



## *2011 ALAPA Awards*

*Charles Ball, AICP*  
*Executive Director, Regional*  
*Planning Commission of*  
*Greater Birmingham*

*Nominated by David Hunke*



*Alabama Chapter of the American*  
*Planning Association*



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- Earned a Bachelor degree in business from Birmingham-Southern College in 1983 followed by a Masters in Community Planning from Auburn in 1992.
- Started his career with City of Auburn Planning Department.
- Earned his AICP in 1995
- Assistant Director of Planning with the Albany/Dougherty County (GA) Planning Commission in September 1995 where he directed the completion of Albany/Dougherty County's award-winning comprehensive plan.
- As acting Director of Planning, he completed the South Albany Redevelopment Plan and the development of smart growth overlays for the City and County.



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- Moved back to Alabama in 2000 to be the Director of Planning for the City of Gadsden.
- While in Gadsden, he directed the completion of several major public works projects such as Gadsden's Airport Industrial Park.
- Also implemented a number of important planning projects including the East Broad Street Trolley Plazas, the Gadsden Riverfront Revitalization projects, and the Coosa Town Center retail development.
- Significant and sustained contributions to the profession and to the Chapter throughout his varied and distinguished career.



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- In December 2006, Charles accepted the position of Executive Director with the Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham.
- Strengthen the Commission's profile in the region with innovative programs like the Building Communities Program.
- Spearheaded several high-profile and visionary planning projects of major significance in the Birmingham region, including the U.S. 280 Transit Corridor Study, the I-65/U.S.31 Mobility Matters project, and the U.S.11 Southwest Corridor Transit Study.
- Charles' leadership skills has helped cultivate a greater understanding of planning principles and planning process for the greater Birmingham region.



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- In support to the Chapter, Charles has served on the Executive Committee for several years as the Professional Development Officer (PDO) for the Chapter. He has also frequently volunteered to serve on various committees and has been a reliable and dependable resource for the chapter.
- Over the past 19 years, Charles has greatly influenced and helped advance the planning profession. Through his leadership, he has helped to increase the understanding of planning principles and the planning process by the professional planning community, elected officials, and the general public.



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*Accepting*

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