



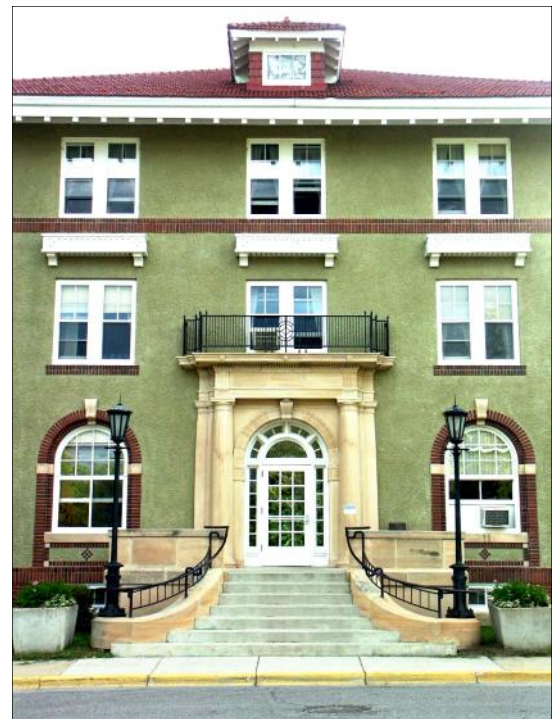
Minn West Technology Campus

Bruce Peterson, AICP
Director of Planning and Development Services
City of Willmar

The Minn West Technology Campus in Willmar occupies the site of the former Willmar Regional Treatment Center that was founded nearly 100 years ago. It is a beautiful example of the re-use of a defunct public facility for purposes of private enterprise. To the casual passer-by, not much has visibly changed. But, the purpose and use of the site has been changed dramatically. What used to be a facility for the treatment of chemical dependency and mental illness is now a growing, thriving technology park for bio-science research and development, as well as for manufacturing and support services.

As of this writing, the 110-acre campus is home to twenty businesses and over 260 employees. Major campus tenants include Nova Tech Engineering and Life-Science Innovations, the two companies that purchased the property from the State of Minnesota in 2006. Other tenants include a number of technology and biotechnology ventures, civil and agricultural engineering businesses, and a variety of professional support businesses. The entire site is a JOBZ sub-zone offering real estate and corporate tax breaks to qualifying businesses. Additional services available on-site include business incubation services, conference rooms, a robust IT/communications network, cafeteria, daycare center, and fitness center with gymnasium and pool.

To-date, over \$12.0 million has been invested in the acquisition and renovation of the campus and its buildings. The entire site is on the National Register of Historic Places, which creates challenges for building re-use and new construction. Spanish Colonial and Renaissance architecture dominates the former cottages and administration buildings, and has been replicated in the course of constructing new industrial facilities, as well as in all renovations.



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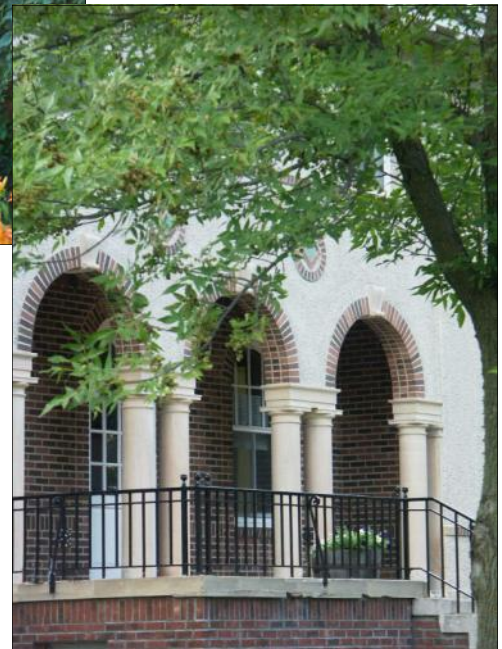
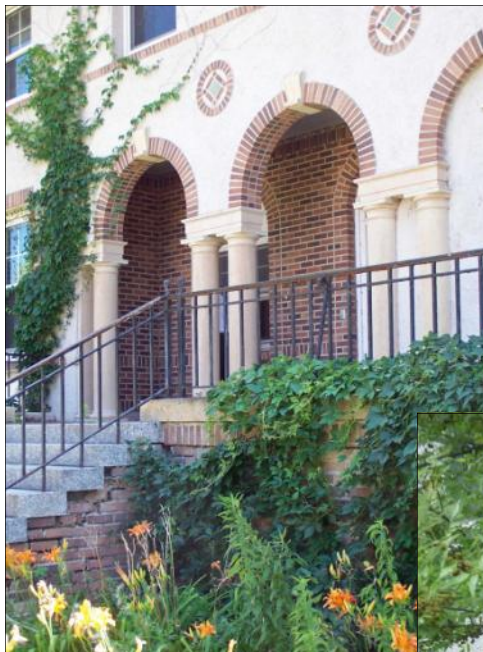
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A “coming attraction” is the Mid-Central Research and Outreach Center scheduled to be open later in 2011. Funded by a \$1.25 million grant from the State of Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, and matched by funds from the campus owners, the facility will become a hub of innovation for bio-science research and problem solving. Partners in the project include the campus owners, City of Willmar, University of Minnesota, and the MNSCU system. The Outreach Center is slated to become a major focal point on campus with up to 40 professors and graduate students assisting businesses with research and development. One of the Center’s primary goals is to bring intellectual property to the marketplace. Technology spin-offs will be accommodated on campus or in the expanded Willmar Industrial Park.

The City of Willmar and surrounding area is proud of the campus, its redevelopment efforts and historic preservation. It will help shape the economic future of west central Minnesota, as technology plays a greater role in its most dominant industry, agriculture.



Treasurer's Update: 2010 in review and the 2011 Budget

Adam Fulton, AICP
Minnesota Chapter Treasurer



When 2011 rolled around, I heard lots of cries saying good riddance to 2010. But financially, 2010 was not a bad year for the Minnesota Chapter. We collectively spent about \$4,000 less than we took in, improving reserve fund levels and allowing for a continued high level of programming and member outreach. Due to our strong reserves, the chapter was able to fund attendance at the state conference by several un/under employed members, continue website improvements, and maintain a strong level of up-to-date legislative information for members. Importantly, the Board also approved funding for an audit of the APA-MN books in 2010. Completed by Kern, DeWenter Viere, Ltd., the audit results showed that the chapter's books are accurate and offered recommendations for additional financial oversight. Recommendations from the audit have been taken up by the Board, which will act to create a finance committee to review the books in detail on a regular basis.

The 2011 budget generally holds spending at 2010 levels. It continues major regular outreach efforts, including the monthly newsletter, yearly conference, administrative support, and other critical but less publicized items such as the Gunnar Isberg Scholarship for planning students and funding to allow the chapter to nominate Minnesota chapter members for FAICP recognition. Membership dues fund the majority of the budget items.

A priority of the 2011 work plan is again providing funds to District Directors to allow for additional district-level programs, AICP certificate maintenance opportunities, and networking. These funds are provided as part of a board-approved program through the chapter's reserve fund, an expenditure directed by the reserve fund policy adopted by the Chapter Board

in 2009. If you have ideas for programming in your district, contact your District Director and make the suggestion! Educational opportunities have the biggest impact when they relate directly to the unique planning issues faced in different parts of the state – whether landfill issues in the northeast or infrastructure issues in the southwest. As always, if you have any budget questions, or are interested in learning more about the chapter's finances, feel free to contact me at afulton@stlouispark.org.

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APA Minnesota Brown Bag Lunch Event Featuring: *Smart House Livable Community, Your Future*

Presented by Lyn Bruin and Diane Sprague

When: Tuesday, May 17, 2011 from 12:00 to 1:30pm

Where: Goldstein Museum of Design, 241 McNeal Hall, 1985 Buford Ave, University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus. McNeil Hall is northwest of the intersection of Buford and Gortner Avenues. Park at the Gortner Avenue ramp, 1395 Gortner Ave. (\$3/hour) or at the State Fairgrounds lot to the east of the Continuing Education and Conference Center (\$3.75/day).

<http://www1.umn.edu/pts/maps/Library/pdf/StPaul.pdf>

About the event: The first of 70 million Baby Boomers turn age 65 this year. The size and impact of this post-World War II generation challenge America's resources, communities, and concepts of what it is to be a "senior." Aging boomers' desires to continue living independently will place major demands on the homes and communities in which they live. Innovative design and assistive technology can respond to these demands, and community planners can learn more about possible options by attending a brown bag at this exhibition.



The exhibition is a model of a 1960s-era home in which owners Jim and Sarah, a fictional, mid-60s couple, raised their family and lived for decades. They recently renovated the home so they can continue enjoying their active, engaged lifestyle for many years. The exhibition's co-curator will give planners a guided tour where they can see and test an array of useful personal technology and redesigned home features. The couple also provide notes and brief videos in various parts of the home highlighting their process in deciding where and how to renovate and what features they now particularly appreciate. In addition to the tour, planners will hear a presentation profiling design and funding resources, and outreach strategies, that can assist couples like Jim and Sarah in their communities.

About the presenters: **Lyn Bruin** is the exhibit co-curator leading the tour. She is an Associate Professor of Housing Studies in the College of Design at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Bruin's areas of interest/activity include: affordable housing and neighborhoods, homeownership initiatives, family housing decisions and housing policy, housing for aging populations and residential satisfaction.

Diane Sprague will provide the presentation on resources and outreach strategies. She directs the *Lifetime Home Project*, which promotes accessible/universal design, home telehealth and innovative living arrangements in "communities for a lifetime."

Attendees are welcome to bring their lunches to the event; beverages will be provided. Please RSVP to Matthew Parent at matthew.parent@co.anoka.mn.us by **Thursday, May 12th, 2011**.



Community Planning Assistance Teams

The Community Planning Assistance Team (CPAT) initiative is an AICP component of a broader APA Community Assistance Program. By pairing a multidisciplinary team of expert urban planning professionals from around the country with residents and other stakeholders from local communities, the place-based initiative seeks to foster community education, engagement, and empowerment. Each team member is selected for the specific expertise needed on the project.

Through a coordinated, collaborative effort with community members, key stakeholders, and relevant decision makers, the team develops a framework or vision plan that promotes a sustainable, livable, economically vibrant, and healthy urban environment.

Projects are highly focused efforts because of the time constraints on pro bono team members. They may vary from economic development strategies, transit-oriented developments, parks/waterfronts, and urban design guidelines to affordable housing, sustainability plans, and water management issues.

Background

Community assistance is built into the professional role of a certified planner. One principle of the [AICP Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct](#) states that certified planners shall aspire to "seek social justice by working to expand choice and opportunity for all persons, recognizing a special responsibility to plan for the needs of the disadvantaged and to promote racial and economic integration." Another principle is that certified planners should aspire to "contribute time and effort to groups lacking in adequate planning resources and to voluntary professional activities."

In the early 1990s, the American Planning Association took aim at the issue of social equity in planning and development. In recognition of the key role urban and regional planners



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play in shaping vibrant, sustainable, and equitable communities, the APA Board of Directors established the "Community Planning Team" initiative in 1995. This resulted in a successful pro bono effort to assist an economically struggling African American community in North Carolina. AICP has continued to develop pro bono planning initiatives that provide assistance to communities in need.

In 2005, program efforts were notably increased after the tragic and devastating effects of Hurricane Katrina the Gulf Coast Region. APA immediately embarked on a number of initiatives and projects, including Planning Assistance Teams in the affected cities of Henderson Point, Mississippi, and Mandeville and Slidell in Louisiana.

Application Periods

Team Member Applications

If you are an APA member and have a desire to join a CPAT Team, please [submit an application](#). Team member applications are always accepted.

Community Applications

The CPAT initiative currently holds two annual application cycles for communities seeking planning-related assistance. If your community has a project suitable for a CPAT, [download the application](#) and submit it during one of the open application periods. Applications must be post-marked or emailed by the application deadline. **Next application period deadline:** June 21, 2011.

Project Timelines

While the specifics of every project will be different, provided below is an abbreviated example of a typical timeline of a CPAT project. APA staff will work with each selected community to determine the timeline for their unique

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project. A more detailed timeline is included with the community application. Project timelines typically consist of three main stages:

1. Organization of materials and preliminary assessment of project site (team briefing book preparation)
2. The team's on-site visit (community meetings, media releases, preliminary report)
3. Follow-up and final report.

Month 1 (following official selection of community project):

- APA staff and community contact person(s) discuss project in more detail; identify all stakeholders and compile a contact list; finalize dates for the team leader visit and the team's visit.
- Community contact person begins gathering and preparing materials for a team briefing book.

Month 2:

- Team leader and APA staff make a site visit to community. Community contact person organizes a meeting during visit with stakeholders.
- Complete team is selected based on the expertise needs of the project.

Month 3:

- Community contact person(s) finalizes Team briefing book.
- Team visits community (3 to 5 days) and presents preliminary findings to community on final day of visit.

Months 4 to 6:

- Team works independently on final report.

Month 7:

- Final report is completed.

Call for Experts: Want to be a Team Member?

New applications are always welcomed. Accepted applicants are entered into a database of potential candidates. [Team Member Application \(pdf\)](#)

Visit [APA's FAQ page](#) and click on "Community Planning Assistance Teams (CPAT)" for answers to frequently asked questions about the program.

Is your APA member profile up-to-date?

Is it time for you to renew your APA membership? Before you do this, you should review the information in your member record. Your accurate member record helps APA operate efficiently and, since that is the membership information used by your Minnesota Chapter, it ensures that APA-MN and National APA can send news and information to you in a timely manner.

To view your member profile, [log in to APA's website](#) with your APA ID and password. Select "Renew" and review all the information on your Invoice page. Please pay particular attention to your subscriptions, division memberships, and salary range (for members with salary-based dues). Just make any necessary changes to your profile information and log out. Any changes you made will be saved.

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National appreciates your membership in APA and hopes you choose to renew for another year. Because they're always trying to serve members better, they're asking you to take a few minutes to complete a brief [member satisfaction survey](#). Your input will help them improve benefits and services for all members.





22nd Annual Transportation Research Conference

May 24 and 25, 2011

[St. Paul Crowne Plaza Hotel](#)

11 East Kellogg Boulevard

Saint Paul, MN 55101

The conference acts as a forum for researchers and practitioners from Minnesota and the Upper Midwest to share their research findings in a variety of transportation-related areas. Concurrent sessions are focused in four categories that match the Center’s research emphasis areas—Transportation Safety and Traffic Flow, Transportation Infrastructure, Transportation and the Economy, and Transportation Planning and the Environment—with a fifth category covering Education and Outreach issues.

Opening Session: *P3s-Public Private Partnerships? Or, Peripatetic Pain in the Pants?*

• **Tuesday, May 24, 8:30am to 10:00am**

As state governments struggle to meet growing transportation infrastructure needs, leveraging existing resources through the use of public-private partnerships (P3s) has become increasingly attractive. P3s are agreements that allow private companies to take on traditionally public roles in infrastructure projects while keeping the public sector accountable for a project and the overall service to the public.

Adrian Moore, Vice President of Research at the Reason Foundation, will discuss the role P3s might play in Minnesota’s transportation future. He will review trends in transportation P3s and what drives them, examine the pros and cons of P3s, describe current innovations and evolutions in P3s and discuss how P3s are being used and what crucial elements help them succeed.



Adrian Moore

Luncheon Presentation: *Driven Apart*

• **Tuesday, May 24, 11:45am to 1:30pm**

Driven Apart offers a new view of the relationship between transportation performance and urban development patterns. The report says compact cities are the real answer to reducing traffic delays and lays out an alternative set of accessibility-based measures of urban transportation performance that provide a better guide to policymakers.

Joe Cortright, Economist with Impresa and senior adviser to CEOs for Cities, will share highlights from *Driven Apart: How Sprawl is Lengthening Our Commutes and Why Misleading Mobility Measures are Making Things Worse* at the conference luncheon.



Joe Cortright

Credit

A request for AICP Certification Maintenance credits has been submitted for the opening plenary presentation, luncheon plenary presentation and many other conference sessions. A list of the sessions approved for credit will be posted on the [event web page](#) when it becomes available.

Registration

Cost: May 24 and 25: **\$180** May 24 luncheon presentation, only: **\$30**
 May 24 (one day): **\$140** Student (both days): **\$20**
 May 25 (one day): **\$80** Speaker/Moderator: **\$100**

[Register](#)

[Conference web page](#)



Planners' Day at the Capitol

Friday April 15, 2011



American Planning Association Minnesota Chapter Minnesota Association of County Planning and Zoning Administrators

Laws made in St. Paul can have a profound effect on the practice of planning, the health of our communities, and the environment throughout Minnesota. Planners need to understand the issues, know how the law-making process works and be able to engage in that process when needed. Legislators, in turn, need to hear from planners about important issues and challenges we face as professionals working throughout Minnesota. Attend the brown bag session, and learn where to find your legislators' offices and how they conduct a hearing on bills. You will also learn firsthand how a bill is shaped into law before passage. Then, attend a roundtable program to hear an important update on the Minnesota Planning Enabling Law Reform Initiative spearheaded by the APA MN and MACPZA Legislative Committees. An interactive discussion is planned between key committee legislators and planners on the need for reform of Minnesota's planning and zoning enabling laws. Learn about the reasons behind the main goal and objectives of this initiative and how we can work together to make it happen. The program will wrap up with complimentary hors d'oeuvres, and all are welcome to attend this year's interesting and informative program.

Program Schedule

- 11:30 Tour House of Representatives & State Office Building**
Meet in House Room 500 South State Office Building –
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
- 12:30 Brown Bag and Legislative Process 101**
Annalee Garletz, AICP, Policy Analyst & Joe Mathews, General Government
Policy Analyst Association of Minnesota Counties
- 1:30 Update on Joint APA Minnesota and MACPZA Planning Enabling Law**
Reform & other key planning bills before the 2011 Legislature
Andrew Mack, AICP & Bob Patton, AICP APA-MN Legislative Committee
Co-Chairs - House Room 500 South
- 2:00 Legislative Roundtable Program**
Presentation on State Planning Enabling Law Reform Initiative
APA MN & MACPZA Legislative Committee Chairs and roundtable discussion with
invited legislators - House Room 500 South
- 4:00 Social Gathering Hors d'oeuvres**
Provided compliments of APA Minnesota and MACPZA
Kelly Inn 161 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul, (free parking at LMC, AMC or Sears) two
blocks SW of the State Capitol
Map of the capitol complex for the State Office Building may be found at:
http://www.admin.state.mn.us/pmd/maps/sob_detail.pdf

Application pending for 4.5 CM Law Credit

For more information about this program please contact:
Andrew Mack at 218-759-3582 or Mark Erickson at 320-523-3702

Sustainable Community Forum: Greening the Building Code

When: April 5th, 2011 from 12:00 to 1:30pm

Where: [Roseville City Council Chambers](#),
2660 Civic Center Drive, Roseville, MN 55113

Cost: Free, please feel free to bring a bag lunch if you would like.

Applied for 1.5 APA CM credits

About: The Minnesota Chapter of the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) hosts quarterly Sustainable Communities Forum to support communities in their sustainability efforts. The greening of the building code has arrived with the creation of the International Green Building Code and National Green Building Standards. Join **Nick Carver**, Assistant Building Official for the City of Maplewood, for an overview of both codes and learn how they work in tandem with other green rating systems like LEED. Find out how jurisdictions can customize a green building program through the use of the minimum standards, special jurisdictional requirements and project electives. Minnesota examples of implementation will highlight cost-effective strategies for implementation.

Speaker: **Nick Carver** has been the Assistant Building Official for the City of Maplewood since 1987. He has been active in the development of green building codes through his role as the Chairmain for the Green Building/Energy Code Development Committee and as Secretary for the Regional III International Code Development Committee. In addition to being a State of Minnesota certified Building Official, he is internationally certified as a Commercial Building Official and Plans Examiner, as well as in Green Building Standards.

Registration is taken by the USGBC at <http://www.usgbcminn.org/event-detail/?id=402>.

For more information or questions, please contact Rita Trapp from HKGi at either rita@hkgi.com or 612-252-7135.

APA MN Legislative Committee Update



How to Review all Planning Related Bills on the APA-MN Chapter Website

Things are happening quickly, now, at the Capitol. Bills are coming out of committees, budgets are being discussed and new laws will be on the books soon.

To stay in touch with what is happening in the 2011 Legislature, just check the APA-MN website. Information on planning related bills and their status introduced in the 2011 Session can be viewed at:

http://www.mnapa.com/legislative_committee.php

To review bill language or the current status on a bill in the session from this page, just open the current Tracking Spread Sheet for House and Senate and then just click on the bill link. Look for more updates, soon.



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Friday, April 15, 2011

100 Rapson Hall and courtyard

5-7pm Alumni reunion and exhibition reception

7-8pm Alumni and student Great Idea! Exchange on Safe Routes to School in North Minneapolis

8-8.30pm Great Idea! Award voting and announcement

Register at z.umn.edu/Remix

Presented by Juxtaposition Arts, UMN Department of Landscape Architecture and College of Design, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, and funded by the UMN Imagine Fund: Supported by a Generous Donation from the McKnight Foundation.

Upcoming Issues of *planning minnesota* to Highlight Work of Consultants

Focus on Contributions of Planning Consultants

This year, the Newsletter Editors want to bring a focus to a special part of our planning community. We want to highlight the many and varying contributions of consultants to the world of planning. For those of us who need to study a specialty, have a specific project, need to extend our staff, but cannot do so permanently, consultants can be just the right answer.

Planning Consultants are available everywhere in the state. Some are part of small firms, others are part of very large firms, many are members of our Minnesota Chapter of APA and many have received their AICP certification.

These consultants provide expertise in a variety of topics: environmental, transportation, long-range planning, zoning, comprehensive plans, neighborhood plans, downtown plans, ordinance writing, grant writing and many, many other topics. They are experts in small town, rural community, developed city, township, county and state-wide planning topics.

We would like to highlight the work and contributions of consultants over a series of 3 of 4 editions of the newsletter. If you are a consultant, or have worked with a consultant who you think should be highlighted, let us know.

CONSULTANTS: *Please send an email to newsletter@mnapa.com to request a form that asks each consulting firm to respond to specific questions and provides guidelines on photos and exhibits to include when we highlight your firm.*

**Deadline for Consultant Submittals
May 15, 2011**

Guest Writers Wanted

We're looking for some new writers with some different perspectives on planning.

Are you a consultant? An environmental planner? A small town planner?

Do you work for a city? A township? A state agency? An MPO?

Is there something you'd like to say to all the planners in the state?

Is there something you know about that you think *other* planners should know about?

Here's your chance! Pick a topic; write up 300 to 1,000 words on that topic; throw in a picture or a graphic or two if you can; and send it to us for the newsletter. We'll publish it and provide your name in the byline. Think about it. It's not a long term commitment, just a one-time request—an opportunity—for you to share knowledge important to you with other planners. Submit your article (don't forget the pictures) to us via email at newsletter@mnapa.com and we'll publish your column (sounds nice, doesn't it—*your column*).

Still have questions? Let us know. Contact Kate Garwood at kate.garwood@co.anoka.mn.us or at 763-862-4230. Please consider being a columnist for **planning minnesota**. Your fellow planners want to hear from you!

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Employment Opportunities

Job Title: Community Development Director/
Planner/Zoning Administrator

Location: Princeton, MN

Salary Range: \$47,542 to \$59,429

Link: <http://www.princetonmn.org> (Under "City Jobs")

Contact: Mark Karnowski
City of Princeton
705 2nd Street North
Princeton, MN 55371
763-389-2040
mark@princetonmn.org

Deadline: Open until filled

Job Description

Things are happening in Princeton and we need a community development specialist to keep things moving in the right direction! Princeton (pop. 4,700) is accepting applications for a community development director/planner/zoning administrator to promote economic stability and growth in the City of Princeton.

Minimum Qualifications

If you have a Bachelor's degree with major coursework in planning, public administration or a related field and at least three years of applicable work experience, please contact us for a complete position description and an application packet .

Application Instructions:

Contact Princeton City Hall by calling (763) 389-2040 or by emailing mark@princetonmn.org.

Job Title: RFP/Planning Services

Location: Ramsey, MN

Link: <http://www.cityoframsey.com/>

Contact: Tim Gladhill, Sr. Planner
7550 Sunwood Drive NW
Ramsey, MN 55303
Phone: 763-576-4308
tgladhill@ci.ramsey.mn.us

Deadline: April 8, 2011

Job Description

The City of Ramsey is seeking proposals for planning and zoning services.

Application Instructions:

Please see RFP for more information:

<http://www.cityoframsey.com/Documents/CMS/commdev/planning/ElectronicPosting.pdf>.

Proposals must be submitted electronically.

NOTE

Beginning April 1st, we will no longer be waiving the \$25 fee for members to post a job or RFP ad on the website or in the newsletter. Thanks to those who took advantage of the free postings during the last year.



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Are you interested in affordably gaining additional skilled capacity in your planning office and mentoring a prospective planner? If so, you might consider engaging a Landscape Planning student at the University of Minnesota (UM) as an intern for a minimum of 250 hours.

Who are the Interns?

The interns are students in an *undergraduate* UM major called Landscape Planning. The major is located in the College of Design. Graduates of this program are employable as Planning Technicians in public and private planning offices. They are **required** to complete a 250-hour internship typically in the summer between their junior and senior years. The internship is an opportunity to work in a professional environment under the guidance of a planning professional. It is a transitional step between students' education and their professional careers.

What skills and understandings do the interns possess?

Before their internship, students will have completed 57 credit hours of course work in Geography and Planning, as well as Environmental Design. Students will have strong skills and know how to:

- Draw and sketch for Environmental Design, including hand rendering and applying various components of Adobe Creative Suites 4™ (e.g. InDesign and Photoshop).
- Use ArcGIS™ geographic information systems technology in various spatial analysis and cartographic representational capacities.
- Analyze environmental information important to community and regional planning and integrate these analyses into development of various types of planning documents.
- Gather and analyze information relevant to routine issues in planning administration (e.g. site plan review and zoning variance requests).
- Examine the implications of planning proposals, using various criteria for evaluating social and physical impacts.

What are my responsibilities as an Internship Supervisor?

Students work with their prospective planning internship supervisors and a faculty member to construct an internship work program that meets the needs of the prospective internship supervisor as well as the student. While intern compensation varies by organization, the National Association of Colleges and Employers reports that typical interns receive \$16 per hour. Your obligation would be to supervise the intern's completion of job responsibilities outlined in an internship agreement and to complete a one-page questionnaire regarding your evaluation of the intern's performance.

How do I get more information?

If you are interested in engaging an intern, or if you think it might be a good idea but have some questions, we invite you to contact Professor Brad Agee (ageex004@umn.edu) and to register your internship interest at UM Goldpass (goldpass.umn.edu). We are interested in establishing longer-term relationships with planning offices and planning firms who find the Landscape Planning Internship program to be useful to their operations. We hope to optimize the value of the internship program to local practitioners as well as to the students and our curriculum.

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For updates and more event details, visit MnAPA.com and click on **Member Events**.

Tuesday, April 5 **Sustainable Community Forum: Greening the Building Code** (see p. 9)

12:00 noon to 1:30pm. Where: Roseville City Council Chambers ([map](#)), 2660 Civic Center Drive, Roseville. Cost: Free; please feel free to bring a bag lunch if you would like. The Minnesota Chapter of the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) hosts quarterly Sustainable Communities Forum to support communities in their sustainability efforts. The greening of the building code has arrived with the creation of the International Green Building Code and National Green Building Standards. Join Nick Carver, Assistant Building Official for the City of Maplewood, for an overview of both codes and learn how they work in tandem with other green rating systems like LEED. Find out how jurisdictions can customize a green building program through the use of the minimum standards, special jurisdictional requirements and project electives. Minnesota examples of implementation will highlight cost-effective strategies for implementation.

Speaker: **Nick Carver** has been the Assistant Building Official for the City of Maplewood since 1987. He has been active in the development of green building codes through his role as the Chairmain for the Green Building/Energy Code Development Committee and as Secretary for the Regional III International Code Development Committee. In addition to being a State of Minnesota certified Building Official, he is international certified as a Commercial Building Official and Plans Examiner, as well as in Green Building Standards. Registration is taken by the USGBC at <http://www.usgbcmn.org/event-detail/?id=402>. For more information or questions, please contact Rita Trapp from HKGI at either rita@hkqi.com or 612-252-7135. Applied for 1.5 APA CM credits

Thursday, April 7 **Advanced Planning and Zoning Workshop for Professional Planners**

8:30am to 12:30pm (check-in 8:00 am). Minnesota Counties Intergovernmental Trust (MCIT) Building 100 Empire Drive, St. Paul. To Register: www.mngts.org. Download pdf for more details [here](#).

Thursday, April 14 **Brown Bag Lunch: Access to Destinations Study**

12:00 noon to 1:30pm. Presented by **Dr. David Levinson** at University of Minnesota, Room 1130 of the Mechanical Engineering Building. <http://www1.umn.edu/twincities/maps/MechE/>

Access to Destinations is an interdisciplinary research and outreach effort coordinated by the Center for Transportation Studies at the University of Minnesota, with support from sponsors including the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Hennepin County, the Metropolitan Council and the McKnight Foundation.

The Access to Destinations Study takes a new approach to understanding how people use the transportation system, and how transportation and land use interact. At the heart of this approach is the concept of accessibility: the ability of people to reach the destinations that they need to visit in order to meet their needs. By focusing on "accessibility," rather than simple congestion measures, the Access to Destinations Study aims to produce a more complete and meaningful picture of transportation and its role in our lives. This presentation will discuss the research and results of this five year study, along with a newly created online mapping tool to help those who make transportation and land-use decisions in the Twin Cities region capture variations in accessibility to different types of destinations for travelers who drive, bike, walk, or use transit. To learn more about accessibility and its role in the Access to Destinations Study, visit <http://www.cts.umn.edu/access-study/>.

About Dr. David Levinson: David Levinson's current research focuses on understanding the process of network growth, evaluating transportation technology and policy and modeling travel behavior. He teaches courses in Transportation Policy, Planning, and Deployment, Transportation Systems Analysis, Transportation and Land Use, Transportation Economics and Transportation Engineering. He is the director of the Nexus research group, exploring issues related to networks, economics, and urban systems, and is a co-leader of the interdisciplinary Access to Destinations Study. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch to this event. Please RSVP to Matthew Parent at matthew.parent@co.anoka.mn.us by Tuesday, April 12th.



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Friday, April 15 **Great Idea Exchange at the College of Design** (see p. 10)

Come cast your vote on your favorite idea around **Safe Routes to School in North Minneapolis**, meet with recent College of Design alumni that have done work in North Minneapolis, and enjoy a reception and exhibition of past and present **ReMix/Streetlife** student work. Join us for a celebration of six years of collaboration: Friday, April 15, 2011 in 100 Rapson Hall and courtyard. Register at z.umn.edu/Remix.

5-7pm Alumni reunion and exhibition reception

7-8pm Alumni and student Great Idea! Exchange on Safe Routes to School in North Minneapolis

8-8.30pm Great Idea! Award voting and announcement.

Presented by Juxtaposition Arts, UMN Department of Landscape Architecture and College of Design, Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, and funded by the UMN Imagine Fund: Supported by a Generous Donation from the McKnight Foundation.

Wednesday, April 27 **Twins Game**

Gathering at the Loop Bar is at 5:15 pm - first pitch is at 7:10 pm. Loop bar location: 606 Washington Ave N (<http://www.theloopmpls.com/>). Parking: We always suggest taking transit. But if you drive, you are on your own for parking. Reservations: Reserve your ticket by emailing Lisa Wittman at wittman@goldenvalleymn.gov. Payment: Checks should be made payable (within one week of your reservation) to APA Minnesota and sent to Lisa Wittman, City of Golden Valley, 7800 Golden Valley Road, Golden Valley, MN 55427.

If you have questions, please contact Mark Grimes at 763-593-8095 or mgrimes@goldenvalleymn.gov.

Monday, May 2 to Wednesday, May 4 **The ABCs of Form-based Codes & FBC 301: Completing, Adopting and Administering the Code**

Location: Portland Public Library Rines Auditorium, 5 Monument Square, Portland, Maine 04101

Please check out the website for more information: <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/default.aspx?EventID=946683>.

Tuesday, May 31 **Call for Session Proposals - Upper Midwest APA Conference**

This year, APA Iowa is pleased to be hosting the Upper Midwest APA Conference, **MOTATE - Transportation and Mobility in the Green Era**, hosted annually by Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin and Minnesota APA State Chapters. This year's event will be held **October 19-21, 2011 in Davenport**.

At this time, the Conference Planning Committee is accepting **Session Proposals** for individuals/groups interested in presenting at the conference or conducting mobile tours at the conference. Detailed information, including the session proposal forms are available on the APA Iowa website at, <http://www.iowa-apa.org/events/conference-information.html>.

Session proposals are due back to the conference committee by May 31, 2011.





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