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## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2017

1:00p – 5:30p	Registration Open
1:00p – 2:00p	Healthy Communities in PA Committee Meeting
2:00p – 5:00p	<b>Mobile Workshop M1</b> <i>Rural Placemaking Through the Arts: Community Theatres and the Downtown Arts Scene of College Town</i>
2:00p – 5:00p	<b>Mobile Workshop M2</b> <i>Canceled</i>
2:30p – 4:00p	PMPEI Committee
2:00p – 3:15p	<b>Concurrent Education Sessions A</b>
3:30p – 5:00p	<b>Concurrent Education Sessions B</b>
5:15p	Shuttle to the reception (Meet in the hotel lobby)
5:30p – 7:00p	<b>Welcome Reception at American Philatelic Society</b>
Evening	Dinner on your own

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2017

6:00a – 7:00a	Fun Run & Walk
7:00a – 5:00p	Registration Open
7:00a – 6:15p	Exhibit Hall Open
7:00a – 8:00a	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:00a – 8:30a	Welcome & Introductions
8:30a – 9:45a	Opening Keynote Session with Spud Marshall
9:00a – 11:30a	<b>Mobile Workshop M3</b> <i>Converging Waters: The Challenges of Migrating Towards an Integrated Water Resources Management Model in the Centre Region</i>
9:45a – 10:15a	Refreshment Break with Exhibitors
10:15a – 11:30a	<b>Concurrent Education Sessions C</b>
11:45a – 1:30p	Pitkin Luncheon & Lecture with Robert Kanigel
1:45p – 3:00p	<b>Concurrent Education Sessions D</b>
2:00p – 5:00p	<b>Mobile Workshop M4</b> <i>A Brief Campus Sustainability Tour and Potential Tools to Support Sustainable Community Projects</i>
3:00p – 3:30p	Refreshment Break with Exhibitors
3:30p – 5:00p	<b>Concurrent Education Sessions E</b>
5:15p – 6:15p	<b>Evening Reception with Exhibitors</b>
After 6:15p	Dinner on your own or Dine Around option

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017

7:00a – 4:00p	Registration Open
7:00a – 2:30p	Exhibit Hall Open
7:00a – 8:00a	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
7:00a – 8:00a	Healthy Communities in PA Committee Meeting
7:00a – 8:00a	Professional Development Committee Meeting
8:00a – 9:45a	<b>Plenary: Medical Marijuana (law)</b>
9:45a – 10:00a	Refreshment Break with Exhibitors
10:00a – 11:30a	<b>Concurrent Education Sessions F</b>
11:45a – 2:00p	Luncheon, Annual Awards Presentation and State of the Chapter
2:00p – 2:30p	Dessert with Exhibitors (Raffle Drawing, Silent Auction, 50/50)
2:30p – 4:00p	<b>Concurrent Education Sessions G</b>



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***Community Planning Month***

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*WHEREAS, community planning is a dynamic and collaborative practice making Pennsylvania and its communities better by promoting sound land use, economic prosperity, healthy environment, and high quality of life; and*

*WHEREAS, community planning is a principal means by which all citizens can be involved in an open and democratic process of determining the future of their community; and*

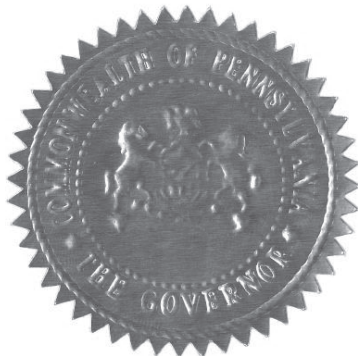
*WHEREAS, Pennsylvania has a long history of community planning dating from William Penn's plan for Philadelphia through comprehensive plans which today guide community improvement in all of Pennsylvania's 67 counties and 2/3 of its 2,560 municipalities; and*

*WHEREAS, the commonwealth promotes community planning and growing smarter initiatives throughout its various state agencies and funding programs; and*

*WHEREAS, the commonwealth wishes to publicly recognize the valuable contributions made by professional planners in both the public and private sectors, by over 10,000 citizen members of municipal and county planning commissions, and by the Pennsylvania State Planning Board, all of whom are dedicated to enhancing the character and quality of Pennsylvania and its communities; and*

*WHEREAS, the American Planning Association (APA) promotes October as National Community Planning Month and the Pennsylvania Chapter of APA is holding its annual statewide conference in the State College region October 22-24;*

*THEREFORE, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania do hereby proclaim October 2017 as COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in recognition of the importance of community planning and the contributions of professional and citizen planners. I urge all citizens to become involved in the planning of their communities.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this eighth day of September two thousand seventeen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-second.*

*Tom Wolf*  
**TOM WOLF**  
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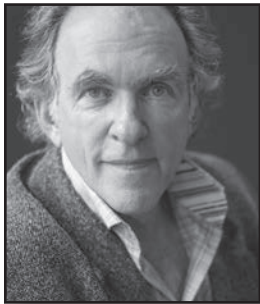
**Monday, 8:30a - 9:45a**

## Opening Keynote

### Transforming Towns into Changemaker Communities

**SPUD MARSHALL**, the co.space, Chief Catalyst, CEO  
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What does it take to transform communities into vibrant hubs of entrepreneurial spirit, social innovation and creative community development? The answer may be simpler than we think. Learn from what other communities are doing to reposition their towns and empower emerging leaders to take initiative and lead change. When communities learn to embrace a new mindset, they open their communities to new possibilities. So grab a notebook and get ready to steal some ideas to bring back to your own town!



**Monday, 11:45a - 1:30p**

## Pitkin Luncheon & Lecture

### Small Town in the Big City: Jane Jacobs of Pennsylvania

**ROBERT KANIGEL**, *Professor Emeritus of Science Writing,*  
*Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

CM | 1.00

Robert Kanigel has written many books, sometimes on quirky topics like leather and its inspired imitators. Other books explored love and friendship, the French Riviera, mentor relationships among elite scientists, and people. Robert's latest book is a biography of Jane Jacobs, *Eyes on the Street: The Life of Jane Jacobs*. There's a Philadelphia story in the life of Jane Jacobs, and a Scranton story, and a Bloomsburg story as well. Together they contribute the peculiar tensions — and abiding appeal — of her urban vision.



**Tuesday, 8:00a - 9:45a**

## Plenary

### Medical Marijuana

**NICK RODRIGUEZ-CAYRO**, *Stevens & Lee, Attorney*  
**CHARLES M. SUHR**, *Stevens & Lee, Attorney*

CM | 1.50 LAW

Medical Marijuana has been made legal and the State has adopted regulations and completed the licensing selection, where are we now, where will we go, and what do we need to get there. This session will highlight the different classifications of legalized marijuana and the laws that define growing and dispensing; including the Federal and Pennsylvania Enacting Laws and the impact on municipalities and land use regulations.





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# SPECIAL EVENTS

## Sunday, 5:30p – 7:00p (gather in lobby for transportation at 5:15)

### Welcome Reception: American Philatelic Society

At 5:15p, meet in the Penn Stater lobby for transportation to American Philatelic Society (APS). It wouldn't be an APA-PA Chapter event without time for networking and camaraderie. This amazing historical complex made up of 18 buildings on seven acres and is entered in the National Register of Historical Places. Much of the former industrial complex was constructed under the direction of the Pennsylvania Match Factory (1899-1922). APS has nearly 28,000 members in more than 110 countries. It is the largest stamp collectors organization in the world. This reception includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and refreshments.

## Monday, 6:00a – 7:00a

### Fun Run and Walk

Join with friends and colleagues and explore State College on this early-morning exploration. Walkers and runners will set off from the Penn Stater Hotel Lobby at 6:00 a.m.

## Monday, 5:15p – 6:15p

### Evening Reception with Exhibitors

Monday's conference activities wrap-up with a reception with our Exhibitors. Take advantage of this opportunity to network with the Exhibitors and the other conference attendees. It's a great place to make plans to venture out and discover the city of State College!

## Sunday & Monday Evening

### Dinner on your own Sunday and Monday or Dine-around option on Monday

Many restaurants and eateries are a few miles from the hotel with something to please everyone. Downtown State College will surprise you! On Monday evening, we will organize a Dine Around - go with fellow attendees to the restaurant that most suits your dining preference. Of course, you can always have dinner on your own.

## Monday, 6:15p – 7:30p

### The State of State College Informal Meet-and-Greet

Come enjoy a beverage with your fellow planners at the newly opened Federal Tap House in Downtown State College's new mixed-use development: The Fraser Centre. Centre Region and Centre County planners will showcase exciting projects underway in the State College area. From innovative neighborhood housing and downtown public-private redevelopment to new regional master planned communities and a thriving entrepreneurial environment, the Centre Region is a laboratory of cutting edge planning. This event is an informal meet-and-greet and poster session to give your evening out in Downtown State College an inspiring start!

## Monday, 6:30p – 8:00p

### Southwest Section Social

Southwest section members are invited to *Local Whiskey* (107 E Beaver Ave, State College PA 16801). Catch up on the latest news from the Southwest section. Two complimentary beverages and appetizers will be provided.

## Tuesday, 11:45a – 2:00p

### Luncheon, Annual Awards Presentation and State of the Chapter

Join us as we celebrate the achievements of fellow Pennsylvanians who shape where we live, work and play! Join **Denny Puko**, Chair of the PA Chapter of APA Awards Committee, for an inspiring **Annual Awards** program. We will recognize the work of fellow planners, planning officials, and elected officials and their roles in planning Pennsylvania. PA Chapter of APA President, **James Cowhey, AICP** will present the **State of the Chapter** highlighting the Chapter's successes and key activities during 2017. Scholarship recipients will be recognized.



# SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Support the Next Generation of Planners!  
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...and in other Scholarship Fundraising Committee news, we will also be selling tickets for the yearly **basket raffle, silent auction** and again this year we will be coordinating a **50/50 raffle!**

*Your contribution to the PA Chapter of APA Scholarship Raffle will help current planning students with their education-related expenses. Both undergraduate and graduate planning students are finding it hard to make ends meet. Students must not only juggle their academic pursuits, but also pay their bills, which is more difficult with fewer student loan options and higher textbook prices.*



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**The list of approved sessions will be posted** on the PA Chapter website, [www.planningpa.org](http://www.planningpa.org), after approval is received from APA.

**Any session may be cancelled or rescheduled** because of low registration or unforeseen circumstances. Changes and cancellations are noted.

Following the conference, materials will also be available on the PA Chapter of APA website in electronic format.

**A mother's room** will be available for breastfeeding mothers. Please see conference registration desk for details.

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## Are you preparing for the AICP exam?

Sessions noted below will be helpful in preparing for the AICP comprehensive planning exam; the exam will cover critical areas in APA's outline of subject matter.

### Sunday, October 22

- A4. Connecting with the Community: Maximizing Public Participation in Planning Initiatives**
- B2. Two Sides of the Same Coin: Plan Implementation through Zoning and P3s**

### Monday, October 23

- C1. AICP Exam: The New Format**
- D6. Connecting a Community through Collaborative Economic Development**
- E6. Repurposing Stranded Real Estate Assets as a New Form of Transit Oriented Development**

### Tuesday, October 24

- F5. Workshop with Results**
- G6. Oh S\*\*\*, How Did This Happen?**

# AICP



# MOBILEWORKSHOPS

Sunday, 2:00p – 5:00p



## Rural Placemaking Through the Arts: Community Theatres and the Downtown Arts Scene of College Town

CM | **2.50**; Additional \$15 fee required.

Community theatre is an important element of placemaking for rural Central Pennsylvania. The area is home to a number of theatre organizations, many of which were built on the heritage of beautiful and historic theatre buildings. This session will share case histories of several local programs, offering insight into why some theatres succeed and others have failed.

**CHARLES DUMAS**, Penn State University  
**REBECCA INLOW**, Rowland Theatre  
**KAREN GREGG**, The State Theatre  
**WILLIAM SNYDER III**  
**JOANNE TOSTI-VASEY**, Bellefonte Borough Council

Sunday, 2:00p – 5:00p



## (M2) The Slab Cabin Run Initiative: A Landscape Level Approach to Source Water Protection, Stream Restoration and Ag Land Preservation

CM | **2.50**; Additional \$15 fee required

When driving into State College from the South, there is one icon that stands out as your official entrance into Happy Valley, the sign for Meyer Dairy. Through its quiet charm, the Meyer Dairy Store reminds us of the modest, hard-working values and long agricultural history our community takes great pride in. ClearWater Conservancy plans to permanently preserve these 300 acres responsible for producing the milk, cheese and ice cream Centre County residents love. Importantly, this project will will permanently and proactively conserve 300 acres of agricultural land and stream corridor immediately adjacent to the region's most important, most reliable drinking water wells. Join our tour to see what landscape level source-water protection looks and tastes like!

**JIM MAY, AICP**, Centre Regional Planning Agency  
**DEBORAH NARDONE**, ClearWater Conservancy





# MOBILEWORKSHOPS

**Monday, 9:00a – 11:30a**



## **(M3) Converging Waters: The Challenges of Migrating Towards an Integrated Water Resources Management Model in the Centre Region**

CM | **2.00**; Additional \$15 fee required.

The integrated water resources management model is generally accepted as a way forward for efficient, equitable, and sustainable development and management of limited water resources. The Centre Region, like most regions (and municipalities) manages water resources based upon a single purpose model. The single purpose model utilizes individual authorities to manage and maintain separate drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater systems. This mobile session will explore the major challenges planning agencies or departments, municipalities, and water and sewer authorities face when attempting to migrate towards a more cooperative, and integrated model. The session will also explore how planning professionals can strengthen their role in water resources planning using the relationship between Act 537 plans, comprehensive plans, and other planning activities to move towards an effective model for integrated water resources management.

**JIM MAY, AICP**, Centre Regional Planning Agency  
**CORY MILLER**, University Area Joint Authority

**Monday, 2:00p – 5:00p**



## **(M4) A Brief Campus Sustainability Tour and Potential Tools to Support Sustainable Community Projects**

CM | **2.50**; Additional \$15 fee required.

Planning and preparing for climate mitigation and adaptation is challenging. Many communities often lack resources, including funding and lack of technical capacity to address practical responses to climate change. The Sustainable Communities Collaborative (SCC) is the University's strategic platform to develop a variety of innovative University/community-based collaborations. These collaborations engage PSU faculty and students in existing courses from across a number of Commonwealth campuses through real world, community-identified sustainability projects. This mobile session will provide a brief tour of several sustainability-related projects and facilities on campus. It will also provide information on how to connect with, and leverage PSU resources to plan, develop, and implement local sustainability projects. Case studies and links to a variety of resources will also be provided in the session.

**PETER BUCKLAND**, PSU Sustainability Institute  
**MICHELLE HALSELL**, PSU Sustainability Institute



# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

## Sunday, October 22, 2017

**1:00p – 5:00p Registration Open**

**1:00p – 2:00p Healthy Communities in PA Committee Meeting**

**2:00p – 5:00p (M1) MOBILE WORKSHOP – CANCELED**

**2:00p – 5:00p (M2) MOBILE WORKSHOP**

**Slab Cabin Run Initiative: A Landscape Level Approach to Source Water Protection, Stream Restoration and Ag Land Preservation** (*see page 15*)

## **2:00p – 3:15p CONCURRENT EDUCATION SESSIONS A**

### **(A1) Replanting Penn's Woods in Lancaster City**

CM | 1.25

Recognizing the co-benefits of a lush urban forest, Lancaster has set out to increase its existing tree canopy by 25% over the next 25 years through data-driven planning and neighborhood-focused engagement. Lancaster's layout and historic character create a compact, walkable community with limited space to expand tree canopy.

Since 2011, the following have been vital to success: a tree inventory and canopy analysis, amended Trees Ordinance and manual, an Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan, an urban forest management plan, outreach, a new volunteer organization and an online, interactive map that tracks trees and planting sites. More needs to be done.

**KARL GRAYBILL, AICP**, City of Lancaster

**KRISTEN THOMAS**, Lancaster Tree Tenders

### **(A2) Complete Streets in Rural Pennsylvania**

CM | 1.25

We all know how an urban complete street looks – travel lanes with sidewalks, crosswalks, and maybe a bike lane, but what about rural Pennsylvania? A rural complete street is the same concept - containing the same multi-modal elements (motorized and non-motorized travel), but with a slightly different design approach and implementation strategy. We will discuss this concept, how involving the municipality(ies) helps with a better end result, and present PennDOT District 12 and Westmoreland County's Laurel Valley Transportation Improvement Project as a case study showing the concept in planning.

**JASON RIGONE**, Westmoreland County IDC

**DAWN SCHILLING**, McCormick Taylor, Inc.



# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

**Sunday, October 22, 2017, cont.**

## **(A3) Community Living: One Big, Happy Non-family**

CM | 1.25

As many of us have or may experience, a family member moves to a non-family living arrangement. With that, life brings lots of changes – yes, for an individual, but also for an entire community. Facilities for community living, including the aging and other groups needing specialty care, are growing in client-base, demand and technical sophistication. The complexities of these residential and health care situations spill onto policy pages and into development interests. As planners, we are challenged in navigating the intricacies of group-oriented facility classifications, formulating responsive policies and, sometimes, managing relationships between the public and private-sectors as development occurs.

**KATIE STRINGENT**, Borough of Sewickley Heights

**CAROLYN YAGLE, PLA**, Environmental Planning & Design, LLC

## **(A4) Connecting with the Community: Maximizing Public Participation in Planning Initiatives**

CM | 1.25

Too often, public participation falls below the level that planners hoped to obtain. MCPC community planners and a member of a municipal diversity/outreach committee will review their ideas and varied methods to better engage the community, including efforts to draw underrepresented groups into the planning process. The session will discuss challenges, rationale for methods used, and analysis of their effectiveness. Next, volunteers from the audience will be asked to briefly share additional successful ways of obtaining public feedback in their planning efforts.

**KRISTYN DIDOMINICK, MSW**, Manna on Main Street

**MARGARET DOBBS**, Montgomery County Planning Commission

**MICHAEL NARCOWICH, AICP**, Montgomery County Planning Commission







# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

## Sunday, October 22, 2017, cont.

**3:30p – 5:00p      PMPEI Committee Meeting**

**3:30p – 5:00p      CONCURRENT EDUCATION SESSIONS B**

### **(B1) Images and Ethics**

CM | 1.50 ETHICS

If you've ever wondered about whether you can include a photo in your planning document that includes a clear view of someone's face, you aren't alone. The session will provide a backdrop of the AICP Code of Ethics and items relevant to use of images, such as privacy and transparency. The session will then move into discussion on how one organization is creating policy and procedures to ethically use images in publications and on social media.

**SUSAN ELKS, AICP**, Chester County Planning Commission

**ALISON HASTINGS, AICP, PP**, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

### **(B2) Two Sides of the Same Coin: Plan Implementation through Zoning and P3s**

CM | 1.50

The Borough of State College recently adopted a set of innovative plans to guide future development. The Downtown Master Plan (adopted 2013) and the Neighborhood Plan (adopted 2014) focus on different aspects of the Borough; however, their policies overlap in many ways. The Borough is establishing a strong track record in implementing both plans through regulatory, programmatic and project-based approaches. This session will focus on implementation through 1) zoning techniques used to incentivize redevelopment, 2) public programs to increase home-ownership in targeted neighborhoods and 3) public-private partnerships to redevelop underutilized properties.

**MICHAEL GAUGHAN, EDFP**, National Development Council

**ED LECLEAR, AICP**, Borough of State College

**CRAIG RICHARDSON, ESQ.**, Clarion Associates

### **(B3) The Legal Aspects of Medical Marijuana in Pennsylvania**

CM | 1.50 LAW

Now that Medical Marijuana has been made legal and the State has adopted regulations and completed the licensing selection, where are we and what have we learned. This session will highlight the different classifications of legalized marijuana and the laws that define growing and dispensing; including the Federal and Pennsylvania Enacting Laws and how this local municipalities have been impacted. During the last years several municipalities crafted ordinances and Philadelphia in particular worked with the State to receive a distance waiver for the entire county. This session will cover the legal lessons we have learned over the past year and a half since the Governor signed Medical Marijuana into law.

**PAULA BURNS, AICP**, Philadelphia City Planning Commission

**PATRICIA HOBAN, ESQ.**, Hoban Law Group

**STEVEN SCHAIN, ESQ.**, Schain Law Firm



# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

## Sunday, October 22, 2017, cont.

### **(B4) Mechanisms for Cultivating Collaborative Relationships Between Town and Gown**

CM | 1.50

Town/gown relations can be fraught or at least based on transactions rather than relationships. But universities and communities have a shared brand and a shared destiny, and therefore are aligned in their goals, time horizons, and self-promotion. We'll discuss mechanisms universities and communities can communicate and collaborate so as to create win-win arrangements related to economic development, place-making, downtown economic resiliency, cross-promotion, transportation infrastructure, recreational amenities, and environmental sustainability. Our examples will be drawn from many kinds of communities (e.g. urban vs. rural).

**STEVEN GIFFORD**, Greensburg Community Development Corp

**LEE HUANG, MPA**, Econsult Solutions, Inc.

**DAN KNORR**, Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania

**STEPHEN MCKNIGHT**, Altoona Blair County Development Corporation

### **(B5) A New Approach to Local Regulation of Timber Harvesting in Critical Ecological Areas**

CM | NO CM

How can Pennsylvania's municipalities protect forestlands and integrate science-based best practices zoning regulations, while acknowledging timber harvesting's status as a state-protected industry? Learn how one municipality with ecologically critical forest developed an innovative ordinance to protect its unique habitats while allowing for and promoting sustainable forest practices. This session will overview timber industry practice and regulation, lessons from forest ecology, and how science-based site evaluation, harvest planning, and post-harvest management has been used to form the basis for a new and vastly improved local regulatory standard.

**EDWARD THEURKAUF, RLA**, Theurkauf Design & Planning

**JENNA WEBSTER**, Larry Weaner Landscape Associates, Inc.

**5:15p**

**Meet in the lobby for transportation to American Philatelic Society**

**5:30p – 7:00p**

**Reception at American Philatelic Society**

(100 Match Factory Place, Bellefonte, PA 16823)

**7:00p**

**Dinner on your own**





# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

## Monday, October 23, 2017

- 6:00a – 7:00a      Fun Run & Walk**  
Wake up with an invigorating walk or run in State College!
- 7:00a – 5:00p      Registration Open**
- 7:00a – 6:15p      Exhibit Hall Open**
- 7:00a – 8:00a      Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors**
- 8:00a – 8:30a      Welcome & Introductions**
- 8:30a – 9:45a      Transforming Towns into Changemaker Communities**  
Opening Keynote Session by Spud Marshall
- 9:00a – 11:30a      M3 MOBILE WORKSHOP **Converging Waters: The Challenges of Migrating Towards an Integrated Water Resources Management Model in the Centre Region** *(see page 16)***
- 9:45a – 10:15a      Refreshment Break with Exhibitors**

## 10:15a – 11:30a      CONCURRENT EDUCATION SESSIONS C

### (C1) AICP Exam: The New Format

CM | No CM

The session will review the content outline of the AICP exam, which APA updated for the 2017 testing cycles, and provide details on study resources. The session will take time to clarify understanding of the revised exam, and provide information appropriate to where attendees are in the application or study process. Questions are encouraged throughout the session.

**SUSAN ELKS, AICP**, Chester County Planning Commission

**LEAH EPPINGER, AICP**, Housing Authority of the County of Dauphin

**LINDSAY SCHOCH**, Ferguson Township





# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

## Monday, October 23, 2017, cont.

### **(C2) Placemaking Using an Economic Development Study: A Data and Market Based Approach**

CM | 1.25

In response to an upturn in development proposals, the adjacent municipalities of Kennett Square Borough and Kennett Township teamed up to undertake an economic development study to evaluate the amount and type of development appropriate to achieve a sustainable mix of development types and uses. Key consideration was given to developing different identities for seven different areas. This session will highlight the process, scoping, public-private partnerships, coordination, public input, incorporation of data, and development of a creative and implementable study.

**MARY HUTCHINS**, Historic Kennett Square

**KEVIN MYERS**, Chester County Planning Commission

**TODD POOLE, EDFP**, 4ward Planning, Inc.

### **(C3) Real Estate Finance for Planners: A Very Short Course**

CM | 1.25

This session is a very short course to remind planners about the costs of engaging the real estate community in the built environment.

Planners will be exposed to some basic financial and economic perspectives and short cuts as these might be utilized by developers with whom professional planners often interact. They will learn how the costs of development impact land values, how simple changes in policy or deal structuring can substantially alter the value of a concept, and the true [only!] meaning of highest and best use. The session will be a combination of lecture using examples from case studies with ample time for questions and answers.

Attendees will leave with valuable, hands-on skills to manage many of their day to day tasks and responsibilities.

**OWEN BEITSCH, FAICP, PHD**, Community Solutions Group

**PATTY FOLAN**, Community Solutions Group

### **(C4) Buses Are Not Just For Big Cities: A Discussion of Transit Planning for Small and Rural Communities**

CM | 1.25

Public transit exists in every county in Pennsylvania. From the large transit networks in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh to the buses and paratransit services in rural communities, transit plays a vital role in connecting people to jobs, services, healthcare, and goods. Municipal, county or regional planning entities, such as the MPO or RPO, can work with transit agencies and PennDOT to plan for great transit and improve transit service and investment. This session will include an overview of transit planning in rural Pennsylvania, the challenges of providing transit in rural areas, how municipal/county/regional planners can assist with transit planning, planning tools, and case studies.

**DAVID TOTTEN**, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission

**ANGELA WATSON, AICP**, PennDOT

**ALEXIS WILLIAMS, AICP, PP**, STV Inc.



# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

## Monday, October 23, 2017, cont.

### **(C5) Aging in Place: New Government Mandates and the Effects on Local Communities of the Coming Wave**

CM | 1.25

The session will make attendees aware of the coming wave of “aging in place” citizens precipitated by the change in ways that the State and Federal Government reimburse centralized long-term care facilities, and the resulting drop in long term care beds, particularly for Medicaid patients. As the State and Federal government purport to save costs by directing people, often without resources, to age in their own homes, the impact on the local communities has been ignored. Communities and planners have long discussed “aging in place” as a slow and steady need, but with long term care facilities reducing their long term care beds by as much as half, aging in place is about to hit communities as a wave. The effect on disaster planning, housing, infrastructure, and services will be severe.

**DANIEL GODFREY, AIA, RLPS**

**PATRICK SAMPSELL, AICP, PE, ESQ.,** Masonic Villages of PA

### **(C6) Municipalities and Water Resources: Planning for the Long-Term**

CM | 1.25

In 2005, Pennsylvania placed a strict mandate on municipal wastewater authorities to increase their role reducing pollutants flowing to the Chesapeake Bay. We will describe how the Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association organized a work group representing the 194 impacted authority and municipal wastewater plants, and proposed their own version of compliance metrics to state regulators. Over the course of three years, PADEP accepted the work group’s pollutant reduction strategy to meet their water quality mandates, designed to clean up the Bay, using tools the local communities’ preferred techniques, and at a more reasonable cost.

Now in 2017, communities are stretching their available time and budget to meet the growing cost of stormwater management. We will explore lessons learned from the wastewater industry’s regional, cooperative, bottom-up approach to Bay compliance. This session will present the benefits of a greater investment in planning at the beginning of a community’s pollutant reduction strategy. We will then show how communities that raise the level of sophistication of their integrated water resource program can improve water quality, focus on multiple community goals, and cooperate regionally to reduce implementation costs.

**JOHN BROSIOUS,** Pennsylvania Municipal Authorities Association

**NATHAN WALKER, AICP,** Amec Foster Wheeler

**11:45a – 1:30p**

**Pitkin Luncheon and Lecture**

**Small Town in the Big City: Jane Jacobs of Pennsylvania**

Pitkin lecture by **Robert Kanigel**

**2:00p – 5:00p**

**M4 MOBILE WORKSHOP A Brief Campus Sustainability Tour and Potential Tools to Support Sustainable Community Projects** *(see page 16)*



# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

**Monday, October 23, 2017, cont.**

**1:45p – 3:00p      CONCURRENT EDUCATION SESSIONS D**

**(D1) PennDOT Connects: Pennsylvania's New Program Supporting Active Transportation**

CM | 1.25

PennDOT Connects Program is to build better communities through collaboration by building partnerships that invest in sustainable transportation; leveraging resources to improve communities; leading and innovating for a more livable Pennsylvania; and delivering projects that improve economic competitiveness, access to work, and overall quality of life.

PennDOT Connects is not a funding program, instead, it ensures applicable and interested stakeholders (public and private) are brought to the table at the onset of the project to identify local needs and issues so that the scope of a transportation improvement project may be comprehensively defined prior to its design. This "early and often" collaboration approach helps ensure the transportation improvement project is designed and constructed in consideration of the local needs and issues.

**ROY GOTHIE**, PennDOT

**TROY TRUAX, AICP**, Michael Baker International

**ANGELA WATSON, AICP**, PennDOT

**(D2) Overcoming Obstacles to Municipal Cooperation: The Wissahickon Creek Water Quality Improvement Plan**

CM | 1.25

The Water Quality Improvement Plan (WQIP) is a TMDL alternative endorsed by EPA. EPA's collaborative framework for implementing CWA Section 303(d) recognizes that states have flexibility in using tools beyond TMDLs to attain water quality restoration that are defensible and potentially more fiscally acceptable. The complexities of multi-municipal coordination, funding scarcity, data needs, and a lack of regulatory guidance make it difficult to pursue this option. Attendees will learn how a multi-agency consulting team using the EPA's New Vision strategy has overcome these obstacles and is in the first year of developing the WQIP for the Wissahickon Creek watershed.

**SUSAN MYEROV, AICP**, Pennsylvania Environmental Council

**DREW SHAW, AICP**, Montgomery County Planning Commission

**(D3) Local Actions, Regional Results: Prioritizing Municipal Strategies for Improving Water Quality**

CM | 1.25

From preserving large tracts of forested headwaters to enforcing riparian buffer ordinances, municipalities play a key role in maintaining and restoring water quality in the Delaware River watershed. Many different actors, from nonprofits to state agencies, assist municipalities in conservation, preservation, and restoration practices. However, many municipalities struggle with the codification, enforcement, and implementation of conservation tools. Over the last 2 years, DVRPC has worked with a group of experts to create a prioritized list of recommendations aimed to help municipalities improve water quality. Come to this facilitated Roundtable Discussion to review and provide input into these recommendations. This discussion/session is best for attendees who have experience working with municipalities as professional staff/consultants, appointed officials, or citizen volunteers (ex. EAC members).

**CHRISTINA ARLT, AICP**, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

**ALISON HASTINGS, AICP**, Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission

**ANN HUTCHINSON, AICP**, Natural Lands





# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

## Monday, October 23, 2017, cont.

### (D4) Planning for Private Drinking Water Supplies

CM | 1.25

Private water wells and springs are vital to the rural water infrastructure in Pennsylvania, which provides drinking water to approximately three million rural residents and farms. Because Pennsylvania lacks state regulations covering private water supplies, their proper management becomes the voluntary responsibility of rural homeowners who often lack a proper understanding of their management. In the absence of state regulations and proper voluntary measures, some municipalities have attempted to fill the gap by enacting local ordinances for private water systems. This presentation will provide results from over 30 years of research and outreach at Penn State to help planners understand private drinking water supplies and available resources for municipalities and homeowners.

**BRYAN SWISTOCK**, Penn State University

**PETER WULFHORST, AICP**, Penn State Extension

### (D5) Integrating Green Infrastructure into Pittsburgh's Urban Fabric

CM | 1.25

Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority recently completed a comprehensive Sewershed Urban Design Study to integrate high performing green infrastructure into the city's urban design and planning efforts. The sewershed plans identify key elements in creating networked GI systems and demonstrates how these infrastructure improvements leverage additional neighborhood benefits. The presentation focuses on how networked or shed-based systems for rainwater management marry engineering, data-driven decision-making tools to create landscapes, urban places, and projects in a replicable way.

**CHRISTINE MONDOR, AIA**, evolveEA

**MEGAN ZEIGLER, MLA**, Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority

### (D6) Connecting a Community through Collaborative Economic Development

CM | 1.25

Non-traditional economic models — from creative and sharing economies to urban design and quality of life amenities — are increasingly vital considerations for developing robust economic strategies and creating stronger connections within a community. Lancaster, Pennsylvania is leveraging prior downtown implementation successes with its new economic development strategic plan, "Building on Strength". The plan is grounded in the realities of an ever-changing community, collaboration among diverse stakeholders and the importance of extending beyond the core - connecting neighborhood districts to the downtown. Explore the opportunities presented by proactive and multi-faceted approaches to planning for tomorrow's economy.

**JOHN HERSHEY, RLA**, RGS Associates

**THOMAS MCGILLOWAY, PLA**, Mahan Rykiel Associates, Inc.

**MARSHALL SNIVELY**, Lancaster City Alliance



# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

## Monday, October 23, 2017, cont.

### (D7) **Bicycling Beyond the Big Cities: Enhancing On-Road Cycling in Small Towns and Suburban Communities**

CM | 1.25

While much attention is focused on transformative bicycling planning and projects in big cities (Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, New York, Washington D.C.), small towns and suburban communities across Pennsylvania are improving their on-road bicycling networks and related amenities. This session will highlight three such communities (Pottstown Borough, Montgomery County; State College Borough, Centre County, and Abington Township, Montgomery County) and explore the planning that has led to implemented bicycling improvements in each of these communities.

**GEOFFREY T. CREARY**, Simone Collins Landscape  
**BEN GUTHRIE, PE**, Traffic Planning and Design, Inc.

### 3:30p– 5:00p CONCURRENT EDUCATION SESSIONS E

#### (E1) **Fast-Fun-Fervent**

CM | No CM

The session will showcase five presenters, five topics, seven minutes each. It will be fast-moving – 20 slides, each slide 20 seconds, per presenter. Expect presentations to be insightful and at the same time passionate and personal, even witty and provocative.

**RYAN GORDON**, Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission, *Evaluating the Extreme Weather Vulnerabilities of Transportation*

**DAVID KIMMERLY, AICP**, City of Allentown, *Medical Marijuana Is A Good Thing For Your Neighborhood*

**ANDREW SCHWARTZ, AICP CUD, PLA, LEED AP**, Environmental Planning & Design, *What a Strange Brew*

**PATTY FOLAN**, Community Solutions Group, *Perceptions in Downtown Neighborhoods: Unique Ways of Looking at the Ordinary*

**SABINA DEITRICK, PHD**, University of Pittsburgh, *Digital Governance in Pennsylvania: Successes, Opportunities, and Challenges: Recommendations for the State Planning Board*

#### (E2) **Land Use Law Update: Annual Review of Federal and State Court and Agency Decisions**

CM | 1.50 LAW

This session will provide a review of decisions issued by the federal and state courts and selected agencies (such as PA DEP) and comment on developments in land use law impacting land use policy, scope and validity of MPC-enabled and municipal-enabled ordinances, and administration of these ordinances.

**SUSAN SMITH, ESQ.**, The Law Office of Susan J. Smith



# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

## Monday, October 23, 2017, cont.

### (E3) MPC Refresher: Key Provisions, What's New, Tips for Users

CM | 1.50 LAW

The MPC -- Municipalities Planning Code -- is the legal "bible" for planning in Pennsylvania. It specifies the essentials of content and process for comprehensive plans and land use ordinances like zoning and subdivision. It has grown from 40 6x9 pages when enacted in 1968 to over 100 8½x11 pages today. This session will discuss navigating the MPC, key provisions and related legal concepts, recent MPC amendments, and helpful suggestions for reading and interpreting the MPC. The presenter will answer frequently asked questions and shed light on provisions that are misunderstood. There will be an open floor for any MPC questions from participants. There may even be healthy debate.

**DENNY PUKO**, Pennsylvania Department of Community & Economic Development

### (E4) Approaches to Align Plans and Market Demand

CM | 1.50

Too often, planning documents are detached from realistic market demand, driven by aspirational platitudes that lack the transformative potential to position places for long-term competitiveness and livability. Similarly, blight remediation and land banking plans can also overstate the potential for redevelopment and reinvestment, and, by doing so, fail to lay out a strategic way forward.

During the session, presenters on the panel will describe their unique approaches to planning and plans. These approaches use market-based measures to help communities understand the nature of existing supply/demand imbalances, and the costs of intervening in both broad and targeted ways. This knowledge is then used to help communities identify their biggest assets and reveal the priorities and planning principles that will form the basis for consistent and effective decision-making.

**KAREN BECK POOLEY, PHD**, czbLLC and Lehigh University

**CHARLES BUKI**, czbLLC

**LEE HUANG, MPA**, Econsult Solutions

**KATHERINE WYROSDICK, AICP**, Erie County Department of Planning

### (E5) How to Create an Overlay Zoning Ordinance to Provide Strong Source-Water Protection for Groundwater Quality

CM | 1.50

Source-Water Protection Plans for public water supply wells do not provide strong groundwater source-water protection because they offer only guidance and recommendations for the activities and land-uses within the mapped source areas. This case history presentation will show step-by-step how the Ferguson Township, Centre County, Source-Water Protection Overlay District Ordinance was created to provide strong and effective protection of its groundwater that is the source for 29 public wells and one spring. The key role of the Ordinance's innovative requirement for PA DEP approved Environmental Emergency Response Plans for all hazardous chemicals and materials will be shown.

**TODD GIDDINGS, PHD, PG**, Todd Giddings and Associates, Inc.





# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

## Monday, October 23, 2017, cont.

### **(E6) Repurposing Stranded Real Estate Assets as a New Form of Transit Oriented Development**

CM | 1.50

Municipalities and developers have been pursuing transit oriented development or TOD projects over the past 20 years, with varying degrees of success. Unfortunately, these conditions are found at a relative few commuter rail locations throughout the U.S.

However, what is often times overlooked when communities and developers think of TOD are the vast number of community shopping center sites which have become economically or physically obsolescent, yet are immediately accessible off of one or more major thoroughfares, are served by urban and/or suburban bus service, and are most often single-party owned. This session will provide participants with an understanding of the market drivers and financial metrics underpinning successful TOD style investment at a former retail center site.

**TODD POOLE, EDFP**, 4ward Planning, Inc.

### **(E7) Implementing Tactical Urbanism/Placemaking in a Pennsylvania 3rd Class City: A Model for Better Community Engagement**

CM | 1.50

Building off of the nationally known Better Block concept, the Smart Growth Partnership secured funding and partners for a series of educational charrettes in the Allegheny-Kiski River Valley. In May 2015 a Better Block event – New Ken A Better Block – was planned and executed, a first time for a tactical urbanism intervention in Western PA. What's been the long-term outcome? Ten new businesses started, four new community/economic development non-profit initiatives catalyzed, community perceptions transformed, hundreds of stakeholders engaged, and more. The panel will focus on this story, the ensuing economic/community development successes and additional lessons learned.

**WILLIAM HALL**, New Kensington Arts Center

**KEVIN SNIDER, PHD**, Penn State Kensington

**JOHN TURACK**, Smart Growth Partnership/ Penn State Extension

**5:15p – 6:15p**      **Evening Reception with Exhibitors**

**Evening**              **Dinner on your own (Dine-around options available)**





# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

## Tuesday, October 24, 2017

- 7:00a – 4:30p      Registration Open**
- 7:00a – 2:30p      Exhibit Hall Open**
- 7:00a – 8:00a      Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors**
- 7:00a - 8:00a      Healthy Communities in PA Committee Meeting**
- 7:00a - 8:00a      Professional Development Committee Meeting**
- 8:00a – 9:45a      Medical Marijuana    CM | 1.50 LAW**  
Plenary by **Nick Rodriguez-Cayro** and **Charles M. Suhr**
- 9:45a – 10:00a      Refreshment Break with Exhibitors**

## 10:00a – 11:30a    CONCURRENT EDUCATION SESSIONS F

### **(F1) Transitioning to Management: The Ups and Downs**

CM | 1.50

Join this discussion on what it means to move into management, and how to tackle the changes that come with such a move. The session will start with three panelists giving a brief take on different aspects of management they face in their jobs and the rewards of a management level planning position. Attendees will then break into small groups to discuss management challenges and brainstorm solutions. The full group will get back together to review tough challenges and potential solutions. Experienced managers, new managers, and those who might be wondering if it is the right move for them are all welcome at the session, which will include presenters from different management backgrounds.

**RACHELLE ABBOTT, AICP**, STEP, Inc.

**SUSAN ELKS, AICP**, Chester County Planning Commission

**ED LeCLEAR, AICP**, Borough of State College



# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

**Tuesday, October 24, 2017, cont.**

## **(F2) Putting “Implementable” Comprehensive Plans into Practice**

CM | 1.50

The concept of “implementable comprehensive planning” has been presented at APA-PA conferences and other venues in previous years. This session translates this concept into the practical application at both the county and multi-municipal level. It provides detailed information from two counties that have applied the implementable concept in the development of their comprehensive plans. Dauphin County’s recent update focused on online and other technology to engage the public and implementation partners in developing a process that can be easily tracked for the next 10 years. Lycoming County and its six multi-municipal planning areas focused on identifying the top priority issues and projects and on developing an implementation strategy that is specific, stakeholder-focused, and achievable. Having a good understanding on how to maneuver through public sector requirements and sensitivities related to Comprehensive Plans, such as: budgeting, timelines, and goal-setting will be discussed. The session will also involve an interactive discussion on how the lessons learned from Dauphin and Lycoming can be applied to other counties and municipalities across Pennsylvania.

**STEVE DECK, AICP**, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

**JERRY DUKE, AICP**, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

**KIM WHEELER, AICP**, County of Lycoming

## **(F3) Healthy Communities: Who, What, Why**

CM | 1.50

The Healthy Communities in PA Task Force combines the expertise of health and planning professionals statewide who provide resources to further shared goals. The program was initially funded through Planners4Health, which had three stages: assessing the healthy communities landscape, providing tools to facilitate a statewide conversation, and a report outlining how APA Pennsylvania can best continue healthy communities work after the grant. The session will summarize the results and work so far, while encouraging attendees to join the conversation going forward.

**JUSTIN DULA, AICP**, Delaware County Planning Department

**AMY MCKINNEY**, Lawrence County Department of Planning and Community Development

**JERRY WALLS, FAICP**, Susquehanna Greenway Partnership

**AMY WILES, AICP**, Mackin Engineering Company

## **(F4) Trends in GIS for Planning: 3D Modeling, Virtual Reality, and Augmented Reality for Community Engagement, Zoning Analysis, and Infrastructure Management**

CM | 1.50

3D GIS and web-based tools are becoming more sophisticated, yet available, to planning professionals, as well as communities. Counties, cities, and municipalities are embracing these new technologies for planning analysis and design, infrastructure management, and for public communication and feedback. This Problem-Solving Roundtable proposes to introduce these technologies with a hands-on session exploring ongoing 3D-based projects within Chester County and West Chester Borough. We will review the costs and resources needed and the results of community engagement using models: online, in virtual reality, and augmented reality.

**GARY COUTU, PHD**, West Chester University, Geography and Planning

**DOTTIE IVES DEWEY, PHD, AICP**, West Chester University, Geography and Planning





# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

**Tuesday, October 24, 2017, cont.**

## **(F5) Workshops with Results**

CM | 1.50

The most successful community planning efforts involve residents and stakeholders as partners. Communities can struggle to maintain momentum during a 1-2 year planning process with monthly committee meetings and multiple public events. Through our development of over 100 property/community master plans for military installations, we have developed a condensed, dialogue-based outreach process that convenes key players, gathers input with low-tech, hands-on techniques, and gathers targeted input in five ½-day sessions.

This workshop will demonstrate our visioning session and how it can be applied in a civilian community setting. Participants will join a round-table group to complete a physical inventory, visual preference survey, SWOT, and vision statement for a sample community. Participants will learn how to implement the visioning session in their communities as part of any planning process from a broad comprehensive plan to a targeted plan such as a bicycle master plan.

**JENNIFER CRISTOBAL, AICP, PLA**, Michael Baker International

**DAVID SCHAARSMITH, AICP, PMP, LEED BD+C**, Michael Baker International

**JOHN TRANT, JR, AICP, ESQ.**, Strategic Solutions, LLC

## **(F6) Applying New GIS Mapping Tools Across Municipal Functions: Economic Development, Land Use, Asset Management and More**

CM | 1.50

This session presents two GIS-mapping based solutions to Upper Dublin Township's challenges – addressing needs for effective management tools in economic development, public works and code enforcement. The Township's requirement to revitalize its aging suburban business park led to the creation of a customized ArcGIS tool, to communicate the complex new Transfer of Development Rights zoning ordinance, and redevelopment opportunities.

TRAISSR, another GIS tool, is now being used to track and map public assets, building permits, property inspections and right-to-know requests. This presentation will set the context and municipal requirements, demo the online interactive maps and discuss their initial impacts.

**BRIAN BERDEL, CSM**, McMahon Associates, Inc.

**GRAHAM COPELAND**, Upper Dublin Township

**MAGGIE DOBBS**, Montgomery County Planning Commission





# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

## Tuesday, October 24, 2017, cont.

### **(F7) Freight Planning in Pennsylvania: Featuring a Case Study of the Harrisburg MPO**

CM | 1.50

PennDOT in 2016 completed Pennsylvania's first ever comprehensive freight movement plan. The Department has been moving to maintain the currency of the statewide freight plan, even as new requirements and directions have emerged from FHWA through the FAST Act and final rulemakings from MAP-21. The session will discuss new tools and processes that PennDOT has used in collaborating with its planning partners and in maintaining the currency of the state's freight plan. Special emphasis will be made of how the Harrisburg MPO has leveraged PennDOT support in updating its own regional freight plan.

**CASEY BAXENDALE**, Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

**BRIAN FUNKHOUSER, AICP**, Michael Baker International

**MICHAEL RIMER, AICP**, PennDOT

**11:45a – 2:00p      Luncheon, Annual Awards Presentation and State of the Chapter**

**2:00p - 2:30p      Dessert with Exhibitors & Announcement of Winners (Basket Auction and 50/50)**

**2:30p - 4:00p      CONCURRENT EDUCATION SESSIONS G**

### **(G1) The PA Ethics Act and its Relevance to Planners**

CM | 1.50 ETHICS

This session will focus on the Pennsylvania Public Official and Employee Ethics Act and its relevance to planners. The Ethics Act provides that public office is a public trust and that any effort to realize personal financial gain through public office, other than compensation provided by law, is a violation of that trust. The Ethics Act applies to public officials and public employees - roles that planners serve in, or advise on a regular basis. Topics to be covered include the intent of the law, jurisdiction, and conflicts of interest.

**BRIAN D. JACISIN, ESQ.**, PA State Ethics Commission

### **(G2) Community Heart & Soul: Engaging Residents through the Humanities to Find What Matters Most**

CM | 1.50

A planner is instrumental in taking all of the resources within and helping a community to fulfill its long-term vision. This is not easy, considering one of the community's biggest assets is people. Not all residents feel their opinions count. Invisible but powerful forces of culture and history also motivate — or discourage — people from participating. The humanities can be a resource in overcoming these challenges and activating residents. Using the humanities, Community Heart & Soul offers practical examples and hands-on tools to successfully find, engage, and take action on what matters most to people in a community.

**R. MIMI IJIMA**, PA Humanities Council

**ZACHARY NORWOOD**, Crawford Planning Commission

**ANDREW SHEAF**, PA DCED, Local Government Division

**LEANNE TINGAY**, Orton Family Foundation



# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

**Tuesday, October 24, 2017, cont.**

## **(G3) Pittsburgh's EcolInnovation District: Lessons Learned in Equity, Sustainability, and Mobility**

CM | 1.50

Uptown, a strategically located neighborhood between Pittsburgh's Downtown and the Ed's/Med's district of Oakland, has experienced disinvestment for decades. Uptown presents the ability to build from the market strengths of its location while supporting grassroots efforts being led by residents, entrepreneurs, and institutions. The Uptown EcolInnovation District plan was launched with the goal of exploring next generation practices around technology, equity, and sustainability in all aspects of the neighborhood's development including both people and place. This effort is an environmentally innovative and equitable community plan that will direct investment decisions in transit as opposed to the other way around.

**DEREK DAUPHIN**, City of Pittsburgh, Department of City Planning

**RAYMOND GASTIL, AICP**, City of Pittsburgh, Department of City Planning

## **(G4) 2-D Maps to 4-D Thinking: The Building Block Approach to Floodplain Planning**

CM | 1.50

Flood risk issues in Pennsylvania are elusive elements of sustainability. Climate change resistance, social justice, private property rights, PA's municipal system, and an insurance system that incentivizes floodplain development affect our decision making. Current flood recovery overlooks opportunities for planning. Two dimensional maps do not adequately inform. Depth grids and an illustration as simple as a Lego house illustrate the third dimension. What about the fourth dimension, time? The 100 yr. flood and flood intervals are misunderstood. This session seeks to identify the limitations and impediments to effective flood risk reduction, gather participants' creative and critical thinking for on-the-ground solutions that will improve understanding and decrease the loss in Pennsylvania's flood-vulnerable communities.

**LISA HOLLINGSWORTH-SEGEDY, AICP**, American Rivers

**FRANCES MCJUNKIN, CFM**, Lycoming County Planning and Community Development

**SAMANTHA PEARSON**, Lewisburg Neighborhoods Corporation

## **(G5) Innovative Approaches to Guide Policy Decisions and Land Use**

CM | 1.50

This panel will describe different analytical and visual planning tools designed to help guide land use and development decisions by incorporating sustainability, resiliency and green infrastructure into the comprehensive planning process. Panelists will review examples where these tools have been used to help municipalities make the (sometimes contentious) decisions on how to address and present such issues as affordable housing placement, floodplain management and risk reduction, storm recovery and green infrastructure optimization.

**ROBERT DARE, PP, AICP, MCIP**, T&M Associates

**NICOLAS DICKERSON, PP, AICP**, T&M Associates

**GREGORY DUNCAN, PP, LEED-AP**, T&M Associates

**STAN SLACHETKA, PP, AICP**, T&M Associates





# EDSESSIONSAGENDA

**Tuesday, October 24, 2017, cont.**

## **(G6) Oh S\*\*\*, How Did This Happen?**

CM | 1.50

For many professional planners and their communities, a development project that represents positive, transformative change comes once in a lifetime. But what happens when residents don't view the project or change with the same enthusiasm for civic good. Petitions, protests, packed public meetings, social media, expert reports, court orders and the like often catch planners flat-footed. How can planners provide objective analysis and consensus-building when the public handcuffs their professional role? Join in a roundtable discussion that focuses on three transformative but controversial projects that stressed the fiber of their respective communities.

**CHRISTOPHER KNARR, AICP, BCO, CZO**, McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC

**ANDREW SCHWARTZ, AICP CUD, LEED AP, PLA**, Environmental Planning & Design, LLC

**KIRK STONER, AICP**, Cumberland County

## **(G7) Nature-Based Placemaking: Using Natural Assets as Economic Generators**

CM | 1.50

The session looks at how to revitalize communities through utilizing nature assets as economic generators – Nature-Based Placemaking. Nature-Based Placemaking is more than a physical and economic connection between the recreational asset and the place; it is a vehicle for the entire community to embrace the idea that the relationship between the outdoor recreational asset, the users of that asset, and the larger community is a preferred way to:

- encourage new investment,
- provide workforce development and entrepreneurial opportunities,
- provide a greater appreciation of the impact of the recreational asset on history and current lives,
- improve the overall quality of life of the residents.

This session will work the attendees through the newly developed Nature-Based Placemaking Handbook, and discuss how to apply the Assessment tool to their own community.

**JULIE FITZPATRICK**, Pennsylvania Downtown Center

**JERRY WALLS, FAICP**, Susquehanna Greenway Partnership







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