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Please contact the Executive Committee with any comments and suggestions you may have for the Chapter. If you are interested in volunteering to serve on any of the Chapter Leadership Committees, please get in touch with Johnny Blizzard.

## FIELD TRIP OFFERS FIRST HAND LOOK AT BALDWIN COUNTY DEVELOPMENT

BY CLAIR BYRD, COMPREHENSIVE PLANNER, BALDWIN COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING DEPARTMENT

On June 26, 2008, the Baldwin County Planning & Zoning Department and the Permit Division of the Highway Department jointly hosted an all-day field trip for the Planning Commission and Environmental Advisory Board (EAB) members. The purpose of the trip was to offer a first-hand look at developments and development practices throughout Baldwin County. Attendees were given *The Practices and Challenges of Land Development in Baldwin County*, a 108-page book compiled by the Planning Department that included a locator and site map for each location as well as any available photographs, infrared photography and plat information.

A total of 25 Planning Commission, EAB and staff members attended the trip, which included lunch from L.A. BBQ & Company, Inc., provided by Hatch Mott McDonald, McCrory Williams, and Volkert & Associates. During lunch the field trip participants were entertained with a showing of *A Community of Choices*, a 30-minute video about the connections between community appearance, design and economic development.

Thirteen sites were listed on the itinerary, with an additional five sites that the group planned to visit if time permitted. Of all 18 sites, 13 were visited: The Hammock; Whitehouse Creek Plantation; Longleaf; Byrnes

## ALABAMA PLANNING NEWS

### AARC ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ALABAMA FORESTRY COMMISSION

The Alabama Association of Regional Councils (AARC) formalized a new partnership with the Alabama Forestry Commission (AFC) in September 2008 to increase coordination and awareness of the impacts of suburban sprawl on forests in Alabama. The AFC will promote its Green Infrastructure and Firewise initiatives through this collaboration.

This partnership hopes to promote educational programs for public officials and the citizens of Alabama on the benefits of sustainable forest practices. The AARC and the AFC will be cross-training on their respective programs and providing liaisons to increase communication. A grant has been provided for 21 workshops to be conducted in Alabama communities during 2009. Further news and announcements will be released in your region.

### AARC AWARDED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANT

The Alabama Association of Regional Councils (AARC) has been awarded a grant through the Economic Development Administration (EDA) to prepare a statewide economic development plan. AARC received a \$284,000 grant from EDA, with the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) providing the match, to coordinate economic development data, resources, and strategies throughout Alabama.

The statewide economic development plan will be developed over the next 18 months by planners and economic development specialists within AARC. This planning process will consist of a four point approach that will include developing benchmarking tools, creating a website, establishing a end-users committee consisting of public and private economic development leaders, and updating the Alabama Consolidated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

### ENGINEERING NEWS-RECORD NAMES TOP ALABAMA CONTRACTORS

The construction trade magazine, Engineering News-Record, known for its industry lists, named five (5) Alabama Contractors to its list of the nation's Top 100 Green Contractors for 2008.

Published in its September 22nd issue, the listing was based on the volume of green projects worked on by contractors that have been registered or certified based on sustainability. An example of certification would be the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED) certifications. Here is how the five Alabama companies ranked nationally:

- #23 - Harbert International LLC of Birmingham
- #26 - Caddell Construction Co. Inc. of Montgomery
- #58 - BE&K Inc. of Birmingham
- #89 - Hoar Construction LLC of Birmingham

*BEN- Bama Environmental News*

### AMERICA'S FIRST BIOFUELS CORRIDOR OPENS IN MOBILE

Earlier this week, the Alabama Clean Fuels Coalition and the ADECA-Energy Division, in partnership with Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee state governments and businesses, opened up the nation's first Biofuels Corridor on I-65 beginning in Mobile and ending in Gary, Indiana.

There will now be thirty-two (32) E85 ethanol and eight (8) B20 biodiesel pumps throughout the 886 mile I-65 corridor. Fifteen (15) of the E85/B20 pumps are located in Alabama. E85 (85% Ethanol and 15% Gasoline) can be used in any vehicle designated to use "Flex Fuels." A guide to determine if your vehicle is Flex-Fuel ready may be found at [www.e85refueling.com](http://www.e85refueling.com). B20 (20% Biodiesel, 80% petroleum based diesel) may be used in any diesel engine.

Alabama has been moving forward on several fronts in the past 2-3 years promoting alternative energy/fuels. Some of those of those projects have included:

- ✠ City of Hoover is operating 85% of its vehicles on alternative fuels;
- ✠ "Grease to Biodiesel" programs implemented in Hoover, Montgomery, Daphne, and Gadsden;
- ✠ City of Auburn's 250 diesel vehicle fleet now uses biodiesel;
- ✠ Gulf Coast Energy opens and produces ethanol at their first cellulosic ethanol demonstration plant in Livingston, Alabama.

To learn more about the I-65 Biofuels Corridor and projects throughout Alabama, visit [www.AlabamaCleanFuels.org](http://www.AlabamaCleanFuels.org)

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT!

On behalf of the Executive Committee of the American Planning Association-Alabama Chapter, we invite you to celebrate October as National Community Planning Month. This year, the focus is on Green Communities. We encourage you to explore ways to develop green communities in your community during the month of October.

The Executive Committee and the Conference Committee have worked hard to present a great Fall Chapter Development Seminar and Annual Conference. The Chapter Development Seminar will be held in Huntsville this November on the campus of Alabama A&M University in conjunction with the Department of Community Planning and Urban Studies Annual Fall Workshop Series. The conference will be held on World Town Planning Day, November 7th and I believe you'll be impressed with the program we have to offer. This conference will also provide AICP members with CE credits.

Many of the membership express a desire to have the Annual Conference at the beach and the Executive Committee has heard your request. The Annual Conference will be held March 24-27 at the Perdido Beach Resort. I'm very excited about the program that is currently being developed by our Conference Committee and believe this may be the best Annual Conference we've had in a long time. I have contacted the Florida Chapter and they are excited about the location of our Annual Conference and I anticipate several of Florida planners to attend our conference.

I would also like to note that Corrbet "Toby" Bennington has submitted his resignation as Secretary of the Alabama Chapter. We will miss Toby's experience and leadership but wish him well. The Executive Committee has selected Gina Romine to fulfill the remaining term as Secretary and I wish to welcome her to the Executive Committee.

I would like to assure the Chapter that the Executive Committee has been working hard and that we are committed to providing every opportunity to promote planning in Alabama.

I look forward to seeing you in Huntsville and at Perdido Beach Resort in the coming months.

Sincerely,  
Johnny Blizzard, AICP, CFM, President

## SECTION NEWS

### *Gulf Coast Section News*

The Gulf Coast Section is in the process of scheduling our first quarterly meeting. It is to be held this month and will be hosted by Miriam Boutwell of the City of Foley. In addition to a quick introduction and meet and greet, Miriam Boutwell, City Planner of Foley and Wayne Dyess, Director of Planning & Zoning for Baldwin County will speak to our group about regulatory barriers to affordable housing. Miriam and Wayne work with the Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance as members of the Baldwin Housing Alliance: Regulatory Barriers Team. The Baldwin Housing Alliance was formed in January, 2008, with the vision that every resident will have access to safe, secure, decent, and affordable housing.

### *Central Section News*

We will soon launch a series of luncheon meetings that will rotate around the Central Section to afford members reasonable opportunities to participate. The meetings will typically be education-oriented, seeking CM credits as much as possible, but will also provide opportunities for networking and collaboration amongst peers. The meetings will occur approximately every two months. An email survey of section members generated a grocery list of possible sessions: integrating transportation with land use, integrating planning with design, planning graphics, economic development, urban design, context-sensitive design, wetlands banking, creative stormwater management practices, green/sustainable planning and development practices, transit, site plan review, redistricting, digital sign regulations, trail projects, multi-generational communities, planning law, case studies and site visits to model developments. The date and location of the first session will be announced in October.



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## TRAINING, WORKSHOPS & CONFERENCES

### 2008 ALAPA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY

The 2008 Alabama APA Professional Development Seminar will be held in conjunction with the first Annual Fall Workshop Series presented by the Department of Community Planning & Urban Studies at Alabama A&M University. The fall conference will be held on November 7, 2008 at the Alabama A&M University in Huntsville, Alabama. Attendees will also be eligible to receive continuing education credits for time spent attending the sessions.

This is an exciting time to visit the Rocket City and get involved in the Alabama Chapter of the American Planning Association. The fellowship and education that the Alabama Chapter strives to achieve is what helps practicing and potential planners achieve wonderful success throughout the state of Alabama.

### THE SEASIDE INSTITUTE

### EXPLORING ARCHITECTURE ALONG NW FLORIDA'S GULF COAST

NOVEMBER 12 - 14, 2008  
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Northwest Florida's Gulf Coast has four unique traditional neighborhood developments within a 10 mile stretch. While they were all developed with the Gulf of Mexico's holiday appeal in mind, their developers and planners are mindful of the retiring baby boomer market and hope their communities will be perceived as good places to live year-round. A key role in designing these successful towns has been played by the town architect.

This is the perfect opportunity to advance your knowledge of New Urbanism, tour four developments along Florida's Emerald Coast with their town architects and learn from other community's successes and challenges. Participants will take part in lively discussions and question and answer sessions.

Visit [www.theseasideinstitute.org](http://www.theseasideinstitute.org) to register.

### CELEBRATE NATIONAL COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH OCTOBER



Help elevate the role of planning in your community. Host a planning department or planning commission open house, talk to kids in schools about a career in planning, present a library display about planning and planners, sponsor a neighborhood tour to highlight how planning helps the community.

### PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY FORESTRY NATIONAL CONFERENCE ATLANTA, GA

The Arbor Day Foundation and The Home Depot Foundation are hosting the Partners in Community Forestry National Conference, November 18-20, 2008, in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference will give participants the opportunity to engage with diverse professionals and volunteers focused on promoting the growth of our community forests and striving to grow healthy livable communities. More than 40 presentations in general and concurrent sessions will focus on community tree and livability issues from a variety of perspectives.

Conference highlights will include a networking dinner event at the Georgia Aquarium, a welcome reception at the Trees Atlanta Kendeda Center, and the attendee's choice of three different tours, all included in the cost of registration. A complete agenda and registration is available at [www.arborday.org/PCF](http://www.arborday.org/PCF).

### EDAA 2009 WINTER CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED

The Economic Development Association of Alabama (EDAA) will hold their 2009 Winter Conference at the Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa in Montgomery, Alabama on February 11 - 13. For conference and registration information visit EDAA's website - [www.edaa.org](http://www.edaa.org).

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR CHAPTER SPONSORS!!!**



## INSIDER NEWS AND NOTES

The Alabama Chapter of the APA is always eager to acknowledge planners from across the State on their new jobs, retirements, recognitions and personal achievements. Please send your information to Christie Pannell - [cpannell@shelbyal.com](mailto:cpannell@shelbyal.com).



**GENE SMITH**, Planning Director of the West Alabama Regional Commission in Northport, AL retired last month. He worked for the Commission for 39 years before retiring. Smith was the 2003 recipient of the ALAPA Richard L. Platt Career Achievement Award. Congratulations Gene!

**WILLIAM (BILL) GILCHRIST, FAIA**, resigned from the City of Birmingham after 15 years as Director of Planning, Engineering and Permits to care for his mother in Atlanta. Previously Bill served as regional manager of HJ Russell & Co. Best Wishes!



### **GINA ROMINE WORKING WITH APA TASK FORCE**

City planner Gina Romine is on a 15-member task force helping the American Planning Association better meet the needs of the profession's young members. "Planning involves so many different things," Romine said. "One of our goals is to come up with a mentoring program for the younger planners."

With six years of experience, Romine, 27, is the youngest of Madison's three planners. She started as an administrative assistant in the Code Enforcement Division. Then she became the zoning administrator before moving into her current job as an entry level planner. She's learned a lot on the job, but she also knows there's a lot more to learn. That's where the American Planning Association comes into play. The association is a nonprofit organization that uses training and seminars to encourage planning that meets the needs of people and society more effectively. Its members are involved, on a day-to-day basis, in formulating planning policies and preparing land-use regulations.

Romine said the group has 43,000 members. Of those, 7,000 are students. The way the organization is set up, she said, once a member is no longer a student, he or she is a professional member - regardless of experience.

That's why the Young Planners Group task force was established. "I was shocked and honored to be selected," Romine said. She's the only planner from the association's region

representing Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, the Caribbean, Central America, Mexico and South America. The group works together through conference calls, she said. Their goal is to come up with ways the association can address the needs of the entry-level planners. For example, she said, a class on how to write a resolution would be helpful.

Romine said the task force is compiling a list of suggestions and will present a report to the association's board of directors in April. "Hopefully our work will get more young planners involved on a local and national level as well as help them succeed."

*Wendy Reeves - Huntsville Times*



### **ALABAMA APA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

Bill Foisy, ALAPA Scholarship Intern Administrator, announced an Alabama APA scholarship award in June in the amount of \$1,500 each for Fairfield Main Street Inc. and the City of Gulf Shores.

Intern assignments for Fairfield Main Street Inc. include activities related to downtown rezoning, historic preservation planning and downtown community redevelopment planning. John C. Thomas, a Community Planning and Urban Development student at Alabama A&M University, is working on this project for Fairfield.

Intern assignments for the City of Gulf Shores include work on 2010 Census activities, completing a utility location pilot project with GPS and GIS technology, creating a digital site plan database, and assisting with enforcing the landscape maintenance requirement of the Zoning Ordinance. Melanie Sand, an urban planning student at Ball State, is completing these projects for the City of Gulf Shores.

Contributions to the Alabama APA Scholarship Fund have recently been received from Sheila Chafin, Kyle Davis, Sam Gaston, David Hunke, Darrell Meyer, Tim Milner and Robert Vecellio.

*THANK YOU!*

## 2008 CHAPTER SPONSORS

*We would like to thank our sponsors for supporting our spring conference and their commitment to our chapter. These sponsorships support the annual conference along with other chapter events and outreach as we strive to advance our chapter mission. Their continued support is greatly appreciated.*

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## 2008 ALAPA Spring Conference



## Memories from the Magic City



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Lake; Historic Malbis; Austin Park Estates; Austin Park Subdivision; Canaan Place; a Grady Pond; The Rookery; Interdunal Swales; Magnolia Springs Park; and Magnolia RV Park.

Both departments have expressed an interest in hosting a similar trip and possibly making it an annual event. From the surveys the attendees took, staff received very positive feedback. Most surveys indicated that the attendees also hoped this would become a recurring event.

Staff members also discussed the possibility of traveling out of Baldwin County to see development characteristics of nearby areas like Mobile County or areas in Florida.

While at the Longleaf development at County Road 40 and State Highway 225, we were able to speak with the development's engineer and project manager. Participants asked questions about certain design aspects and completion schedule that only the engineer and project manager would be able to answer. According to the surveys, most attendees found this interaction beneficial and both departments would like to schedule time to speak with other developers, engineers, architects or project managers during the next trip.

Besides being comfortable, travelling on such a large Baldwin Rural Area Transportation System (BRATS) bus enabled the Planning Commission and EAB members to experience the road widths and turning radius from a point of view similar to that of fire trucks, garbage trucks and school buses – all vehicles that need to be able to maneuver in the developments. Some cul-de-sacs and roads allowed the bus to easily maneuver, while some roads had tree limbs brushing the windows. Some developments also required extremely careful maneuvering around vehicles parked on either side of the street or running over curbs to make tight corners.

Participants were also shown examples of well-planned or poorly executed drainage infrastructure, erosion control practices, bridges and various curb and gutter styles. Setbacks were also addressed. The trip included examples of front and side yard setbacks as well as setbacks from wetlands. With the plats provided in the books and the knowledge from staff, the staff members were able to point out to commission and board members exactly what lots were like with 30-foot front setbacks or 15-foot side yard setbacks, for example.

Staff members also pointed out the design characteristics of homes and streets, as well as the layout of subdivisions – from the average subdivision that met every minimum requirements to those with “extra” elements such as bridges or golf courses.

Attendees were also able to experience riverine wetlands at Byrnes Lake, and depressional wetlands at a Grady Pond in Summerdale and Interdunal Swales in the Fort Morgan area. The Natural Resource



*Planning Commission members, Environmental Advisory Board members and Baldwin County Commission staff view a bridge and wetlands in the Whitehouse Creek Plantation subdivision off Bromley Road in Planning Districts 4, 7 and 9.*



*Planning Director Wayne Dyess, AICP, measures the K-value of a road in the Longleaf development in Planning District 4 at the intersection of State Hwy 225 and County Road 40. Longleaf is a Planned Residential Development that includes a professional-level golf course.*



Senior Natural Resource Planner Julie Batchelor, P.E., speaks with the group about details of the Magnolia Springs Restoration Project, which was completed in February 2008. The naturally-occurring spring is located in the municipality of Magnolia Springs.

division of the Planning Department also showcased the Magnolia Springs Park, located in the municipality of Magnolia Springs, where they recently completed a restoration project in February 2008. The Baldwin County Planning Department staff solicited funding sources for a stream/habitat restoration project at the park, which contains the Springs, a natural freshwater groundwater pool surrounded by a stream bank. The County received an EPA 5-Star Restoration Grant from the National Association of Counties and a grant from the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program. Additional matching funds were provided by the Baldwin County Commission.

Flood events had severely damaged the site and previous stabilization construction projects and the restoration work involved the removal of retaining walls, concrete walkways and pavers along the stream bank. Additional soil, similar in physical properties to the original soil, was brought to the site to allow the bank to be returned to its original slope, and the site was planted with native vegetation. A small amount of dredging was performed to remove siltation and debris to allow proper stream function and enhance aquatic life. This project was able to provide restoration to wetland and riparian area along roughly 1,500 feet of the tributary of Magnolia River.

## SAVE THE DATES

### ***2009 ALAPA Spring Conference***

Perdido Beach Resort

March 24- 27, 2009

[www.alaapa.org](http://www.alaapa.org)



### ***2009 National APA Conference***

Minneapolis, MN

April 25 - 29, 2009

[www.planning.org](http://www.planning.org)





## STUDENT NEWS



Hello all!

This is an exciting time to be a member of the Auburn University Student Planning Association. Our goal this year is to connect planning students to the community and to one another, and that is exactly what we are doing.

We are connecting to the larger planning community through interaction with planners in various areas of our field. This is accomplished by inviting professionals such as city planning and MPO directors to take part in AUSPA meetings and by becoming more involved with the Alabama chapter of the American Planning Association. So far, Suzanne Burnett of the Lee-Russell Council of Governments joined us for one of our meetings and gave a very informative lecture on her role and her agency's role in the community. We are looking forward to Johnny Blizzard of the Alabama APA joining us on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

We are connecting to the local community through service to those among us who cannot take care of their property themselves. Our day of serving the community was Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We were able to help a family in the Beauregard community by scraping and "cool-sealing" the roof of their home to prevent further damage from leaks and reduce the family's monthly energy bill.

We are focused on connecting with one another through a variety of events and activities. In addition to the monthly meetings, we are finding ways of getting involved in activities sponsored by the AU School of Architecture as well as just going out and having fun as a group.

I view this time as an opportunity second to none for planning students to find their niche in the profession, connect with seasoned professionals, and foster relationships with other students that will one day compose much of their professional cohort.

I look forward to a full year of great accomplishment for the Auburn University Student Planning Association!

Mac W. Martin, Jr.  
AUSPA President

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## 25th ANNUAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

### ALABAMA CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION

The 2008 Awards Committee would like to extend our congratulations to all award recipients of this year's Chapter Awards. The awards were presented by the Chapter during its Annual Awards Program in Birmingham, 2008. Each year the Chapter, through its Awards Program, seeks to recognize the notable contributions and achievements of our state's planning professionals, elected or lay persons, students or the media as well as the outstanding planning efforts of local governments, private consultants, and other local organizations and agencies.

At this year's Program, awards were presented in 7 of the 12 award categories available. The only disappointment for the Awards Committee this year was that some award categories received no nominations. With that being said, the Awards Committee takes this opportunity to encourage participation by chapter members as well as non-chapter members in our awards program in all awards categories. Listed on this page are those categories for which awards were presented this year.

The Committee believes that the Awards Program is our opportunity to recognize the "best" of who we are and what we do as well as those who support what we do. We hope that each and every one of you will start thinking about next year's Awards Program now. The Committee looks forward to receiving nominations for awards in every category next year.

*Serving on the Awards Committee for 2008*

*Tom Magee, Birmingham (Chair)  
Todd McDonald, Dothan  
Cathy Cooper, Auburn  
Summer Vacarella, Birmingham  
Fred Peterson, Arab*

2008

#### Distinguished Leadership Awards

Professional Planner:

*David A. Norris*

Elected Public Official:

*Honorable Tim M. Kant  
Mayor, City of Fairhope, Alabama*

#### Outstanding Planning Awards

Comprehensive Plan:

*City of Homewood, Alabama  
"Homewood, Alabama Master Plan"*

Plan:

*City of Montgomery  
"Downtown Montgomery Plan"*

Project/Program/Tool:

*Shelby County, Alabama  
"Subdivision Regulations of Shelby  
County, Alabama"*

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*City of Montgomery, Alabama  
"Court Square Plaza - Dexter Avenue"*

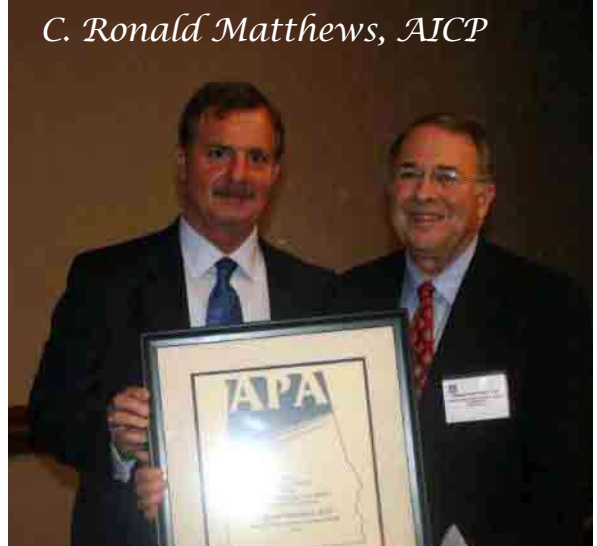
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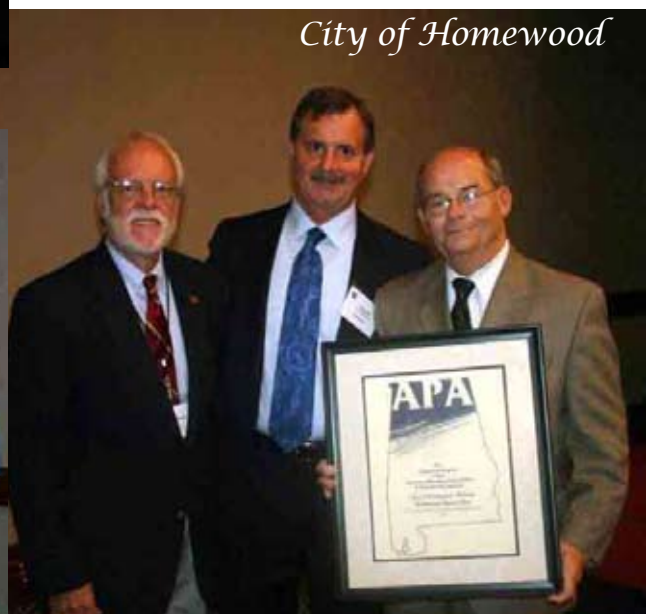
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### **CITY OF AUBURN, AL PLANNING TECHNICIAN**

The City of Auburn, a dynamic and progressive university community located in East Central Alabama, is currently searching for a Planning Technician to provide administrative and customer service support to its Planning Department.

The successful candidate for this position will have knowledge and a level of competency commonly associated with completion of specialized training in the field of work, in addition to basic skills typically associated with a high school education. He or she will also have sufficient experience to understand the basic principles relevant to the major duties of the position, usually associated with the completion of an apprenticeship/ internship or having had a similar position for one to two years.

Duties include, but are not limited to, assigning addresses to residential and nonresidential subdivision development within the City limits as well as to newly annexed properties; submitting subdivision plats with new addresses and changes to current addresses to City departments; verifying that new addresses are current in the 911 system; processing annexation applications and producing location maps using GIS software for Planning Commission; assisting citizens with any planning or zoning questions; processing banner permit applications, home occupation applications and BZA and Planning Commission applications; and performing other related duties as assigned.

The City of Auburn has an excellent benefits package.

This position is open until filled.

Interested individuals may contact the City of Auburn Human Resources Department at (334) 501-7240 in order to obtain an application. Application paperwork may also be downloaded from our website at [www.auburnalabama.org](http://www.auburnalabama.org). The City of Auburn is an equal opportunity employer and a drug-free workplace.

### **CITY OF TALLEDEGA, AL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST**

Talladega is a full service city located in the southern region of the Appalachian Mountains in Alabama and is home to Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind, historical Talladega College, and Talladega Superspeedway. This is a key administrative position in the City organization.

Primary duties: Perform a wide variety of duties in support of business retention and expansion, business attraction, and workforce development initiatives. Require Bachelor's Degree with two years experience in related field. Master's Degree may substitute for required experience. Salary: DOQ. For complete job description go to [talladega.com/jobopenings](http://talladega.com/jobopenings). Send resume to HR Director at [talladegacityjobs@bellsouth.net](mailto:talladegacityjobs@bellsouth.net) by 12/01/08.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

The ALAPA would like to recognize Jim Lehe of Lehe Planning, LLC for his continued support of the chapter's Scholarship Program. This important program allows us to support the hiring of student interns in Alabama, so that they can gain invaluable experience and exposure in the field of planning. Thanks Jim!!! To find out more about Jim and his professional work visit his company's website at <http://leheplanning.com/>.

Also, anyone who is interested in contributing to the ALAPA Scholarship Program, please contact Bill Foisy, Scholarship Intern Coordinator at (205) 251-8139.





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