Welcome to the
Alabama and Mississippi Chapters
of the American Planning Association
Annual Awards Ceremony
2019 ALAPA-MSAPA Awards

Great Places in Mississippi

-Great Street-

This award recognizes a local street that exemplifies, in multiple ways, a great sense of place.
Russell Street Improvement Project
City of Starkville

Accepting: Emily Corban, AICP
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Outstanding Planning Award for a Plan or Planning Program
Communities with a Population under 50,000

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Regional Planning Commission of Greater Birmingham

Heart of Homewood Downtown Master Plan

Accepting: Charles Ball

Nominated by:
Lindsey Puckett, AICP
Wyatt Pugh, Zoning and Engineering Department Head
133 People attended our first two Open Houses

1,485 Participants took our 3 surveys

2,500 Written comments were received
VISION MAP

• Intended to guide future development and public investment

Downtown’s Vision:
• Pedestrian friendly shopping and entertainment destination
• A range of mixed-use development
• Activated public spaces
• Improved connections to Homewood neighborhoods
• Additional housing choices
• Improved streetscapes
TOP 10 COMMUNITY DESIRES

1. Improve walkability + pedestrian safety
2. Extend the bicycle network
3. Address traffic issues Downtown
4. Streetscape beautification
5. Provide street amenities + create gathering spaces
6. Provide street amenities + create gathering spaces
7. Improve parking availability
8. Create a greener Downtown
9. Encourage a mix of uses Downtown
10. Establish design guidelines + building standards unique to Downtown

HOW DO WE DO IT?

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Catalytic Project Ideas + 3, 5, 7, 9
Catalytic Project Idea #: 7
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Catalytic Project Idea #: 1, 2, 10

Policy-based Recommendations

10 Community Desires

Vision for downtown Homewood

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CATALYTIC PROJECT IDEAS

5. 18TH STREET STREETSCAPE IMPROVEMENTS

6. 18TH STREET ROAD DIET

8. WAYFINDING MASTER PLAN

9 & 10. GRIFFIN CREEK GREENWAY & ROSEDALE POCKET PARK
POLICY-BASED RECOMMENDATIONS

01: FUTURE LAND USE

02: ZONING

03: URBAN FORM

04: MOBILITY

05: PARKING

06: STREETSCAPE DESIGN STANDARDS

07: GREENSPACE

08: GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE

09: IDENTITY + ACTIVITY
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Great Places in Mississippi
- Great Neighborhood -

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Adelaide Neighborhood
City of Starkville

Accepting: Daniel Havelin, AICP, PLA
Saunders Ramsey
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City of Dothan, Alabama
Highway 84 East Master Plan

Nominated by:
Kevin Cowper AICP, ICMA-CM
Bob Wilkerson, Long Range Planner
Prepare a Coordinated Vision
Connecting Districts

- Downtown District
- Wellness District
- Campus District
Reconfigure Highway 84
Redevelop Civic Center Block
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City of Dothan, Alabama
Highway 84 East Master Plan

Accepting: Kevin Cowper, AICP

Nominated by:
Kevin Cowper AICP, ICMA-CM
Bob Wilkerson, Long Range Planner
Mississippi Great Places
- Public Space -

This award is presented to a public space in a community that, in multiple ways, has an enduring and special sense of place.
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The Courthouse Square
City of Oxford

Accepting: Ben Requet, AICP
Great Public Space: The Courthouse Square, Oxford, Mississippi
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Outstanding Planning Award for a Comprehensive Plan for Communities with a Population under 50,000

This award recognizes an outstanding comprehensive plan addressing the long-range development of an area, town, city, county or region with a population under 50,000.
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City of Tallassee, Alabama

“City of Tallassee 2040 Comprehensive Plan”

Nominated by:
Greg Clark, Executive Director
Central Alabama Regional Planning Commission
Nestled at the borders of Elmore and Tallapoosa Counties is Tallassee, AL - a city populated by approximately 5,000 diverse, hardworking citizens.

It is home to a bustling industrial park, reputable public schools and workforce development programs, and an array of other human, institutional, natural, and historical assets.
How the Plan began...

• In May 2017, Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE) selected the City of Tallassee as part of its 2017 Incoming Class.
• Prior to being selected for the program, Tallassee had not had a comprehensive plan update in over 35 years.
• This partnership resulted in the City receiving a $60,000 rural business development grant (RBDG) from USDA to complete the update.
The Process...

- Using information gathered from ACE community assessments; comprehensive plan element meetings; and input provided by local leadership, CARPDC composed *Tallassee 2040 Comprehensive Plan.*
City of Tallassee, Alabama

“City of Tallassee 2040 Comprehensive Plan”

Accepting: Mayor Johnny Hammock

Nominated by:
Greg Clark, Executive Director
Central Alabama Regional Planning Commission

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Best Public Outreach Effort Award
- Mississippi-

This award recognizes a project, program, or initiative that uses information and education about the value of planning to create greater awareness among citizens generally or to specific segments of the public. It celebrates how planning improves a community’s quality of life.
Recreation Master Plan for Byram, Mississippi

Carl Small Town Center at Mississippi State University

Accepting: Anne Welch and Diandra Hosey
Byram
Population: 11,671

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City of Huntsville, Alabama
“City of Huntsville BIG Picture Plan”

Accepting:
Dennis Madsen, AICP

Nominated by:
Dennis Madsen, AICP
Welcome to The Big Picture

This is the City of Huntsville's new comprehensive master plan — The BIG Picture — to help direct the future of economic growth, neighborhood redevelopment, parks and greenways, transportation, and quality of life for all of our citizens.
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The Big Picture and YOU

Over the past two years the Big Picture team has met with many civic, professional, and community groups throughout Huntsville.

We have hosted almost 20 public events and over 100 small group meetings addressing a wide array of issues including economic development, aging in place, transportation, and quality of life.

For an expanded version of this exhibition, visit us online at BigPictureHuntsville.com/exhibition

BigPictureHuntsville

THE BIG PICTURE

Your Study. Your Vision. Your Plan for the City of Huntsville.
City of Huntsville, Alabama
“City of Huntsville BIG Picture Plan”

Accepting:
Huntsville Planning Staff

Nominated by:
Dennis Madsen, AICP
Mississippi
Outstanding Large Project:
Community over 15,000

This award recognizes an outstanding comprehensive plan, general plan, or related document that advances the art and science of planning for a municipality, county, or region.
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Vision 2037 Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code

City of Oxford

Accepting: Ben Requet, AICP, Bob Barber, FAICP and Carol Rhea, FAICP
 Outstanding Large Project: Vision 2037 Comprehensive Plan & Land Development Code
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2018 ALAPA Awards

Distinguished Leadership Award for a Planning Student Team

This award recognizes a planning student team for an outstanding paper or project while enrolled as full time planning students.
Auburn University Community Planning Program

Synthesis Studio 2

“Highway 84 East Corridor Redevelopment Project”

Nominated by:
Dr. Sweta Byahut, Ph.D.
Associate Professor in Community Planning
Department of Political Science, College of Liberal Arts

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2035 Wellness District Comprehensive Plan

Team:
Taylor Esco, Natasha Miles, Yiren Zhou
Wellness District Land Use & Economic Development

Project Overview

- Tour of the city
- Site analysis
- Mapping of area
- Presentation to city officials
Wellness District Land Use & Economic Development

Suggested Improvements

Phase 3:
Wellness District Land Use & Economic Development
Wellness District Land Use & Economic Development

Thank you!

Dr. Sweta Byahut, MCP faculty, Auburn University

Dothan City Officials & SE Medical
Bob Wilkerson, Todd McDonald, and Bill Jones

Alabama APA
Auburn University Community Planning Program
Synthesis Studio 2
“Highway 84 East Corridor Redevelopment Project”

Accepting: Taylor Esco and Natasha Miles
As Mississippi’s highest recognition for a professional planner, this award recognizes the contributions of an individual who has made significant personal and direct contributions to the profession of planning in Mississippi throughout their career. It celebrates an individual whose cumulative body of work has meaningfully and positively impacted planning practice, education, and/or theory with long-term, lasting results.
Randy Meador
Lifetime Achievement Award

Robert L. “Bob” Barber, FAICP

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Randy Meador
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Distinguished Leadership Award for an Appointed Public Official

This award recognizes an appointed city, town, county or state public official who has made significant, positive contributions to and/or demonstrated a strong support of planning in Alabama.
Carolyn Bern, MPA
Director of Governmental Affairs & Community Relations
Alabama Department of Public Health
Committees, Boards and Projects

- 2015 Healthcare Provider based Transportation Survey
- Human Services Coordinated Transportation Plans (HSCTP)
- 2015 State of Alabama Community Health Improvement Plan (ACHIP)
- Alabama Communities of Excellence (ACE) Advisory Council
- Central AL Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) Committee
- Alabama Physical Activity and Nutrition Plan
- House Bill 138 – Alabama Legislature 2019
- Alabama Public Health Telehealth Network (ALPHTN)
- Alabama Obesity Task Force
- Governor’s Commission on Physical Fitness & Sports
- Alabama Rural Health Association (AlPHA)
- Alabama Public Health Association (AlPHA)
Committees, Boards and Projects

- Southeast Alabama Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
- Statewide Alabama AHEC Advisory Committee
- Governor's Alabama Campaign for Grade Level Reading
- Vanderbilt University's Ingram Cancer Center Community Advisory Board
- The UAB Grand Challenge Healthy Alabama 2030: Live HealthSmart Leadership Team
- National Governor's Assoc. Improving Capacity for Health Care Service Delivery Alabama Workforce Team Member
- Helping States Support Families Caring for An Aging America Advisory Committee Member
- Elder Abuse Task Force
- Alabama Asthma Coalition
- Oral Health Coalition of Alabama (OHCA)
Carolyn Bern, MPA
Director of Governmental Affairs & Community Relations
Alabama Department of Public Health
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Mississippi
- Chapter President’s Award -

This award is given to an individual or group based on outstanding service and contributions to the planning profession. This award is selected and given by the Chapter President of APA Mississippi.
Chapter President’s Award

Shelly Johnstone, AICP

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Student Poster Session
Special Thanks to our Sponsors
Congratulations to our Newest AICP Members

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A Big Thanks to the Conference Committee

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Mac Martin, AL Chapter President
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