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2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Fast Approaching!

PLAN NOW TO JOIN your colleagues for the PA Chapter of APA's 2010 Annual Conference – "Cultivating Strong Communities." We are gathering October 3-5, 2010 at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square in Lancaster, PA. The conference schedule is packed with compelling keynote speakers, valuable workshops, and many opportunities for networking with professional planners and planning officials from around the state. This year we're pleased to feature a special post conference session presented by APA – "Planning the Urban Forest."

The Lancaster region, both city and county, host this year's conference and truly represent the conference theme of strong community. From Penn's first vision for the colony, to the John Nolen plan of 1929, and through the current growth management plans, Lancaster has a long history of ensuring a great future through planning. We know you'll find evidence of that as you get to know this place during your time at the conference. Strengthening our communities is a mission of our profession and there are plenty of opportunities throughout the conference to learn about plans and practices across Pennsylvania.

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GAINING A **GREATER** UNDERSTANDING *Marcellus* SHALE

Two months before questions about the efficacy of Marcellus Shale drilling led to a deluge of public meetings at every level of government in the PA Chapter of the APA Southwest Section's territory, planners, engineers and public officials embarked on a tour of sites in Washington County to gain a greater understanding of the industry in one of the commonwealth's most heavily drilled counties.

by Shannon Debes, *Stratcom Communications*

ON A MAY 21 TOUR sponsored by the **Southwest Section** and hosted by **Range Resources** at their Canonsburg headquarters, attendees from as far away as Harrisburg took part in an open forum discussion before visiting **three drilling sites** in various stages of development along with a processing plant.

Said one planner: "The tour was great because I gained an understanding of the size and scale of the operations. Seeing it in 'real-life' (*not just in photos*) is priceless in understanding that. I believe this is especially true for city-dwellers like me who do not drive past these things very frequently."

The five hour event began with a presentation by **Jim Cannon** of Range Resources, who outlined the life cycle of a drilling site from speculation to reclamation. Several audience members asked questions about drilling equipment, setback standards, water withdrawal enforcement and zoning ordinance challenges. They had the benefit of drawing upon the expertise and regulation knowledge of **Susan Banks**, a geologist with the PA Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

and **Vince Yantko**, Water Quality Supervisor in the DEP's Greensburg office.

The more than two dozen attendees then boarded a bus destined for sites a few miles outside of Houston, PA—not far from Range's headquarters. Upon arrival at the first site, tour-goers were instructed to

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Participants listen from inside the drilling area as Jim Cannon of Range Resources (in white) discusses the technology behind the sound barrier.



Marcellus SHALE

A clean water retention pond in the foreground along with water transport pipes. In the background is the processing plant.



BELOW: Tour participants experiencing the outside of the sound barrier, constructed to reduce the noise from inside the Marcellus Shale drilling site.



BELOW: A Marcellus Shale drilling site in "production phase" — after the drilling and fracking phases are complete.



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stow away cameras to protect the **trade secret of the robotic drilling rigs**, which can move their six story frames several feet on *Transformer*-like legs to another well pad on the same site. Before the invention of this function, workers had to deconstruct the rig by hand, move it a short distance, and reconstruct it to begin drilling an adjacent well.

The next drilling site featured **a sound wall which served to dampen the noise of the rig**. A housing plan was situated less than a mile from the site and some individual homes were positioned even closer. The sound wall was made of a material that resembled a heavy tarp and was suspended from beams along the perimeter.

The final site before the processing plant was **a pad that had been previously drilled and was now in production phase**. The drilling rig was long gone and in its place stood several large tanks with tubes and piping that were collecting gas from the already drilled and fracked rock thousands of feet below. A plastic lined retention pond for water

transport to other sites was located on an adjacent elevated lot. It was noted that **the pit contained only clean water**, which was being pumped in as we stood beside it. Though its appearance was similar in size, shape and lining to that of a "cuttings pit," which serves to hold solid waste pulled up from an active drilling site, they have very different functions. **Miles of transport lines and the product processing plant were the backdrop of this picturesque area** perched in the middle of acres of rolling green hills.

Banks said, "In my 30 years in the Oil and Gas industry, **what impressed me the most** was the massive field organization it takes to drill Marcellus wells including land clearing and reclamation, drilling, fracturing and putting wells into production. Just coordinating all these activities and the manpower required to carry them out at any given time shows how **team effort and awesome planning** is of the utmost in order to complete these projects and produce these wells in such a timely manner."

Upon arrival at the processing plant, everyone remained on the bus as it circled the facility. An engineer explained the need for the plant to **separate the gas from its associated hydrocarbons such as propane and butane, which can then be sold independently**. He commented that the gas in Washington County was some of the "sweetest" gas in the nation — it has a relatively **low concentration of sulphur compounds**. He noted that high levels of sulfur can cause corrosion and are harmful to lethal when inhaled.

For **Joy Ruff**, Director of Community Planning and Outreach at Whitman, Requardt and Associates, "What struck me the most was the diversity of the audience, which I believe speaks to the general interest in the industry, the feeling that **this industry will become a rising factor in how we live and do our jobs**, and the general lack of understanding that still remains." ♦

Marcellus Shale

PLANNING FOR IMPACTS

by Peter Wulfhorst, AICP, Penn State Cooperative Extension

Just a few short years ago, many Pennsylvanians might not have heard the term “Marcellus shale.” But recently the Marcellus shale and the natural gas drilling activities surrounding it seem to be in the news every day, and in many areas, drill pads, compressors, and new access roads have become a reality.

DEVELOPMENT of the Marcellus shale has tremendous implications for Pennsylvania’s environment, economy, communities, citizens, and quality of life. Citizens and communities need to work proactively to handle the challenges presented by natural gas activities—including water, forest fragmentation, environmental damage, rapid community growth, land use impacts, rising demand for public services, housing and other concerns.

Natural gas development doesn’t stop at the township line: Gas pipelines and trucks hauling water need to cross properties and municipal lines. Planners should talk across boundaries to try to designate optimal pathways for pipelines and corridors that make the most sense for truck travel. Planning commissions need to take ownership of Marcellus shale issues and assume a proactive role as well as consider what they can do from a community or government perspective to protect the economic future of the region. It is also important for local government officials to communicate with the gas companies as well as their residents. This communication is important in gaining the trust of both the gas companies and the community.

To help planners, local officials, and citizens understand the role and value of planning, and how planning tools can be applied to the impacts of natural gas activity, Penn State Cooperative Extension conducts educational workshops as well as provide fact sheets ranging from water impacts, community task forces and regulating natural gas wells. The Community Planning Course offered through the Pennsylvania Municipal Education Institute (PMPEI)—a partnership between Penn State Cooperative Extension, the PA Chapter of APA, and the PA State Association of Boroughs—provides an overview of the physical, social, and economic effects from development of Marcellus shale, and then focus on steps communities can take to deal with these effects. Hands-on planning exercises help participants explore potential impacts of natural gas exploration and drilling.

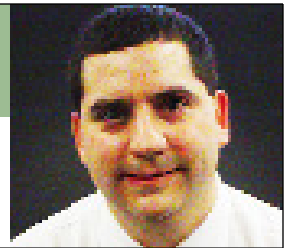
Questions communities need to consider regarding Marcellus shale include:

- **How do we protect our groundwater and roads?**
- **How can we plan for an increase in population as new workers move in?**
- **How do we equip our workforce with the skills necessary to benefit from employment in the gas and oil industry?**

THE SCALE of the natural gas boom may be vast, but township officials are advised to think over every detail before climbing aboard. Many of the effects are very beneficial, but there is no doubt that this process could also negatively affect a community. It is important for township officials to have continuing discussions and to communicate with each other, the gas industry and other agencies. They should be prepared to get task forces together and to be able to educate the public. Local government officials, as well as volunteer planners, need to keep in touch with citizens as well as gas companies. Don’t just call when there’s a problem, instead get to know the other folks and what’s important to them, and try to gain trust. Then, when an issue comes up, it can be handled before it becomes a big problem.

Municipalities should get as much data as they can and keep on top of the situation. Communities can sign up to receive notices from the Department of Environmental Protection when permits are granted in different municipalities, so they can keep track of activity in the township.

For more information on Marcellus Shale, please visit the Penn State Cooperative Extension Marcellus Shale <http://extension.psu.edu/naturalgas> ♦



Chapter Development Plan

As I write today a committee, including members of our Chapter executive Committee is working on the final draft of our Pennsylvania Chapter Development Plan. Our goal is to have a draft plan to review by the entire Board at the August 13, 2010 the August meeting. After the meeting the plan will be submitted to the membership for review and comment. The plan will help the Chapter make good strategic decisions over the next 3 years.

A snapshot of the draft development plan includes the following:

Mission

The Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association provides leadership in the development of vital and sustainable communities by advocating excellence in community plan-

ning through education, citizen empowerment, partnership, and public policy.

Vision

Planning Matters

Planning is valued as an essential function in creating sustainable and compatible land use, social, and economic change. The PA Chapter of APA with its diverse and engaged membership positively influences the provision of planning resources at all levels of government and ensures its involvement in planning practice throughout the Commonwealth of PA.

Values

The PA Chapter of APA believes:

- Planning is a critical function of government and citizenship;
- Planning brings forth the best ideas by balancing varied interests and resources;
- Planning is objective and open-minded;
- Planning is inclusive, and empowering; and
- Planning values the diversity of Pennsylvania's communities, cultures, and places.

Please stay tuned for more about the draft plan and plan to add your comments.

Planners Unite Update

As many of you know the latest spending plan approved by the legislature and Governor for FY2010-11 was completed on July 6, 2010. The new spending plan maintained LUPTAP (Land Use Planning and Technical Assistance Program) though funding was reduced by \$18K to \$357K. The reduction is consistent with a 4.5% across the board reduction for most DCED programs. The amount of funds available to local governments is now extremely limited—only about \$90,000 in grants was distributed from



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last year's budget. The good news is that the line item has been preserved for the future so the battle continues.

What is disconcerting is the number of DCED programs that amazingly appeared in the DCED Budget. Some estimate that about \$60 million dollars of “walking around money” (so called “WAMs”) have been inserted into the DCED budget. When including other department budgets some estimated the amount of WAMs in this spending plan tops \$100 million!

It is unconscionable that while the legislature cut a competitive grant program for local land use planning they added new programs that only benefit select senate and house members with seniority or who are deemed by leadership to be in need. With names like “Local Government Resources and Development,” “Urban Development,” and “Economic Growth & Development Assistance”

these programs did not exist in the 2009-2010 budget and have funding for \$6 million, \$10.588 million and \$9 million respectively. In total the DCED Budget actually increased by 24%, while the LUPTAP program was cut an additional four percent over their 2009-2010 budget.

This information tells us that the fight to restore integrity to Harrisburg continues and as planners who understand the importance of the public trust we must be resolved to make the case that planning matters and that programs need adequate funding based on a competitive not arbitrary basis of “pork” and favoritism.

As always feel free to share with me at alex@smartgrowthpa.org any issue important to you about the association. The PA Chapter of APA is a membership organization. Help us better serve you the planning professional and planning official. ♦



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2010 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Earn up to 14.5 CM Credits

The conference committee has planned carefully to offer a conference packed with CM credit educational opportunities. During two and a half days of educational workshops and keynote speakers attendees may qualify for as many as 14.5 CM credits, including Law and Ethics requirements.

Networking Opportunities

Join us for this year's welcome reception, held at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square in the Vine Street Lobby. Enjoy seasonal and local cuisine while socializing with new and old friends alike. Entertainment will be provided by The Chromatics, "a unique high-energy vocal band that delights audiences with a combination of outrageous originals, crazy covers, melodic insights into modern life, and a smattering of science songs." The evening also includes an opportunity to learn more about the historical structures that are built into the new Lancaster County Convention Center and Marriott.

Monday evening enjoy a night at the ball park! Clipper Magazine Stadium, home to the Lancaster Barnstormers baseball team is ours for the night. Come experience the stadium, enjoy tasty ball park food, take in batting practice on the field and see how hard you can throw. Feel free to support your team by sporting your favorite player's jersey or by wearing a baseball cap!

Support the Scholarship Fund

Don't forget to lend your support to the next generation of planners. Purchase tickets throughout the conference for our annual basket raffle. All proceeds go to the Student Scholarship Fund!

Registration for the conference is available online at www.planningpa.org ♦

PA Chapter of APA Hosts APA Pilot Workshop WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2010

Planning the Urban Forest

Under a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Forest Service, APA's Green Communities Research Center is developing a full-day training workshop based on the PAS Report, *Planning the Urban Forest*. Aimed at practicing planners and allied professionals, the workshop will focus on developing core knowledge and skills for planners to integrate urban forestry priorities throughout the local planning process.

AS PART OF THE NEW PROJECT, APA's Pennsylvania Chapter is hosting a pilot workshop October 6, immediately following its annual conference in Lancaster. APA will use evaluations from participants in the pilot workshop to refine the final product for a rollout version of the workshop at the 2011 APA National Planning Conference in Boston.

"PLANNING THE URBAN FOREST" is a hands-on full day training workshop for professional planners on **integrating best practices in urban forest protection and development** into the planning process. It will introduce participants to concepts of the urban forest and how planners and allied professionals can quantify its benefits in social, environmental, economic, and other terms. The workshop will use interactive group exercises to discuss how such data can help influence elected and appointed decision makers faced with significant development decisions, as well as help planners make best use of opportunities to improve the urban environment. It will review a series of general, planning, and design principles for planning the urban forest and **conclude with an exercise on forging the strategic partnerships** that will advance urban forestry planning goals.

THE WORKSHOP PRESENTERS are Robert J. Laverne, Manager of Education and Training, Davey Tree Expert Company and PA APA member **David Rouse**, RLA, AICP, Principal, Wallace Roberts & Todd, LLC.

The workshop is part of a larger cooperative agreement between APA and the U.S. Forest Service. For additional details about this project please visit www.planning.org/research/forestry.

The PA Chapter of APA is pleased to host this APA Pilot Workshop. The workshop takes place as a post conference session at the 2010 Annual Conference and qualifies for 6 CM credits. To register visit www.planningpa.org. ♦

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The Importance of Your Planning Commission's ANNUAL REPORT

by Shirley Yannich, AICP, PP, Planning Officials Development Officer

The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) under Article II section 207 calls for planning commissions to prepare an ANNUAL REPORT and submit the report to the governing body every year by March 1. Does your planning commission comply with this requirement?

THE PLANNING commission is an advisory board that upon the request of the governing body plays a vital role in how your community develops. Not only does a planning commission review and recommend adoption of land use ordinances and prepare and recommend the municipality's comprehensive plan it is also the leading board in the review of development applications to ensure that proposed development or redevelopment adheres to the zoning ordinances and the comprehensive plan.

The Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute (PMPEI), an outreach program of the Pennsylvania Chapter of the American Planning Association teaches the significance of following the Commonwealth's mandate of providing an annual report. Interestingly, when participants in PMPEI courses are asked if their planning commission provides such a report to their governing body the answer is often "What Annual Report?"

Record keeping is a vital component of efficiency in government. When a planning commission records the year's

activities, a picture or trend begins to occur over time. A good example of a trend is the number of new car wash applications that come in for review and approval. Car wash developers look for areas where townhouse, apartment and condominium development is taking place. It is

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in these areas that homeowners or tenants may not have access to outside water usage and turn to local car wash facilities. Such a scenario is explainable, however, from the planning commission's point of view a car wash facility that does not thrive may be abandoned and there is little reuse for the structures associated with car washes. Furthermore, car wash facilities are often on major roadways. Abandonment of uses on major roadways tends to blight the area if left vacant for long periods of time. Planning commissioners have to think ahead.

Now is the right time for you to ask your planning commission chairperson how you handle the annual reporting. If your municipality is not reporting annually then step up to the plate and do the right thing. If your municipality is current then pat yourselves on the back. ♦

PA Chapter of APA Announces

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS!

The PA Chapter of APA is pleased to announce the recipients of scholarships for the 2010-2011 Academic Year.

Kara M. Kalupson of New Providence, PA is pursuing her Masters in Community and Regional Planning at Temple University. Her emphasis is on Sustainable Communities. Ms. Kalupson is seeking to build on her current experience and bring a more in-depth knowledge of environmental planning and sustainable community design and development to her work as a registered landscape architect. In her application she shared that the recent adoption of the Sustainable Sites Initiative by the American Society of Landscape Architects highlights the growing interest and necessity of designing sustainable communities. She's eager to be a part of this growing trend whose central message is "that any landscape—whether the site of a large subdivision, a shopping mall, a park, an abandoned rail yard, or even one home—holds the potential both to improve and to regenerate the natural benefits and services provided by ecosystems in their undeveloped state." Ms. Kalupson will use her scholarship award to offset tuition costs.

Michael S. LoStocco of Philadelphia, PA is entering his senior year as a student in the Community & Regional Planning undergraduate program at Temple University. While he began his academic career in business, he soon found himself drawn to planning. He discovered that he valued the themes of environmental stewardship and social responsibility more than an education based on determining the monetary "value" of assets. He shifted his studies to the planning field and feels that the themes of sustainability, environmental stewardship, and social responsibility that are at the core of Temple's planning curriculum inspire him to take his education to a higher level. In his application letter, Mr. LoStocco notes, "The 'aha' moment for me was when I realized that in some contexts a planner could simultaneously play the role of an advocate, a politician, a dealmaker, and an informant of the law. It is the very dynamic and forward looking nature of the profession that draws me to it." Upon graduation he plans to pursue a Juris Doctor/Masters of City Planning Degree. He will use his scholarship award to offset tuition costs and support his costs during his internship with the Philadelphia City Planning Commission.

PA APA wishes both Ms. Kalupson and Mr. LoStocco the best of success in their studies. We are pleased to assist them in furthering their education through the financial support provided by the PA Chapter of APA Scholarship Program. The Spaulding Trust, the Pitkin Fund, an annual donation from the Richard G. Byler Fund, and donations by PA APA members make the scholarship program possible. Donations are always welcome to help support the next generation of planners. See the back cover of this newsletter to learn how you can contribute. ♦

WEBCASTseries

The 2010 Webcast Series provides CM approved professional development for PA Chapter members. For session descriptions and to register visit www.utah-apa.org. New sessions are regularly added – check the schedule often.

September 17

Monumental Core Framework Plan:
Connecting New Destinations with the
National Mall

October 1

Topic to Be Announced. This webcast will
qualify for Law Credits.

October 8

Topic to Be Announced.

October 22

Topic to Be Announced. This webcast will
qualify for Law Credits.

October 28

Blending Conservation Design and the
New Urbanism

November 4

Planning Ethics. Please note this session
if full.

November 12

Urban Design Reclaimed

November 18

Topic to be announced.
APA Economic Development Division ♦



UPCOMING WEBCASTS: All webcasts
qualify for 1.5 CM credits and take
place from 1:00pm to 2:30pm ET.

VIDEOTOWATCH

"Tools for an Effective Planning Commissioner"

The PA Chapter of APA is pleased to make
"Tools for an Effective Planning Commissioner"
available for FREE viewing. The video, pro-
duced by the PA Chapter of APA in association
with Penn State Cooperative Extension, is avail-
able by visiting www.planningpa.org. Click on
Video under the Events & Training section.

This video provides both new and experienced
planning commissioners with an overview
of what planning commissions do and where
they fit in their city, borough, township or
county government. The basic tools of
comprehensive planning, subdivision and land
development regulation, and zoning are
described so commissioners can learn how
they can effectively contribute to the quality of
life in their municipalities.



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Central Section Updates

by Tara A. Hitchens, AICP, Section Chair

The Central Section would like to thank **William Gomes, AICP** for his dedicated service to the Section and the Chapter. William Gomes served as the chair of the Central Section for over 10 years. We appreciate all that you have done Bill!

Members of the Central Section have been busy assisting in the planning of the **Annual Conference in Lancaster** which is scheduled for October 3-5 at the Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square. We look forward to seeing you there.

Each year the Central Section sets aside **\$900 to assist in sponsoring PMPEI courses**. We have exhausted the funding for 2010 through the sponsorship of three courses held in Lycoming, Perry, and Snyder Counties.

IN THE PREVIOUS EDITION of *The Vantage Point*, former chair William Gomes reported that the Central Section was developing a professional development program called **"Alternative Energy Sources and Regulations in PA Communities."** The Central Section is happy to report that the program is finalized and has



William Gomes, AICP

been submitted to APA for **6 CM credits**. The program took place September 2, 2010 at Harrisburg Area Community College.

The next meeting of the Central Section will be held on September 10, 2010 at 10:00am at the Ranch House in Watts, PA. We welcome all who wish to attend! ♦

PMPEI

PA Municipal Planning Education Institute Schedule

PMPEI offers in-depth, stimulating, and interactive educational experiences for citizen planners, zoners, appointed and elected municipal and county officials, and professionals involved in planning.

Nine courses are scheduled for Fall 2010. New PMPEI courses are added regularly. Visit www.planningpa.org/eventspmpei.shtml for the complete schedule, and course locations and contacts.

To host a PMPEI course in your community contact Stan Lembeck, AICP for more details.

Course in Community Planning

Butler - September 8, 15, 22
Monaca (Beaver County) - September 16, 23, 30
West Chester - October 7, 14, 21

Course in Zoning

Marysville (Perry County) - September 30; October 7, 14
Reading - October 12, 19, 26
Atglen (Chester County) - November 2, 9, 16
Blue Bell (Montgomery County) - November 15, 22, 29

Course in Subdivision & Land Development Review

York - November 1, 8, 15
Lewistown - November 3, 10, 17

EVENTS & Training Opportunities

Events are added regularly. Visit www.planningpa.org for all events and registration details.

APA Federal Policy & Program Briefing

September 26-28, 2010

Washington, DC

Presented by the American Planning Association

More info at www.planning.org/policy/briefing.

National Community Planning Month

October 2010

Presented by the American Planning Association

More info at www.planning.org/ncpm.

PA Chapter of APA Annual Conference - CM

October 3 - 5, 2010

Lancaster, PA

More info at www.planningpa.org.

Post Conference - APA Presents Planning the Urban Forest - CM

October 6, 2010

Lancaster, PA

More info at www.planningpa.org.

IMCL Conference: True Urbanism: Planning Healthy & Child-Friendly Communities - CM

October 17-21, 2010

Charleston, SC

Co-Organizers: City of Charleston & IMCL Council

More info at www.livablecities.org/conferences.

CM: At least 12 credits will be available

Congrats!

Congratulations to Pennsylvania's newest members of the AICP. The following planners attained their AICP during the Spring exam testing period:

Carmen Berryman, AICP
Christy Burnside DeMuth, AICP
Patrick Cox, AICP
Neil Desai, AICP
Andrew Flemming, AICP
Kyle Flood, AICP
Owen Franklin, AICP
Patricia Kadel, AICP
Ed LeClear, AICP
Amanda Miller, AICP
Harriet Parcells, AICP
Jeffrey Raykes, AICP
Rachelle Ricotta, AICP
Kimberly Smith, AICP
Paul Tellers, AICP
Anne Tyska, AICP

MANY THANKS to the members of the PA Chapter Professional Development Committee for their ongoing efforts in providing exam preparation support through study notes, website resources, and a prep session.

News & articles

for *The Vantage Point*



We are always seeking articles on current planning topics and planning news!

The Vantage Point is published bimonthly and contributions that are timely, newsworthy, and of statewide interest are welcome. Dated material should be submitted well in advance according to our deadlines below. Submitted articles of 500 words or less in length should be sent by email to address below. Articles that include artwork, illustrations or photographs will receive first consideration. Images must be scanned at 300 dpi with a print size of at least 2.5 inches wide. The author's name, position, and employer's name and city must also be included to ensure proper credit. Shorter articles and announcements of 100-150 words are also welcome.

DEADLINES FOR UPCOMING ISSUES:

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December: November 12, 2010

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by Susan Elks, AICP, PA Chapter Professional Development Officer

START MAKING YOUR PLANS NOW TO ATTEND the PA Chapter's Annual Conference, held this year in Lancaster, October 3-5, 2010. Over 50 sessions will be presented Sunday through Tuesday, most with **CM credits**. In addition, the PA Chapter was selected by APA to host a day long session on urban forestry that was developed by APA in conjunction with the U.S. Forest Service. **Planning the Urban Forest** will take place on **Wednesday, October 6**. The PA Chapter was one of only two chapters selected to host the training this year, so take advantage of this unique session.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING to take the AICP exam in November, the PA Chapter provides a number of resources to assist you with your preparations. Study materials, including study notes compiled by the Professional Development Committee,

past prep session presentations, links to other chapters' study materials, and information on purchasing or borrowing study manuals are available on the AICP Exam page of the PA Chapter's website, located under the **Career Center** heading.

APA IS IN THE PROCESS of finalizing details on their new Advanced Specialty Certifications, the Certified Environmental Planner (CEP) and Certified Transportation Planner (CTP). APA anticipates the first testing cycle for these certifications to take place late this year. Both certifications require

that a planner already be an AICP and have eight years of experience in the field in which they are seeking the specialty certification. Detailed information on exam content, as well as application information, is provided on the APA website, www.planning.org. ♦

The exam content areas are:

Transportation

- Integrating Transportation into Community Planning
- Transportation Demand Analysis
- Performance Measurement
- Modal and Intermodal Planning
- Professional Practice

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- Natural Systems Analytic Framework
- Integrating Environmental Planning into Community/ Comprehensive Planning
- Performance Measurement
- Environmental Planning Practices



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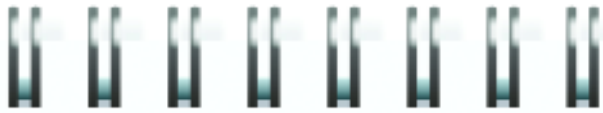


New Chapter Members **Welcome!**

We welcome the following new members who recently joined the PA Chapter of the American Planning Association! With your membership you join nearly 3,000 other planning officials, professional planners and others who care about how Pennsylvania continues to grow the places where we live, work, and enjoy recreation. The board and staff of the Chapter are available to answer any questions. Feel free to contact us at 717-671-4510. ♦

Organizational Members:

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Planner notes...

CHPlanning, Ltd. President Debuts New Branch Office in Hometown Pittsburgh and Attends San Francisco Leadership Exchange

Charnelle Hicks, AICP, PP, President of CHPlanning, Ltd., and Vice President of the PA Chapter of APA, has returned home to Pittsburgh to open a new branch office. Although now a Philadelphia region resident with her headquarters remaining there, Hicks was born and raised in the Hill District of Pittsburgh.



Charnelle Hicks also has been selected to participate in the **2010 Greater Philadelphia Leadership Exchange**, which culminates in a three-day learning visit to the San Francisco Bay Area in September. She will join more than 100 prominent business, nonprofit, government, education, labor, health care and community leaders from the Philadelphia region. The Economy League of Greater Philadelphia is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to research and analysis of the region's resources and challenges with the goal of promoting sound public policy and increasing the region's prosperity.

CHPlanning, Ltd. is headquartered in Center City Philadelphia with offices in Pittsburgh and New Orleans. It is a premier provider of planning services which participates in a wide variety of initiatives enhancing communities, environments and business corridors. The 10 year-old firm has been recognized by the Philadelphia 100 as one of the fastest-growing privately held firms in the Philadelphia region and is a certified minority- and woman-owned business.

Ed LeClear, AICP Joins Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority

Ed LeClear, AICP recently joined the Cumberland County Redevelopment Authority as their new Community Development Director. Ed shares that, "this is an opportunity to have a direct and lasting impact on downtown and neighborhood development within my home community."

eMAIL

news from the PA Chapter

The PA Chapter now sends a significant amount of our updates and news by email. Because we know that everyone receives a lot of email, we make every effort to send you information that is relevant and timely – updates you can use.

Help Us Reach You with Important News and Updates

For us to reach you with this information we need your correct email address. Please keep the PA Chapter office posted of changes to your email address. APA members must also notify APA of these updates.

Other Ways to Receive News

If you prefer to not receive email from the Chapter, simply unsubscribe using the link at the bottom of an email you receive from us. We will understand! Much of this information is also posted on the PA Chapter website, so check the website frequently to stay current on news that is important to you. ♦

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- **Make a tax deductible contribution** to the Spaulding Trust and Pitkin Fund when you register for this year's Annual Conference. Simply indicate your donation amount on the registration form and include it with your payment.
- **Purchase raffle tickets** at the Conference. Generous donors will contribute a variety of great prizes, from weekend getaways to gourmet food baskets to Pennsylvania-themed gear. Tickets will be on sale throughout the Conference.
- **Donate a give-away** to the raffle. Contact the Chapter Office with the details at 717-671-4510 or info@planningpa.org.

THANK YOU to the Richard P. Byler Charitable Fund

The PA Chapter of APA would like to acknowledge the generous donation of **\$636.00** received in June 2010 from the Richard P. Byler Charitable Fund. The fund contributes annually to the PA Chapter of APA scholarship activities. This amount is used to support the next generation of planners with their education-related expenses.