economic and community development or related experience; equivalent combination of related education and work experience may be considered.
- Experience interpreting and applying laws, statutes

and/or ordinances governing planning, zoning, building, and economic development.

- Success with applying principles, practices, and techniques of planning and development, zoning, urban design, and sustainability to include local resources.
- Experience in interpreting legal descriptions of land, preparing/presenting written and oral reports/documents, strong time and multi-project management skills in a collaborative work environment with others, and strong communication skills.
- Ability to create and maintain effective working relationships with peers, superiors, other City departments, subordinates, vendors, contractors, external government agencies and organizations.
- Must have a valid driver's license.
- Proficient in Microsoft Word, Outlook, Excel, and PowerPoint.

Application Instructions: A complete list of responsibilities and qualifications can be reviewed at www.cityofhorace.com.

Qualified applicants are encouraged to send a letter of intent and resume via email to jobs@cityofhorace.com. The position is open until filled with first review of applications on October 15, 2018.

The City of Horace, ND is committed to a diverse workforce and is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Date posted: 10/02/18

Job Title: Senior Planner / Project Manager

Hiring Agency: WSB & Associates, Inc.

Deadline for Application:

Salary Range: Varies with experience

Web Site for Hiring Organization: <http://www.ws beng.com>

Job Description: Build a legacy - your legacy with WSB & Associates, Inc., named to the StarTribune's Top Workplaces in Minnesota for the sixth consecutive year and the Zweig Group Hot Firm List for the fifth consecutive

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year. The Community Planning and Economic Development Group is seeking a project manager in one of our Twin Cities offices.

What You Will Do: As a project manager, you will take the lead role of managing a variety of exciting urban planning projects. These projects include staff augmentation for city planning clients, comprehensive and small area plans, land use studies, and ordinance updates. Working as part of our closely-knit team, you will use your project management skills to plan, direct, track, and coordinate project activities. This position will also serve to augment a variety of other planning needs that our clients have with regard to day-to-day planning functions. You will be responsible for developing relationships with new and existing clients, formulating strategies for increasing market share, and preparing proposals.

What You Will Bring: The successful candidate must have a four-year degree in urban planning or a related field; a minimum of eight years of experience in planning or a related field; strong presentation and writing skills; and a valid driver's license and clean driving record. Proven abilities in leadership, a positive attitude, and a passion for your work are also required. Preferred candidates will also have a masters' degree in urban planning and AICP certification; experience in working with the Metropolitan Council; experience with the entitlement process; and/or working with diverse stakeholder groups.

Who We Are: WSB is a professional consulting and design firm with offices in Minnesota, North Dakota, Texas, and Colorado. WSB has over 400 staff members who provide diverse engineering, planning, environmental, and construction services to clients in the government, energy, and commercial markets. Our services also include GIS, landscape architecture, right of way, and surveying.

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Application Instructions: Qualified candidates should apply on-line at <http://www.wsbeng.com/careers/career-opportunities>

Date posted: 10/02/2018

Job Title: Planner/Designer

Hiring Agency: Northwest Associated Consultants, Inc (NAC)

Deadline for Application: Open until filled

Salary Range: DOQ

Web Site for Hiring Organization: www.nacplanning.com

Job Description:

Northwest Associated Consultants, Inc. (NAC) is a land use and zoning consulting firm in the Twin Cities area serving a wide variety of municipal clients in planning, land use, parks and open space, and zoning. We are seeking an individual with a design and planning background, as well as an interest in an entry-level career position in community development with wide variety of responsibilities.

Specific skills important for this position include a familiarity with ARCGIS, and an ability to express oneself in both graphic and written formats. Energetic, creative, resourceful problem-solving is highly valued. We offer a relaxed office environment (we are planners, not engineers, after all!), competitive compensation, and a great opportunity to jump directly into meaningful work in the field. We can be flexible as to start date, and if you are completing your schooling, we would be willing to discuss a part-time schedule to start.

Application Instructions: Please send a Letter/Expression of Interest via email (preferably) and a resume of professional and/or academic projects and accomplishments.

Contact Phone: (763)957-1100

Contact Email: sgrittman@nacplanning.com

Date posted: 09/14/18

Job Title: Strategic Initiatives Director

Hiring Agency: City of Rochester, Minnesota

Deadline for Application: Open until filled

Salary Range: \$98,674.00 - \$145,111.00 annually depending on qualifications.

Web Site for Hiring Organization: <https://www.rochestermn.gov/>

Job Description: Strategic Initiatives Director

The City of Rochester is seeking an innovative, self-motivated individual to play a key role in providing vision and execution on initiatives that advance the City's strategic priorities. This is ideal for someone who aspires to

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positively influence the future direction of the City.

The Strategic Initiatives Director is a high-level, professional position that provides leadership in the advancement of the City Council's vision and priorities. Job responsibilities include, but are not limited to: recommending, leading, coordinating, and performing work that accomplishes the strategic goals and priorities established by City Council; overseeing complex programs, initiatives, and high-level special projects that are large-scale, multi-year, and/or have a significant community impact; representing the City on committees and work groups, including Destination Medical Center (DMC) project teams and initiatives; and leading and promoting continuous and innovative improvement efforts within the City.

Minimum qualifications include a Bachelor's degree in Project Management, Public Administration, Business Administration, Planning, Finance or closely related field AND five years of similar employment experience including leadership experience and experience managing complex, large-scale projects. An equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job may also be considered. A valid driver's license is needed.

Starting salary \$98,674.00 - \$145,111.00 annually depending on qualifications.

Applications will be accepted until the vacancy is filled with priority consideration for applications received by September 16, 2018.

Application Instructions: For more information and to apply online, visit our website: www.rochestermn.gov "First-Class City, First-Class Service"

EOE

Date posted: 09/14/18

Job Title: Planning and Zoning Technician

Hiring Agency: Clay County

Deadline for Application: Open until filled

Salary Range: Starting Salary: \$21.25 - 22.80 / hr. depending on qualifications

Web Site for Hiring Organization: <http://claycountymn.gov/Jobs.aspx>

Job Description:

1. Research and draft land use policies or zoning ordinances and makes recommendations to the Director.
2. Provide technical planning assistance to other staff on development projects including residential, commercial and industrial subdivisions.
3. Assists with various types of public meetings, forums, hearings and other civic engagement activities;
4. Conduct investigations into planning and zoning issues.
5. May perform backup receptionist and general clerical support duties for the Planning and Zoning Department.

Application Instructions: TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION, SUBMIT THESE MATERIALS**

Clay County application and resume must be submitted for all County positions.

HOW TO APPLY

To obtain a Clay County Application, go to <http://claycountymn.gov>

To apply, follow the application link: [Application](#)

APPLICATION INFORMATION

If you are an eligible military veteran and wish to claim Veteran's Preference, you must present a legible photocopy of your DD214 form to the Office of Human Resources. All veterans who are certified will be considered for appointment.

Date posted: 09/14/18

Job Title: Planning and Zoning Director

Hiring Agency: Clay County

Deadline for Application: Open until filled

Salary Range: \$31.88 - \$38.06 / hr. depending on qualifications

Web Site for Hiring Organization: <http://>

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claycountymn.gov/Jobs.aspx

Job Description:

1. Develop, maintain and administer County Comprehensive Plan and other related plans by conducting research, collecting and evaluating data, exploring alternatives and working with outside sources to complete technical and financial analyses.
2. Develop, maintain and administer relevant County zoning, subdivision, and environmental ordinances by researching current laws and regulations to determine the need for development of new or revision of existing ordinances.
3. Develop and prepare staff reports for Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment and County Board packets for meetings.
4. Maintain contact with State legislators, State and Federal regulatory agencies, other counties and advocacy groups
5. Supervision of staff.

Application Instructions: TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THE POSITION, SUBMIT THESE MATERIALS**
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Date posted: 09/14/18

Job Title: Senior Planner or Planning Lead

Hiring Agency: Landform Professional Services, LLC

Deadline for Application:

Salary Range: DOQ

Web Site for Hiring Organization: www.landform.net Job Description: Landform is a multi-disciplinary consulting firm based in Minneapolis. We offer a full range of site design, planning and civil engineering services backed with over 20 years as an organization. Our professional resources include landscape architects, planners, civil engineers, land surveyors and development managers. We are committed to client service, design quality, principles of sustainability and an innovative approach to site design.

Our culture is based on our vision to grow and diversify while emphasizing quality design, strong client partnerships and an energetic employee environment. We value quality, relationships, mentorship, leadership and enthusiasm in our work. We achieve our mission by helping our public and private sector clients create successful memorable, SensiblyGreen® places.

We are looking for a Planner with a bachelor's degree in planning, public administration or urban design with ten or more years' experience, including project management and supervisory roles. A master's degree or AICP certification is desirable. Experience in municipal community development, economic development or urban planning experience; ability to maintain effective working relationships with other employees, agencies and clients; strong written and oral communication skills required. Landform offers an exciting opportunity for planners to work with public and private sector clients.

Responsibilities:

- Lead planning projects, including project management, community engagement and design
- Lead public meetings and other community engagement efforts
- Advocate for planning processes within multidisciplinary environment
- Actively participate in marketing and business development efforts for the studio
- Lead preparation of ordinance updates, master plans and comprehensive plans.
- Provide planning support to other Studios and their private development clients.

Requirements:

Job Openings and RFPs (continued)

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Critical thinking skills
- Review development applications on behalf of city clients, from acceptance of the application, to review of the application, preparation of staff reports and presentation to boards/commissions/council
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office and familiarity with GIS and Adobe Creative Suite
- Project management, including budgeting, contract execution, scheduling and staffing
- Ability to attend client meetings, including evening meetings
- May include travel to client locations
- Ability to work as part of a team
- Ability to work in an open office environment

Measures of Success:

- Ensure completion of projects on time and on budget
- Ensure completion of projects in compliance with Landform standards
- Collaboration with other team members

Full-Time/Part-Time/Hours: Full-Time 40-50 hours per week

Salary: DOQ

Benefits: Health, dental, life, disability, PTO, 401K employer contribution, transportation allowance, fun and relaxing atmosphere Number of Openings: 1-2 Advancement Potential: Promotions are based on your proven ability to master tasks.

Application Instructions: Please send resume to:

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E-mail: careers@landform.net
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Landform is an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, or any other characteristic protected by law.

Posted 09/03/18

Job Title: Planner II or III

Hiring Agency: Landform Professional Services, LLC

Deadline for Application:

Salary Range: DOQ

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Responsibilities:

- Prepare site investigation due diligence reports under the supervision of the Studio Lead Support other Planners with municipal clients
- Review development applications on behalf of municipal clients, including preparation of staff reports

Job Openings and RFPs (continued)

- Prepare development applications and narratives for the other Studios
- Prepare of ordinance updates, master plans and comprehensive plans.
- Provide planning support to other Studios and their private development clients

Requirements:

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Excellent research skills
- Critical thinking skills
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office suite required Knowledge of GIS and Adobe Creative Suite desired
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Ability to work in an open office environment
- May need to attend client meetings, including evening meetings
- May include travel to client locations

Measures of Success:

- Effective collaboration with other team members
- Accuracy in research and clarity in summarizing findings
- Ability to manage work to meet deadlines
- Quality written reports

Full-Time/Part-Time/Hours: Full-Time 40-50 hours per week

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Posted 09/03/18

Job Title: Grants Writer

Hiring Agency: Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

Deadline for Application: Open Until Filled

Salary Range: \$47,760-\$71,640

Web Site for Hiring Organization: www.fsst.org

Job Description:

Brief Summary:

The Grant Writer is a member of the business development team, responsible for conducting the full range of activities required to identify, prepare, submit, and manage grant proposals. The Grant Writer will perform prospect research to evaluate prospects for grants. The Grant Writer will work with finance and program staff to gather the needed information to apply for funding and ensure reporting compliance with funders on all grant programs. The Grant Writer is responsible to single out and seek funds for existing and future Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe (FSST) projects.

Application Instructions:

Must submit to a background check and pre-employment drug and alcohol screening.

Applications are available at the FSST Tribal Office or apply online at www.santeesioux.com May attach resume to Tribal Application.

Preference in filling vacancies is given to qualified Indian

Job Openings and RFPs (continued)

candidates in accordance with Indian Preference Act of 1934 (Title 25, USC, Section 472). Verification must be submitted with the application if claiming Indian Preference. Consideration will be given to non-Indian applicants in the absence of qualified Indian Preference eligible.

Direct questions to Tribal Human Resources Department 605-997-3891 or email Deb.Wakeman@fsst.org.

Posted 08/27/18

Job Title: Economic Development & Housing Director

Hiring Agency: City of Brooklyn Park

Deadline for Application: Recruitment open until filled, first review 9/19/18.

Salary Range: \$96,907.20 - \$131,102.40 Annually

Web Site for Hiring Organization:<https://www.brooklynpark.org/employment/current-job-opportunities/>

Job Description: The City of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota's sixth largest municipality, seeks an Economic Development & Housing Director to join the Community Development Department's leadership team. This position plays a key role in helping the community achieve its vision: Brooklyn Park, a thriving community inspiring pride where opportunities exist for all.

The Economic Development & Housing Director position presents an opportunity for an engaged and talented person who is committed to continuous learning and growth in the field of economic development, housing and redevelopment. In collaboration with the Director of Community Development, this position provides the City's Economic Development Authority/Housing Redevelopment Authority with strategic leadership and administrative staff support. The position is also responsible for the direction, management and leadership of a team of six to seven staff who manage the City's economic development and redevelopment initiatives, housing services, business development services and neighborhood preservation strategies.

Recruitment will continue until the position is filled, with first review of applications on Monday, September 10, 2018.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

- Lead, manage and direct six to seven division staff to include selection, training, motivation, program/project and work performance evaluation and review.
- In collaboration with other city leaders, develop policies, practices, and strategic initiatives that further the City's mission and the goals and objectives of the City Council/Economic Development Authority/Housing Redevelopment Authority.
- Negotiate large scale development contracts and conduct financial analysis for various projects.
- Administer division's budget, including tax increment financing district funding.
- Oversee, direct, coordinate and/or assign special projects to include research, analysis, development and implementation.
- Establish and maintain business and other outside relationships for the city.

Minimum and Desired Qualifications

- Education: Bachelor's degree in Community Development, Urban Studies, Public Administration, Real Estate or related field or equivalent combination of education and experience
- Experience: Six (6) years of progressively responsible administrative and management experience in economic development, business development/financing, redevelopment, housing, planning or closely related field

Application process

- 1 View the current job opportunities page - <https://www.governmentjobs.com/jobs/2187625-0>
1. Follow the instructions to apply for a position online
2. Complete your application completely and accurately

If you misrepresent or falsify information or don't include requested materials, we may reject your application. If you are employed by the City and we later discover inaccurate information, you may be disciplined or terminated.

Date posted: 08/27/18

Job Openings and RFPs (continued)

Job Title: Urban Planner

Hiring Agency: RDG Planning & Design

Deadline for Application: Open until filled.

Salary Range: Based on experience

Web Site for Hiring Organization: <https://rdgusa.com/urban-planner-omaha>

Job Description: RDG is unique in our philosophy of team-oriented design, with deep professional knowledge and talent in multiple interrelated disciplines of our industry (Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Urban Planning, Strategic Planning, Interior Design, Engineering, Lighting Design, Integrated Art, and Multimedia). Our processes engage multiple disciplines from the first programming meetings to the final post-occupancy evaluation. With our breadth of resources, we solve problems for our clients in meaningful and sustainable ways, embracing solutions that reduce environmental impact, leverage resources, improve health, and heighten productivity.

RDG Planning & Design is seeking applications for a Planner and/or Urban Designer. The position will be responsible for assisting in a wide range of projects includ-

ing comprehensive plans, multi-modal planning, downtown/community redevelopment plans, and housing studies.


The ideal applicant must:

- Have a strong understanding of the planning field
- Have excellent written and oral communication skills
- Be a self-starter, detail oriented and have an ability to work independently, handling multiple tasks and projects
- Demonstrated proficient experience in Illustrator, In-Design, and Photoshop

Minimum qualifications: Masters Degree in Planning, Landscape Architecture, or closely related field with 1-3 years experience. There is a lot of opportunity for professional growth - apply now if you're the go-getter we're looking for. We can't wait to hear from you!

Application Instructions: Visit RDG's website to apply.

<https://rdgusa.com/urban-planner-omaha>



Channel One Regional Food Bank

1 in 10 SE Minnesotans are Food Insecure.

\$1 provides enough food for **4 meals.**

12,880 Individuals in Olmsted County are food insecure.

4,560 Children in Olmsted County do not have consistent access to food.

give TO THE MAX NOV. 15, 2018

APA Minnesota holds a prize raffle at its annual conference to raise funds for a local food shelf in the host city or region. This year, our conference was held in Rochester and we raised funds for Channel One Regional Food Bank. If you weren't able to attend the conference but would like to make a donation, please consider giving either directly or as part of Minnesota's annual "Give to the Max Day" which takes place on November 15, 2018. Channel One Regional Food Bank serves seniors, individuals with physical or mental-health disabilities, working families and individuals, people in times of crisis due to job loss, medical problems or personal disaster, and food shelves, programs and agencies in 14 counties. These counties include Faribault, Waseca, Rice, Goodhue, Wabasha, Steele, Dodge, Olmsted, Freeborn, Mower, Fillmore, Winona, Houston, and La Crosse County in Wisconsin.

<https://www.helpingfeedpeople.org/>

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