

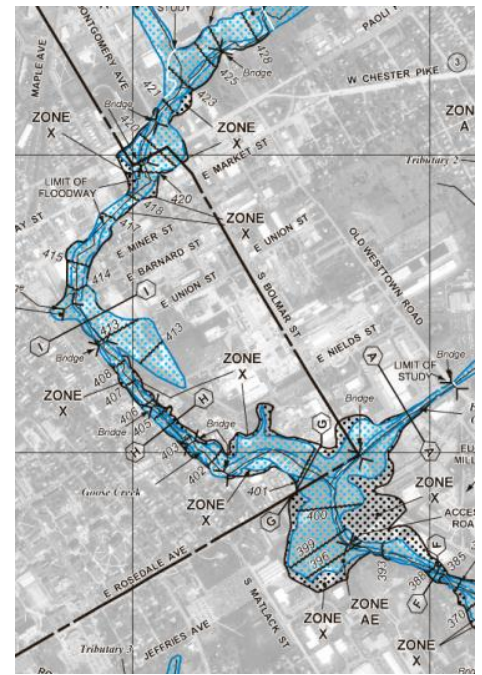
# Land Use Planning Matters: Planning for Disaster Resilient Communities

A Professional Development Program  
3 AICP CM Credits\*

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## SESSION DESCRIPTION

Today, it's too risky NOT to consider hazard mitigation and disaster resiliency, especially with hazard mitigation being an essential component of site planning, comprehensive planning, stormwater management and numerous other planning practices. Building resilient communities is not just a product of emergency management and emergency services personnel, but also a responsibility of planners as they assist communities with comprehensive planning and development of and updates to zoning and subdivision and land development ordinances. The session will cover details on creating a hazard mitigation plan, as well as, a review on how to incorporate emergency management and emergency services planning in other municipal plans and ordinances. A key concept of the training will be how to ensure that land use and community planners and emergency management personnel/emergency responders are coordinating their efforts.

The training will use Pennsylvania specific case studies and examples to convey relevant information to attendees. There will also be focus on issues prominent to each geographic area of the state as different areas of the state are at higher risk to certain hazards. Where relevant, the training will also incorporate information on emergency response related to shale drilling activities. The presenters will review tools, resources, and guidance provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency to help you match resources to their challenges. You will be invited to build on the discussion by sharing your own success stories and current challenges. Take home skills and tips will assist you with Hazard Mitigation Assistance grants, benefit-cost analysis, web-based outreach, and resources for hazard and risk GIS analysis. This session will provide you with practical take-home tools to build resiliency and mitigate hazards reflective of their unique communities.

The target audience for this training session includes professional planners and elected officials, municipal staff, emergency management personnel, and citizen planners who are well-versed in planning and seeking advanced information on hazard mitigation planning and emergency management to improve the safety and resiliency of residents and business for current and future hazard risks. There will be ample opportunities for Q&A during the session.

**FEE \$30.00 per person**

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## Six Trainings Statewide! Dates & Locations

Wednesday, May 22, 2013  
9:00am - 12:00pm (Registration at 8:30am)  
Chester County Public Safety Training Campus  
137 Modena Road  
Coatesville PA 19320

Wednesday, May 29, 2013  
9:00am - 12:00pm (Registration at 8:30am)  
Monroe County Public Safety Center  
100 Gypsum Road  
Stroudsburg PA 18360

Tuesday, June 4, 2013  
1:00pm - 4:00pm (Registration at 12:30pm)  
Township of Upper St. Clair  
1551 Mayview Road  
Upper St. Clair PA 15241

Wednesday, June 5, 2013  
1:00pm - 4:00pm (Registration at 12:30pm)  
Franklin Industrial & Commercial Development  
Authority (FICDA)  
191 Howard Street  
Franklin PA 16323

Thursday, June 6, 2013  
1:00pm - 4:00pm (Registration at 12:30pm)  
Old Lycoming Fire Hall  
1600 Dewey Ave  
Williamsport PA 17701

Sunday, October 20, 2013  
2:30pm - 5:50pm  
Hilton Harrisburg  
1 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

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#### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

##### Sarah K. Bowen, AICP, CFM

Sarah Bowen is an Urban Planner with 13 years of experience concentrating on disaster mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery planning. She is the Manager of the Planning Department for Michael Baker Corporation's Philadelphia Office. Currently, she is the Project Manager to update the Pennsylvania *State Standard All-Hazard Mitigation Plan*. She has also worked on projects for clients including FEMA, PEMA, Regional Counterterrorism Task forces, and city and county planning and emergency management departments. She holds a B.A. in Political Science and Art History from Rutgers University and a M.S. in Urban Planning from Columbia University. Ms. Bowen is certified with the American Institute of Certified Planners and is a Certified Floodplain Manager. She was the co-author of the Natural Hazards Observer cover story *Preventing Human-Caused Disasters* in November 2009 and is presenting *Don't Take the Risk: Plan for Resiliency* at the National APA Conference in 2013.

##### Alexis M. Williams, AICP

Alexis M. Williams, AICP is a Planner with the consulting firm Michael Baker Corporation. She has worked with five Pennsylvania Counties to update their local hazard mitigation plans, performed updates of FEMA flood insurance rate maps, and is currently assisting the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency with an update of the Pennsylvania *State Standard All-Hazard Mitigation Plan*. Before joining Baker in 2010, Ms. Williams previously worked as an Environmental Planner for the Montgomery County Planning Commission where she performed municipal land development and zoning ordinance reviews, comprehensive plan development, and assisted with local stormwater management projects. Ms. Williams has a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies from Gettysburg College and a Master's Degree in City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania.

##### Jerry Walls, FAICP

Jerry Walls served as Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer for the Lycoming County Planning Commission for over 37 years and as Department Head for Planning and Community Development, Zoning and GIS from 1996 - 2007. Due to his planning leadership Lycoming County has gained statewide, national and even Canadian recognition for excellence in planning and implementing progressive environmental initiatives in solid waste management, regional recycling, comprehensive planning, water supply systems planning and water resources protection, stormwater management plans, planning for greenways and bike trails, plus flood hazard mitigation and innovative technology applications for flood warning systems and GIS. Under his leadership Lycoming County planned and implemented the first county-wide 9-1-1 system in PA and formed a County Department of Emergency Services (which is now a Department of Public Safety). Hazard Mitigation Planning was developed as an on-going role and professionally staffed function of the Lycoming County Planning and Community Development Department. In concert with the County EMS staff Mr. Walls led the preparation, enactment, and implementation of a Lycoming County Rural Addressing Ordinance which has been invaluable for accurate emergency response dispatching to natural gas well pads and related emergencies.

Mr Walls has been retained on contract by the County Commissioners Association of PA as a Policy and Training Consultant for the County Planning Directors Association. He was nominated by the PA Chapter of the American Planning Association and on 4/15/11 received the PA Governor's Excellence Award for leadership and service to local government. On 4/15/12 Mr. Walls was elected into the national College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners, as the third Professional Planner ever to be inducted into FAICP from Pennsylvania. He was contracted by PSATS / DCED to conduct training workshops on "Planning To Manage The Secondary Impacts of NG Development" across PA and by Ohio University for SE Ohio. **(Jerry will be speaking on the following dates: May 29, June 4, 5, and 6)**

## REGISTRATION

Register online [HERE](#) (PREFERRED) or submit the form below. Advance registration is required; no walk-ins. Register at least five days before each event. Late registrant? Call the PA Chapter of APA at 717-671-4510 to verify availability.

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