



**PA Chapter of the American Planning Association  
2015 Annual Conference  
Sunday, October 18 – Tuesday, October 20  
Pittsburgh, PA**

**Conference-at-a-Glance**

**Sunday, October 18, 2015**

Morning                    There will be tours offered – stay tuned!

10:00a – 5:30p            Registration Open

11:00a – 12:30p           Board of Directors Meeting

1:00p – 4:00p            **Mobile Workshop M1:** Pittsburgh's Three Rivers Heritage Trail – Connecting Neighborhoods, Businesses and Local Attractions (bike tour)\*\*

1:00p – 4:00p            **Mobile Workshop M2:** Emergent Millvale: How Diverse, Citizen-led Projects Can Collectively Create Effective Placemaking (walking and touring)

2:00p – 3:30p            **Concurrent Education Sessions A**  
 A1. Protecting Pennsylvania's Waterways through Forested Buffers  
 A2. One MPO's Quest to Coordinate Human Services Transportation on a Regional Scale  
 A3. Changing the Rural Planning Paradigm  
 A4. Doing While Planning: Using Pilot Projects to Create Community Buy-in & Maintain Momentum  
 A5. Implementing a Comprehensive Plan through Zoning  
 A6. Planning without Power? You Gotta Have Friends  
 A7. Lehigh Valley Return on Environment - Documenting the Economic Value of Open Space

3:30p – 5:00p            Legislative Committee

3:30p – 5:00p            PMPEI Committee

3:15p – 3:30p            Refreshment Break

3:45p – 5:15p            **Concurrent Education Sessions B**  
 B1. Hazard Mitigation Plan Integration  
 B2. Achieving Results through Integrated Land Use/Transportation Planning: A Corridor-Based Approach  
 B3. The ABC's of the Community Development Block Grant Program  
 B4. Natural Assets as Economic Generators  
 B5. How to Make Evolving Zoning Codes Consistent, Clear, Useable, and Defensible  
 (*Law*)

B6. Creating Walkable Communities in PA - Local, Regional and State Perspectives\*\*

B7. Assessing Affordable Housing Need: A Practical Toolkit

5:45p  
6:00p – 7:30p

Meet at Dock to board the Queen Vessel of the Gateway Clipper (Boarding at 6:00)  
**Reception on the Gateway Clipper**

Evening

Dinner on your own

**Monday, October 19, 2015**

6:30a – 7:30a

Fun Run & Walk

7:30a – 5:00p

Registration Open

7:30a – 5:00p

Exhibit Hall Open

7:30a – 8:00a

Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors

8:00a – 8:30a

Welcome & Introductions

8:30a – 9:45a

Opening Keynote Session “**The 8-80 City: Creating Vibrant and Healthy Communities for All**”

9:45a – 10:15a

Refreshment Break with Exhibitors

9:45a – 11:45a

**Mobile Workshop M3:** Over the River & Up the Hill Transportation History (walking and touring)

10:15a – 11:30a

**Concurrent Education Sessions C**

C1. 44 Communities for Water Quality: York County's Regional Stormwater Approach

C2. Planning for Place: Utilizing Data, Policy and Design Solutions to Support Placemaking within the Framework of a Traditional Comprehensive Plan

C3. Community Resiliency Planning through Floodplain Analysis

C4. From Blight to Bright: Latest Developments in Blight and Land Banking

C5. Addressing the So-called Agenda 21 'Conspiracy'\*\*

C6. Technology Salon (See D6 and E6)

C7. Boomer Planners – Our Legacy to Pennsylvania Planning

11:45a – 1:30p

Pitkin Luncheon & Lecture: “**Making the Case for Planning**”

1:45p – 4:45p

**Mobile Workshop M4:** Pittsburgh as Planning History Tour (walking and touring)

1:45p – 3:00p

**Concurrent Education Sessions D**

D1. Preparing for the AICP Exam

D2. Pipeline Infrastructure Task Force

D3. Planning for Healthy Communities: Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice

D4. Planning Consultants Roundtable

D5. How Municipalities Can Fight the Challenge of Vacancy

C6. Technology Salon, Continued

D7. A Grass Roots Success Story - East Ohio Street Pedestrian and Bicycle Improvements

3:00p – 3:30p	Refreshment Break with Exhibitors
3:30p – 5:00p	<b>Concurrent Education Sessions E</b> E1. Planning Ethics and Ethical Planning Decisions ( <i>Ethics</i> ) E2. Review of Recent Land Use Decisions of the Commonwealth and Federal Courts and State Agencies ( <i>Law</i> ) E3. New Market Tax Credits E4. Engaging Communities in Large Landscape Planning** E5. PennDOT's Public-Private Partnerships E6. Technology Salon, Continued E7. Fast - Fun - Fervent
5:15p – 6:15p	<b>Evening Reception with Exhibitors</b>
6:30p – 7:30p	Comedy Show! (Free event, with donations accepted for the Scholarship Fund)
Evening	Dinner on your own!

**Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

7:00a – 4:00p	Registration Open
7:00a – 2:30p	Exhibit Hall Open
7:00a – 8:00a	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
7:15a – 8:15a	Professional Development Committee Meeting
7:15a – 8:15a	Planning Officials Development Committee Meeting
8:00a – 9:30a	Plenary Session – “Sustainability: Fad, Fashion or Reality?”
9:45a – 10:15a	Refreshment Break with Exhibitors
10:15a – 11:30a	<b>Concurrent Education Sessions F</b> F1. Reimagining Our Relationship with Rain: Stormwater Solutions that Promote Efficiency, Reduce Cost and Enhance Communities F2. Energy Production, Patterns and Community Impacts in Pennsylvania: Data Access and Analysis to Inform Planning F3. SEPTA's Bike Action Plan: If You Build It, "Wheel" They Come? F4. Millennials and Social Media: Their impact on Planning, Land Use, and Design of Places F5. From Big Rigs to Buggies: A Lincoln Highway for All Users** F6. Effective TDM Implementation in Congested Corridors F7. Multi-Municipal Planning: Successfully Navigating Competing Interests, Shifting Priorities, and Hidden Agendas
11:45a – 2:00p	Luncheon, Annual Awards Presentation and State of the Chapter
2:00p – 2:30p	Dessert with Exhibitors & Announcement of Winners (Raffle, Silent Auction & 50/50)
2:30p – 4:00p	<b>Mobile Workshop M5:</b> Walking Exploration of Pittsburgh to Find 14 Patterns of Biophilic Design (walking)**

2:30p – 4:00p

**Concurrent Education Sessions G**

G1. Shining a Light on Implementing Solar in Your Community

G2. Legislative Update (*Law*)

G3. Innovative Tools to Expand Public Participation in Transportation Planning

G4. Ethics Case Study: Homewood Station Transit Oriented Development  
(TOD) Study (*Ethics*)

G5. Utilizing Planning Methods in the Public Works Department

G6. The CDC as a Catalyst for Smart Growth and Investment

G7. Making Use of Big Data – What You Can Learn from Detailed Real Estate Data

**\*\*LEED Credits**

The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association, in conjunction the Green Building Alliance, is pleased to announce that LEED-ND credits will be available at some of our sessions this year! Several of the sessions feature aspects of planning and design which play significant roles when considering LEED-ND. Application has been made.