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WELCOME TO FLORENCE!

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the 2013 Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association State Conference. We are delighted that Florence is the host site for this event. While you are here, there are many historic and interesting places to see including W. C. Handy's Birthplace, Pope's Tavern, Helen Keller's Birthplace, the Frank Lloyd Wright-Rosenbaum House, and an Indian Ceremonial/Burial Mound and we invite you to take some time to tour the area.

Along with the scenic Tennessee River, we have beautiful recreational parks scattered throughout the City. Of course, shopping is always a delight in our malls and smaller specialty shops offering the latest fashions and the finest antiques. In addition, our restaurants serve everything from southern comfort foods to international cuisine. Our Historic Downtown area features a variety of unique shops and wonderful restaurants as well.

What a tremendous function you, as planners, provide in developing our communities! The conference schedule is filled with an array of excellent speakers and topics and I know that your time spent here will be very beneficial to your work. May each of you be encouraged and reenergized in your efforts!

Again, we are delighted to have you in Florence and offer our assistance while you are here. We hope you will make plans to return soon! Best wishes for a great conference!

Sincerely,

Mickey Haddock
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2013 Annual Conference
Alabama Chapter - American Planning Association
May 1-3, 2013
Florence, Alabama

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Registration
8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Welcome to Florence – Mayor Mickey Haddock (Introduction by Dr. Earl Gardner, UNA)
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.	• Legislative Update – Alabama Land Use Law (1.5 CM Law) Speaker: Lori Lein, Alabama League of Municipalities
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.	• Planning for the Needs of People with Disabilities & Resources (1.0 CM) Speaker: Graham Sisson, Governor’s Office on Disability
11:30 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch On Your Own
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
	• Building Inclusive Healthy Communities through the National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability (1.0 CM) Speaker: Amy Rauworth, Director of Policy & Public Affairs, Lakeshore Foundation
	• Uphill Both Ways in the Snow: Planning to Make Walking to School Cool Again (1.0 CM) Speakers: Nichalaus Sims, Safe Routes to School of Central Alabama; Richard Caudle, Skipper Consulting; Adrina Carter, Alabama Department of Public Health
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions
	• What is a Planner to do with the Significant Recent Shifts in Demographic Trends (1.0 CM) Speakers: Carol Rhea, AICP & Graham Billingsley, FAIC, Orion Planning Group

	• Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Gadsden & Etowah County (1.0 CM) Speaker: Becky White, PTP, Sain Associates
3:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Afternoon Break
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Concurrent Sessions:
	• Home Sweet Home: Planning for Seniors (1.0 CM) Speaker: Judy Rawlins Roy, Disability Rights & Resources
	• Walkability Audit – Mobile Workshop Downtown Florence (1.0 CM) Speakers: Melissa Bailey, City of Florence, Jana Lynott, AARP; Candi Williams, AARP Alabama
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception Join us at the Kennedy-Douglas Center for the Arts, for heavy hors d’oeuvres and a glass of wine; catch up with old friends, make new acquaintances and enjoy a view of Wilson Park from the front porch. Hosted By: ALAPA Past Presidents’ Council Note: Limited Transportation will be provided for those who wish to return to the Hotel <u>immediately</u> after the reception.
7:00	Dinner On Your Own Get a group together after the reception and walk or ride the three blocks to downtown Florence for dinner in one of the many local restaurants. Take this opportunity to experience the ambiance of Alabama’s Renaissance City.

Thursday, May 2, 2013

8:00 a.m.	Registration Opens/Continental Breakfast
8:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Concurrent Sessions
	• Planning Ethics: Navigating the Gray Areas of Everyday Decisions (1.5 CM Ethics) Speakers: Carol Rhea, AICP & Graham Billingsley, FAICP; Bob Barber, FAICP, Orion Planning Group
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	• Age-Friendly Communities “Planning for Boomers & Beyond” (1.0 CM) Speaker: Jana Lynott, AARP’s Public Policy Institute

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. Concurrent Sessions

• **Sustaining Places** (1.0 CM)
Speaker: **Bill Anderson, FAICP, AECOM Planning, Design & Development**

• **Sidewalk Designers Beware: Lessons Learned for CE&I** (1.0 CM)
Speakers: **Blair Perry, P.E., Gresham Smith & Partners & Alicia Bailey, P.E., Sain & Associates**

11:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Awards Presentations & Banquet**

1:15 – 2:15 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

• **Lifelong Communities & LCI Program** (1.0 CM)
Speakers: **Laura Keyes, AICP, & Amy Goodwin, AICP, Atlanta Regional Commission**

• **No Easy Way Out: Neighborhood Revitalization & Child Poverty** (1.0 CM)
Speakers: **Jason Fondren, AICP, KPS Group & Jennifer Clark, YWCA Central Alabama**

2:30 – 3:30 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

• **Vulnerable Population Evacuation** (1.0 CM)
Speaker: **Ozge Cavusoglu, RPCGB**

• **Healthy & Sustainable Communities within the Huntsville Metro Region: Quantifying Household Carbon Footprint** (1.0 CM)
Speaker: **Bernece Herbert, Alabama A&M University**

3:45 – 4:45 p.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

• **Improving Livability & Transportation through Form-Based Codes** (1.0 CM)
Speaker: **Renato Ghizoni, RPCGB; Mikhail Alert, RPCGB**

• **Using Green Infrastructure Buffers to Protect Natural Areas** (1.0 CM)
Speakers: **Charlene LeBleu, AICP, Auburn University; Rebecca Ratzlaff, Auburn University Community Planning; Christopher Anderson, Auburn University School of Forestry**

3:30 – 5:15 p.m. **Mobile Workshop**

• **Frank Lloyd Wright's Rosenbaum House Tour** (1.0 CM)
Speakers: **Barbara Broach, City of Florence & Donald Lambert, AIA, Lambert Ezell Durham Architecture & Interior Design**

6:00 **Dinner on Your Own**

Friday, May 3, 2013

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Closing Keynote Address/ Continental Breakfast

• **Planning & Economic Development** (1.0 CM)
Speaker: **William Anderson, FAICP, AECOM Planning, Design & Development, National APA President**

9:45 – 10:45 a.m. **Concurrent Sessions**

• **So you want to take the AICP Exam... Secrets of Effective Exam Preparation**
Speaker: **Russell Fricano, Ph.D., AICP, Alabama A & M**

• **Walk This Way for Economic Success** (1.0 CM)
Speaker: **Gina Clifford, Design Alabama, Inc.; Jason Fondren, AICP, KPS Group, Inc.; Charlene Lee, SmartCoast**

11:00 – 1:00 p.m. **ALAPA Business Meeting**

Conference Adjourns

Have A Safe Trip Home



COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Listed in order of presentation

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

Alabama Land Use Law Update

10:00 am ~ 11:30 am

Speaker: Lori Lein, Alabama League of Municipalities

Every year the Alabama Legislature considers, and sometime passes, new laws effecting planning and zoning. In recent legislative sessions laws have been considered or passed easing publication requirements for zoning ordinances, allow for island annexation, pre-zoning of the police jurisdiction and proposing significant changes to subdivision laws and jurisdiction. Additionally, court decisions and opinions of the Alabama Attorney General impact the administration of planning and zoning for local government. This topic will update attendees on recent changes in Alabama planning and zoning laws as considered and passed by the Alabama Legislature as well as court decisions and attorney general opinions.

Planning for the Needs of People with Disabilities and Resources

10:30 am ~ 11:30 am

Speaker: Graham Sisson, Governor's Office on Disability

This interactive session will focus on planning and consideration of the needs of people with disabilities, which includes many seniors. Principles of universal design will be outlined in addition to existing and new Americans with Disabilities Act requirements. The focus is on planning and involves multiple areas that professional planners should consider. The number of people with disabilities and seniors is continuing to increase as a percentage of the population. Also, a short q & a at the end.

Building Inclusive Healthy Communities through the National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability (NCHPAD)

1:00 ~ 2:00 pm

Speaker: Amy Rauworth, Director of Policy & Public Affairs, Lakeshore Foundation

A well-planned "livable" community makes the right choice the easy choice and includes people with disabilities. Environmental barriers will be discussed and options to increase access for people with disabilities will be defined.

Uphill Both Ways in the Snow: Planning to Make Walking to School Cool Again

1:00 ~ 2:00 pm

Speakers: Nichalaus Sims, Safe Routes to School of Central Alabama; Richard Caudle, Skipper Consulting; Adrinda Carter, United Way of Central Alabama

This session will educate participants about the planning, policy and programmatic coordination needed between communities, partners, school boards and local governments to adequately address Safe Routes to School (SRTS).

Jefferson County, Alabama suffers from an obesity epidemic that has resulted in 66% of adults being overweight or obese. Through the work of many organizations focused on health, SRTS has provided the opportunity to coordinate partners around decreasing childhood obesity as well as address other community challenges. Safe Routes to School of Central Alabama has successfully partnered to align their work with school districts, local and state government offices, the community, and Jefferson County Health Action Partnership organizations. This work has resulted in passing SRTS resolutions, Complete Streets resolutions, and enhanced school wellness policies that include SRTS language in three school districts (36,000 students). In addition, community work teams have been formed to conduct walking audits and identify local SRTS infrastructure priorities. Participants will learn the importance of aligning plans and policies with community involvement in order to promote implementation.

What is a Planner to do with the significant recent shifts in demographic trends?

2:15 ~ 3:15 pm

Speakers: Carol Rhea, AICP & Graham Billingsley, Orion Planning Group

The session will hit the highlights of changing trends, discuss the real changes seen recently in development patterns, discuss cross generational communication, and approaches to educating clients, elected and appointed officials and the public.

This session will focus on the professionally relevant topic of how planners should evaluate and respond to changing demographics and their impacts (projected impacts) on land use and design within their communities.

Learning Objective #1 - Understanding demographic and socio-economic trends and how they affect your community and your community's plans

Learning Objective #2 – How to educate your public and decision makers

Learning Objective #3 – Necessity to have open and productive cross generational communication

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for Gadsden and Etowah County

2:15 ~ 3:15 pm

Speakers: Becky White, PTP, Sain Associates; Chris Fellerhoff, Sprinkle Consulting

The Gadsden Etowah MPO has recently completed a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for the MPO planning area. The plan incorporated Bicycle and Pedestrian Level of Service as a standard for determining improvement recommendations with attention to the challenges of a constrained funding environment.

Session will teach the concept and application of Bicycle and Pedestrian level of service calculations and demonstrate their use within an MPO transportation planning context.

Home Sweet Home

3:30 ~ 4:30 pm

Speaker: Judy Rawlins Roy, Disability Right & Resources

Visitability and home modification make a home easier for people with a mobility impairment to visit friends and family rather than having to turn down invitations. The costs of modifying a home for a disabled person or a senior citizen can be high but the cost of a nursing home is certainly higher

The session is designed to inform and educate planners on ways to accommodate the needs of senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

Mobile Workshop: Walkability Audit

3:30 ~ 4:30 pm

Speakers: Melissa Bailey, City of Florence; Jana Lynott, AARP; Candi Williams, AARP

Join Melissa Bailey, Planning Director for the City of Florence and Jana Lynott, Senior Strategic Policy Advisor for AARP's Public Policy Institute for a mobile workshop that demonstrates a walkability audit. Walkability Audits are a way to tap into the passion and pride that people have for their communities. Residents come together to survey an area's walkability—its safety, comfort and appeal—and, in the process, consider what is important to their quality of life. Walkable communities offer tremendous benefits for their residents by promoting health, fostering community cohesion, and providing overall connectivity that contributes to well-being at all life stages. Wear comfortable shoes! We're walking!

*We hope you enjoy your visit to
Florence, Alabama.*

*Please take time to enjoy
the local attractions!*

Thursday, May 2, 2013

Planning Ethics: Navigating the Gray Areas of Everyday Decisions

8:00 ~ 9:30 am

Speakers: Carol Rhea, AICP & Graham Billingsley, Orion Planning Group

With the AICP Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct as the basis for discussion, this session will explore everyday ethics issues using scenarios and group discussion.

How Does the Session Meet the APA CM Criteria?

It will meet or exceed the requirements for mandatory AICP ethics training. It will be led by two professional planners with significant planning experience who have led and participated in many similar CM-credited training sessions—one of whom is a former president of AICP. It will use experience-based scenarios to provide real examples of ethical issues faced by planners.

Age-Friendly Communities (or Planning for Boomers and Beyond)

8:30 ~ 9:30 am

Speaker: Jana Lynott, AARP's Public Policy Institute

The vast majority of older adults want to age in place so they can continue to live in their own homes or communities. As America's population ages, the degree to which seniors can participate in-and contribute to-their communities will be determined, in part, by how those communities are designed. The vast majority of older adults want to age in place so they can continue to live in their own homes or communities. As America's population ages, the degree to which seniors can participate in-and contribute to-their communities will be determined, in part, by how those communities are designed. What are the common characteristics of age-friendly communities? And how can planners create communities that foster aging in place? Learn about land use, housing, and transportation strategies that promote age-friendliness—today and in the future.

Sustaining Places

9:45 ~ 10:45 am

Speaker: William Anderson, FAICP, AECOM Planning, Design & Development

"Sustaining Places" is an APA initiative to explore the important role of comprehensive planning to create better outcomes for the economy, environment, and social equity, as envisioned by communities. Lessons are drawn from examples around the country – regions, large cities, suburbs, and rural towns. William Anderson, FAICP, and President of APA co-chaired the Sustaining Places committee and PAS report with Dr. David Godschalk from the University of North Carolina, with contributors from around North America. Mr. Anderson will present the initiative, its key findings and principles, and a few examples of how the principles are applied.

Sidewalk Planners Beware: Lessons Learned from Design and CE&I

9:45 ~ 10:45 am

Speakers: Blair Perry, P.E., Gresham Smith & Partners & Alicia Bailey, P.E., Sain & Associates

The presenters will share lessons learned from recent experiences with the design and construction engineering and inspection on sidewalk and trail projects in the Birmingham region. The session will provide tips for planners to help prevent problems during construction.

Livable Communities = Lifelong Communities

1:15 ~ 2:15 pm

Speakers: Laura Keyes, AICP, & Amy Goodwin, AICP, Atalanta Regional Commission

This session will examine the process, partnerships and planning tools of both ARC's Livable Centers Initiative and the Lifelong Community framework.

No Easy Way Out: Neighborhood Revitalization and Child Poverty

1:15 ~ 2:15 pm

Speakers: Jason Fondren, AICP, KPS Group & Jennifer Clark, YWCA Central Alabama

There are no silver bullets when it comes to the revitalization of inner city neighborhoods. Explore the award-winning Ywoodlawn project and the nonprofit-led effort taking place in Birmingham's historic Woodlawn neighborhood and learn why planning for children is essential to its revitalization. How Does the Session Meet the APA CM Criteria?

The session will feature the YWoodlawn project, a national planning award winner and will be led by an AICP member whose quality of work has been recognized by the ALAPA and who has served as the primary planner for the Woodlawn revitalization effort.

A powerpoint presentation will stress the importance of holistic, generational planning in sustaining the revitalization of inner city neighborhoods. Neither proprietary nor promotional information will be included. The session will describe the multi-faceted efforts being undertaken by nonprofits to stabilize and transform a low-income neighborhood in Birmingham, Alabama.

The session will be at least one-hour in length with commensurate CM credits requested. The exact length of the session will be contingent on conference programming.

During the session it will be announced that participants must attend the duration of the session to receive CM credits. An attendance log and evaluation form will be provided.

Vulnerable Population Evacuation

2:30 ~ 3:30 pm

Speaker: Ozge Cavusoglu, RPCGB

Due to their wide range of transportation needs, special populations present challenges during evacuations. Transit operations play a critical role in mass evacuation of threatened people. The objective of this study is examining the role of transit in evacuations of vulnerable populations.

Healthy and Sustainable Communities within the Huntsville Metro Region: Quantifying Household Carbon Footprint and Reduction Opportunities

2:30 ~ 3:30 pm

Speaker: Berniece Herbert, Alabama A & M University

Policymakers, planners and others seek effective ways to anticipate and manage greenhouse gas emissions for a sustainable future. This project uses the EPA Calculator to quantify selected households' carbon footprints within the Metro region and individual willingness to perform reduction activities

Improving Livability and Transportation through Form-Based Codes

3:34 ~ 4:45 pm

Speakers: Renato Shizoni, RPCGB; Mikhail Alert, RPCGB

The presentation will address the connection and relationship of form-based codes to congestion management and livability principles by outlining its role and function as a regulatory tool for both the public and private realms.

Using Green Infrastructure Buffers to Protect Natural Areas

3:34 ~ 4:45 pm

Speakers: Charlene LeBleu, AICP, Auburn University; Rebecca Ratzlaff, Auburn University Community Planning; Chirstopher Anderson, Auburn University School of Forestry

In this session, we will define how headwater wetlands, buffers and riparian corridors contribute to green infrastructure systems and examine buffers as a framework for land use protection. We will demonstrate model buffer policies from Alabama and provide examples of how buffers work in practice. How Does the Session Meet the APA CM Criteria?

Land protection is often first on the chopping block when budget cuts are considered. Yet, protection of natural land is a vital investment, especially in headwater wetlands which are susceptible to development due to their level terrain. Preserving headwater wetland and riparian corridor areas protects biodiversity, increases property values, increases tourism, attracts businesses, and reduces public costs.

Session Learning Objectives:

- Define how headwater wetlands, buffers, and riparian corridors contribute to green infrastructure systems.
- Examine buffers as a framework of land use protection and how they can be used in the planning decision-making process
- Demonstrate model buffer policies for riparian corridors including site specific details and project examples that can help planners sustain ecosystem services.
- Promote new strategies to foster the collaboration of development and green infrastructure

Mobile Workshop - The Rosenbaum House: Frank Lloyd Wright in Alabama

3:30 ~ 5:15 pm

Speakers: Barbara Broach, City of Florence & Donald Lambert, AIA, Lambert Ezell Durham Architecture & Interior Design

The mobile workshop will consist of a tour of the Rosenbaum House designed by Frank Lloyd Wright (and grounds) to discuss its history, architectural features, furnishings, etc. It's the only house in Alabama designed by Wright and has been called one of the purest examples of his Usonian design.

Friday, May 3, 2013

Planning to Compete

8:30 ~ 9:30 am

Speaker: William Anderson, FAICP, National APA President

Planning to prepare communities, cities, and regions for economic development has a long tradition. In the closing session, William Anderson, FAICP and President of APA, will speak about the important role planning plays, when partnered with others, to prepare and position a region to compete in a rapidly changing global economy, and a location to compete within its region.

AICP Exam Preparation

9:45 ~ 10:45 am

Speaker: Russell Fricano, Ph. D., AICP, Alabama A & M

This session provides general information on the AICP Exam and provides strategies for effective exam preparation and exam taking.

The instructor, Dr. Russell Fricano has been an AICP member since 1991, and has successfully prepared practitioners to take the exam for over 10 years. His training includes preparing planners for Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, the APA San Diego Chapter and other planners throughout the U.S. online.

This training is non-profit and will not promote any commercial exam taking services. Only AICP and APA endorsed training materials and books will be recommended. The session also fulfills an educational objective by advising exam takers to cover a broad base of topics needed to pass the exam.

The session will be conducted in PowerPoint with handout material.

“Walk This Way for Economic Success”

9:45 ~ 10:45 am

Speakers: Gina Clifford, Design Alabama, Inc.; Jason Fondren, AICP, KPS Group, Inc.; Charlene Lee, SmartCoast

We will explore the concept of “complete streets” and walkable communities featuring speakers Darrell Meyer with KPS Group, Deputy Director of Planners Darrell Howard and Philip Amthor from the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham and a Representative from SmartCoast.

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CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

Chris Anderson - is an assistant professor of Forestry and Wildlife Science at Auburn University. He is also the Associate Director for the Auburn University Center for Forest Sustainability (CFS). The CFS supports interdisciplinary research, outreach, and education related to the urban-rural interface. His research examines the effects of human activities on a wide range of aquatic and riparian ecosystems particularly how these disturbances change ecosystem condition/function and how they influence regulations, environmental models, and planning which guide land use and natural resource policy. Anderson holds a Ph.D in Natural Resources (Wetland Ecology) from Ohio State University, a M.S., Botany, University of South Florida and a B.S., Forestry and Wildlife Science, Virginia Tech.

William Anderson, FAICP, Principal/Vice-President, AECOM - Mr. Anderson, is a Principal/Vice-president at AECOM, overseeing the Economics + Planning practice for the western US offices. Previously, he was Director of City Planning & Community Investment for the City of San Diego, where he oversaw Planning, Economic Development, Redevelopment, Urban Form and Facilities Financing. In this capacity, he directed the update to San Diego's General Plan, which received the American Planning Association's Daniel Burnham Award for Excellence in Comprehensive Planning. Prior to his tenure at the City of San Diego, he was a Senior Vice-President with Economics Research Associates, where he worked on almost 300 assignments in twenty states and eight countries. From 1995-2003, he was a member and chair of the City of San Diego Planning Commission. He currently serves as President of the American Planning Association, co-chaired APA's "Sustaining Places" initiative, and is a member of the California Planning Roundtable. He is also a Board Member of the City Heights Community Development Corporation. Mr. Anderson is a Full Member of ULI's Inner City Council, Lambda Alpha, and was President of C-3, San Diego's oldest local planning and conservation advocacy group. He has a B.A. from Claremont McKenna College, and a Masters in City & Regional Planning from Harvard University.

Mikhail Alert - is a Community Planner with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB). As a community planner with RPCGB, Mikhail prepares community plans, redevelopment plans, and form based codes to enable the development of mixed-use designs for communities, neighborhoods and building sites. Mikhail received a Bachelor of Science in Architecture (2009) and a Masters of Architecture (2010) from Andrews University.

Alicia Bailey, P.E., Gresham Smith & Partners - Alicia has over 13 years of experience in roadway, drainage, and sanitary sewer design and serves as a team leader in the Transportation Division at Sain Associates. She has served as project manager for several roadway and sidewalk construction projects. She has received training in Complete Streets, Roundabout Design, ADA, and Bike and Pedestrian Planning.

Robert L. Barber, FAICP - Before becoming a founding partner of the Orion Planning Group in 2011, Bob served as the Director of Planning for Hernando, Mississippi from 1996 to 2012, focusing planning and development policy on preservation, design, place making and smart growth principles. He is the President of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Planning Association and has served as Chairman of the Chapter Presidents Council for the American Planning Association. He has been a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners since 1990 and was admitted as a Fellow in 2010. He currently Chair of the College. Bob serves on the Board of the Mid-South Regional Design Center, Adjunct Professor of Planning in the Graduate School of Urban Affairs and Public Policy at the University of Memphis and is a lecturer in community planning for the Mississippi Municipal League's CMO program. He is a frequent regional and national speaker on small town planning and design issues. He is the 2013 recipient of the President of the American Institute of Certified Planners Award for Excellence in Planning.

Graham Billingsley, Orion Planning Group - has significant experience covering almost 40 years of

practice. He was educated in planning, landscape architecture, and architecture, and has practiced in all three fields. For 23 years Graham was in the public sector, first as Chief Planner for Urban Design with the City of Dallas, Texas. In that position Graham was responsible for the areas of urban design and historic preservation as well as numerous neighborhood planning efforts. Graham left Dallas to become the Land Use Director for Boulder County, a position he held for 18 years. He had responsibility for a department of 57 employees in four divisions, Planning, Building Safety and Inspection Services, GIS, and Resource Conservation.

Graham has developed land use codes, conducted studies or projects in comprehensive planning, economic development, downtown revitalization, demographic and economic analysis, opinion surveying, landscape architecture, architecture, historic preservation, urban design, process management, housing studies and has acted as an expert witness in numerous land use legal cases. He has worked throughout the United States and the Middle East. Graham has spoken extensively on planning issues at national and state conferences. Graham is a previous President of the American Institute of Certified Planners, the professional institute of the American Planning Association.

Barbara Broach, Director of Arts and Museums, City of Florence - Barbara is the person who represented the City during the FLW-Rosenbaum House restoration and adapted it for use as a museum. She is Director of Arts and Museums for the City of Florence. Barbara is an honors graduate from the University of Alabama and has had the responsibility for the operation and restoration of the W. C. Handy Home and Museum, Pope's Tavern (1830) house museum, and the Kennedy-Douglass Center for the Arts for over twenty years.

Adrinda C. Carter, MPH - Ms. Carter is a Health Educator for the Injury Prevention Branch of the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). For the past 2 years, Adrinda has been the Program Manager for the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program, which is a program that enables and encourages children in grades K-8, including those with disabilities, to walk and bicycle to school; to make walking and bicycling to school safer and more appealing; and to facilitate the planning, development, and implementation of projects that will improve highway safety and reduce traffic, fuel consumption, and air pollution in the vicinity of schools. Prior to this, Adrinda lived in her home state of Georgia and was employed with the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR). Lastly, Adrinda is very active in her community and serves on various Physical and Mental Health Committees, including those of her church and sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

- Bachelor of Science, magna cum laude, Fort Valley State University, 2005;
- Master of Public Health, summa cum laude, Walden University, 2008.

Richard L. Caudle, P.E., Skipper Consulting - Richard is employed with Skipper Consulting, Inc. in Birmingham, Alabama, where he serves as a Traffic Engineer. He grew up in Homewood, Alabama, graduated from Homewood High School in 1983 and is a 1989 graduate of the University of Alabama in Birmingham with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He holds professional engineering registration in Alabama and Mississippi. Richard began working in the traffic and transportation field in Alabama in 1987. Richard is a Past President of the Alabama Section ITE, past District Representative for the Alabama Section ITE and past Chairman of the Transportation Technical Committee of the Birmingham Metropolitan Planning Organization. Richard currently serves as the Treasurer for ALSITE Scholarships, Inc., chair of the Southern District ITE Traffic Bowl Committee, and member of the International ITE Traffic Bowl Committee. He resides in Springville, Alabama, is married to Fara, and has five children.

Ozge Cavusoglu, Ph.D., Traffic Engineer, Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham - Dr. Ozge Cavusoglu is a Traffic Engineer at the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham (RPCGB), specializing in Travel Demand Modeling, mainly on developing a DTA-based simulation model for the Greater Birmingham region. Previously she studied transportation in emergency evacuations and developed a simulation model to examine the role of transit in vulnerable population evacuations. Dr. Cavusoglu holds a Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Mimar Sinan University, 2000;a

Master's Degree in Transportation Planning, from Gebze Institute of Technology (GIT), 2005; a Master's Degree in Traffic Engineering, from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), 2008; and a PhD in Traffic Engineering, also from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB), 2011.

Jason Fondren, AICP, LEED AP, AL Chapter - APA Mr. Fondren is a senior associate at KPS Group with over 15 years experience as a planner in Alabama. Jason's professional experience includes comprehensive planning, urban design, downtown and neighborhood revitalization, historic preservation and code development. Prior to joining KPS, Jason worked as a planner at the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham for 9 years. Jason serves on the Your Town Alabama Board of Directors and is an associate with the Alabama Communities of Excellence. Jason has also participated in planning workshops for Design Alabama, Auburn's Small Town Design Initiative, and FEMA. - Bachelor of Architecture, Auburn University, 1995

Russell J. Fricano, Ph.D., AICP, Assistant Professor, Alabama A&M University - Dr. Russell Fricano is an Assistant Professor at Alabama A&M University in the Department of Community and Regional Planning. His fields are environmental, land use and food systems planning. He previously served as a Section Head for Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. His 20 years of experience include community planning, zoning administration, general plan development and environmental review. Education: Ph.D., University of Southern California; M.C.R.P, University of Texas at Arlington; M.B.A, Texas Christian University; B.S., Canisius College.

Renato Ghizoni, RPCGB - Renato Ghizoni is a Community Planner with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham. His background is in urban planning and architecture from Georgia Tech and University of Florida. As of a year and a half at RPCGB, he has been focusing on honing his skills and expertise in urban design, community revitalization, and feasibility.

- Bachelor of Design in Architecture, University of Florida, 2007
- Dual Masters in Architecture and City & Regional Planning, Georgia Tech, 2010

Amy Goodwin, AICP, Principal Planner/Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) Manager, Atlanta Regional Commission - Since 2010, Amy Goodwin has managed the Livable Centers Initiative (LCI) at the Atlanta Regional Commission (ARC) which has distributed \$13 Million in planning studies and over \$200 Million in "sustainable" transportation projects to local communities since its inception in 1999. Prior to the ARC, Amy served for nearly 6 years as the State Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator at the Georgia Department of Transportation, and has worked as a land use planner for the Town of Wellesley (MA) and the Boston Redevelopment Authority. Amy holds a master's degree in city planning from the Georgia Institute of Technology and has built a career around planning and designing walkable, healthy, and sustainable communities.

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ship Institute's Class of 2010 and Leadership DeKalb's Class of 2012 and is the current President for the Georgia Planning Association. She recently published her work on Lifelong Communities in Atlanta in the Journal of Physical and Occupational Therapy in Geriatrics.

Jana Lynott, AARP - is a Senior Strategic Policy Advisor on the Livable Communities Team in AARP's Public Policy Institute. Jana manages AARP's transportation research agenda and is responsible for developing the content of the Livable Communities chapter of the AARP Policy Book, adopted by the AARP Policy Council and Board. She focuses on a broad array of planning and policy issues including Complete Streets and the travel patterns of older adults. Her recent publications include Planning Complete Streets for an Aging America; Aging in Place: A State Survey of Livability Policies and Practices; and, How the Travel Patterns of Older Adults are Changing: Highlights from the 2009 National Household Travel Survey. As a land use and transportation planner, she brings practical expertise to the research field.

Donald Lambert, AIA, Partner, Lambert Ezell Durham Architecture + Interior Design

Don graduated with a B.A. degree in Architecture from Auburn University in 1972 and a B.S. in Building Construction in 1973. After working for 2-1/2 years with a local architectural firm (Barr & Tune) and 4-1/2 years with a commercial construction firm (Craig Construction Co.). In 1981, Don teamed with Lindon Ezell to form the partnership of Lambert-Ezell Architects. In 2000, the firm name was changed to Lambert Ezell Durham Architecture + Interior Design with the addition of their third partner, Calvin Durham.

Don served as President of the North Alabama Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in 1985 and President of the Alabama Council A.I.A. in 1993. He previously served for 8 years on the Board of Directors for the Alabama Architectural Foundation. Don has been a member of the RIBA-AIA International Golfing Society, a delegation of U.S. and British architects that play in a Ryder Cup style golf competition that is held every two years, and is currently serving as its Captain from 2008 to 2016.

Don was the firm's partner-in-charge of the restoration of the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Rosenbaum home in Florence, Alabama completed in 2002 and later co-authored a book with Barbara Broach and Milton Bagby entitled Frank Lloyd Wright's Rosenbaum House: The Birth and Rebirth of an American Treasure about the house and the restoration.

Charlene LeBleu, AICP, Auburn University - Charlene LeBleu is an Associate Professor of the Landscape Architecture Program at Auburn University, Auburn, AL. Her primary areas of interest and research have been focused on green building and water quality issues in Alabama, especially issues related to low impact development and design. She is a member of the American Planning Association and the American Institute of Certified Planners, and a member of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA).

Professor LeBleu has shown exceptional public/community service and leadership especially in the field of Outreach Scholarship working with regional partners and city planning commissions on projects such as, the Mobile, Alabama Green Streets Initiative, and a Demonstration of Low Impact Development (LID) Practices to Reduce Nonpoint Source Polluted Runoff from a Residential Development in the Saugahatchee Creek Watershed. Professor LeBleu has a B.S. Forest Resources and Conservation from the University of Florida, and a Master of Community Planning, and a Master of Landscape Architecture from Auburn University.

Lori Lein joined the Alabama League of Municipalities' legal department in 2001; bring with her a solid background in local government issues after practicing law in Montgomery, Alabama, where her primary clients were county officials. In addition, she gained in-depth experience working with the state legislature while serving as a legislative analyst for the Alabama Legislative Reference Service for two years. Lori presently serves as the League's General Counsel and is responsible for advising municipal officials and employees from over 400 member cities and towns. She also works closely with the League's state and federal legislative agendas and is a frequent speaker on issues relating to municipal law in Alabama.

Originally from Las Cruces, New Mexico, Lori received a bachelor of science degree from Auburn University's College of Engineering in Textile Management and Technology in 1992 and then returned to New Mexico and earned her law degree from the University Of New Mexico School Of Law in 1996. She is licensed to practice law in Alabama, New Mexico and Colorado. Additionally, she is a member of the International Municipal Lawyers Associating (IMLA), the Alabama Association of Municipal Attorney's (AAMA) and the American Bar Association.

Charlene Lee, Program Director, SmartCoast - Charlene's drive to create healthy communities has deep roots. She has now come full circle in being able to use her diverse skills & experience in her current work on the Smart Coast Healthy Coastal Communities Initiative. Charlene grew up riding horses and experimenting with how many flips in a row she could do on her backyard trampoline. Her interest in athletics led to her first job after graduating from Auburn as a physical education & health instructor in an Atlanta high school. Coaching the high school varsity gymnastics team led to 15 years of directing a gymnastics school and coaching teams. Next, she spent a number of years directing adventure therapy programs in adolescent psychiatry and alternative juvenile justice settings. Also, she facilitated experimental team building sessions for clients ranging from adult & youth leadership groups, nonprofit, corporate, to elected officials.

She spearheaded a year-long project that culminated in over 3,000 people joining together for one week to build an incredibly creative community park in Fairhope that has since been duplicated in a number of other communities. The park was designed, paid for, and built totally by the grassroots efforts of volunteers. Thousands of children & their families visit the park each year. Now Charlene's passion is to reestablish a culture of students walking to school once again and to foster communities' being safe for everyone who wants to walk or cycle. Smart Coast has a goal to establish a daily Walking School Bus program that can then be replicated by other communities.

Blair Perry, P.E. - Blair has over 17 years of experience in the planning, design and construction of transportation projects. He has served as Project Engineer and Project Manager for numerous roadway, bridge, sidewalk, trail, downtown streetscape, traffic engineering and civil site design projects in Alabama, Tennessee and Georgia. He has recently designed sidewalk and trail projects in Columbiana, Decatur and Hoover and is currently serving as the CE&I project manager for sidewalk projects in Columbiana and Vestavia Hills. Blair has worked with Gresham, Smith and Partners for 14 years and currently leads the Transportation Department in GS&P's Birmingham office.

Amy Rauworth, Director of Policy & Public Affairs, Lakeshore Foundation - In April of 2012, Ms. Rauworth joined Lakeshore Foundation as the Director of Policy and Public Affairs. She also works within the University of Alabama Birmingham/Lakeshore Foundation Research Collaborative where she is the Associate Director of the National Center on Health, Physical Activity and Disability (NCHPAD). Ms. Rauworth worked with The Center on Health Promotion Research for Persons with Disabilities for 11 years which was located at the University of Illinois at Chicago in the Department of Disability and Human Development. She is a Registered Clinical Exercise Physiologist with the American College of Sports Medicine. Ms. Rauworth conducts Inclusive Fitness trainings nationally on behalf of the NCHPAD and specializes in accessible fitness center design. She serves on several national committees including the Paralympic Research and Sport Science Consortium, American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) F08.30 Fitness Products: WK19803 Inclusive Fitness Equipment Design Task Group, and the NSF International Joint Committee on Health/Fitness Facility Standards. Ms. Rauworth has received funding to address the inclusion of children with disabilities in Safe Routes to School and has a strong interest in the design of healthy communities that are inclusive of people with disabilities. In addition, Ms. Rauworth has over 17 years of personal training experience, focusing on the delivery of physical activity programming for people with disabilities across the lifespan.

Rebecca Retzlaff, Auburn University Community Planning - is an associate professor at Auburn University's Community Planning Program in the School of Architecture, Planning, and Landscape Architecture. She teaches classes in planning law, planning history, environmental planning, and historic preservation planning. She has worked as an environmental planner for the City of Detroit and a research assistant for the American Planning Association. She holds a Ph.D in Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago, an M.S in Historic Preservation from The School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and a B.S. in Urban and Regional Planning from Michigan State University. She is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Carol Rhea, AICP, Orion Planning Group - has over 25 years of experience in a variety of public and private sector planning positions. Her areas of specialty include planning, group facilitation, ordinances and regulations, board training, permitting, code enforcement, and customer service. Prior to founding Orion Planning Group, Carol created and staffed Rhea Consulting, serving communities in North and South Carolina. Previously she was the Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services for York County, SC responsible for the daily administration of planning, zoning, building inspections and customer service divisions. She has also worked as a regional planner for Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, as a Community Development Planner for the North Carolina Department of Commerce, and as the Director of Planning and Development for the City of Monroe, NC. Carol served as the Region II Director (2004-2012) on the American Planning Association Board of Directors. Carol has spoken on a variety of planning and ordinance related topics at conferences sponsored by the American Planning Association and many of its chapters, the North Carolina League of Municipalities, the National League of Cities, the North Carolina Bar Association and numerous other professional organizations and governmental units.

Judy Rawlins Roy, Program Coordinator, Disability Rights and Resources Independent Living Specialist - Ms. Roy has 28 years experience as Independent Living Specialist. Judy served as the Chair of the National Council on Independent Livings' Personal Assistance Subcommittee for seven years. Judy is the current Board President of Alabama Arise, an organization that lobbies for legislative policy change to benefit low income Alabamians.

Nichalaus Sims, MPA, Safe Route to School of Central Alabama - B.A. in Economics, University of South Alabama, 2001; MPA, Community Planning and Development, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2007. Mr. Sims currently works with Safe Routes to School of Central Alabama, a joint initiative of the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham and United Way of Central Alabama (UWCA). He previously worked with UWCA as a Community Planner during Jefferson County's Communities Putting Prevention to Work project in effort to improve the built environment through the adoption of plans and policies which create livable, walkable communities. Prior to that, he worked for three years as a Planner in Jefferson County's Department of Land Planning and Development Services.

Becky White, PTP, Sain Associates - oversees Sain Associates' Organization Development efforts and serves as Principal-in-Charge of the firm's transportation planning projects. She has more than 25 years of project experience in transportation planning including traffic impact studies, parking needs evaluations, site circulation planning, traffic operations and corridor studies, access management plans, road safety audits, and long-range transportation planning. She is a certified Professional Transportation Planner and has worked with a wide variety of private and public sector clients. Becky was named 2011 Transportation Professional of the Year by the Alabama Section Insitute of Transportation Engineers and is a Past President of both the Alabama Section ITE and Southern District ITE.

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