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Heading North for the conference

Have you ever considered how lucky we are to have such a strong tradition of stellar, state planning conferences? In my dealings with national chapter presidents, I have discovered that our conference is one of the best. Being well attended by around 500 members/speakers and offering over 55 regular sessions, 7 mobile workshops, 15 speed sessions, and more social/networking activities than ever, I challenge you to find a better, more informational (yet fun!) conference in Minnesota.

This year, we are “Heading North” to the beautiful city of Bemidji to their new Sanford Center. Highlights of the conference include the fun and informative mobile tours (there are 7 this year!), which offers a chance to explore and learn about great planning initiatives in Bemidji. Use the city as a laboratory and get out there!

Check out the rest of the great program lineup at www.plannersconference.com!

Of course, we could not have the premier state conference we do without the tireless assistance of Peg Schmid, our volunteer co-chairs Kristina Nesse and Jeff Thomson, and all of our committee volunteers — a special THANK YOU for your hard work to ensure a successful conference! If you see them, be sure to thank them for the work.

If you haven’t signed up, there’s still time to take advantage of the chance to visit Bemidji on September 23rd through the 25th. I hope to see you there.

Breanne Rothstein, AICP
President, APA-MN

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Redevelopment in Mankato

City Center Renaissance
The city of Mankato serves as a major regional center and is designated as a Metropolitan Statistical Area which has earned several livability awards. Due to low office and energy costs along with a productive workforce, Mankato sits as one of the least expensive places to do business in the upper Midwest, and when coupled with the city’s efforts on revitalization, significant private investment has been realized.

Revitalization of Mankato’s City Center can be attributed to the city’s planning efforts and vision for downtown revitalization, local government commitment of investing in public infrastructure, providing financial incentives, and organizing stakeholder involvement to sustain long-term plans.

In 2005, the city renewed its strategic plan and an identified goal emerged for downtown revitalization - City Center Renaissance. In August 2006, the City Council appointed a City Center Renaissance Stakeholder Task Force charged with the review and revitalization of planning practices within the City Center. The City Center Renaissance Plan was completed in June of 2007 which outlined twelve planning principles and continues to guide revitalization efforts in Mankato’s City Center. One of the identified planning principles outlined redevelopment areas including Old Town, Sibley Parkway, downtown core, and scattered site redevelopment.

Old Town
Old Town is situated along a portion of North Riverfront Drive. The redevelopment focus for Old Town includes building rehabilitation, streetscaping (new lighting, trees, planters, and benches), signalization improvements, and parking. The city offers various types of loans for building rehabilitation and has assisted with 22 building renovations in the Old Town area. The city of Mankato also assisted property owners along the 300 block of North Riverfront Drive to form a parking association to address the need of parking. The off-street parking located behind the commercial buildings and situated along an alley was reconfigured to better utilize available space including a city owned lot leased to the parking association. The property owners along the 300 block of North Riverfront Drive submitted a petition to the city for parking improvements to be assessed to the parking association as a means to finance the improvements.

Sibley Parkway
The Sibley Parkway area is situated on the west side of Mankato along the Minnesota River and has a long history of industrial and commercial uses. The city of Mankato received two Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Redevelopment Grants ($900,000 for phase one and $780,419 for phase two) to fund needed infrastructure improvements, including streets and utilities, in order to support private redevelopment. Tax increment financing and special assessments were also utilized to fund infrastructure improvements. The total cost for infra-
structure improvements totaled approximately $5 million.

The first phase of redevelopment included the area south of Highway 169 which is the site of a former concrete plant. The associated buildings have been demolished and removed except one. As a result of infrastructure improvements, construction of a $7.9 million apartment building with 60 affordable units was developed by Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership. In 2013, a planned unit development to allow 24 attached single-family dwellings was approved by the City Council along Sibley Parkway and in 2014, nine attached single-family dwelling units were approved. More recently, the City Council approved a planned unit development in June of 2015 to allow six detached single-family dwellings and 17 attached single-family dwellings on the site of the former concrete plant.

The second phase for Sibley Parkway included improving access to 23 acres of existing development and three acres of vacant land. The city's former mass transit facility underwent $2.5 million in renovations and is now the new home of the Children's Museum of Southern Minnesota.

Downtown Core

In 1977, a portion of South Front Street was enclosed to form the Mankato Place Mall as a reaction to the extensive relocation of area retail in the 1960s. The need for connectivity improvements was spelled out in the City Center Renaissance Plan. The City Center Partnership (CCP) established Front Street Connectivity as a priority for 2012 leading a collaborative process with the city of Mankato to gather conceptual ideas and consensus around a new pedestrian focused Front Street corridor. The plan addresses connectivity issues including signage, plazas, and street design. As a result of the plan, sidewalks along South Front Street were widened to allow sufficient room for sidewalk patios, trees, benches, and pedestrian safety was improved by adding bumpouts and accentuated crosswalks at intersections and midblock. These improvements help to create a vibrant place which has triggered additional private investment and interest in Mankato's City Center.

The city also amended existing design guidelines and established a downtown gateway overlay district which prescribes permitted materials, appropriate colors, reduces setbacks, provides guidance on signage and suggests landscaping and streetscaping.

Commercial Rehabilitation Program

The city has a commercial rehabilitation program which provides 0% interest, deferred loans, which are forgiven after 10 years of ownership. This funding mechanism requires a 50% match and eligible costs include windows, doors, and tuckpointing. There is a strong demand for this program and the city continuously has a waiting list. To date, 64 rehabilitation projects have been completed since 2003 and $1.78 million has been invested; $1.08 million from city funds and $700,000 through Community Development Block Grant funds.

City Center Renaissance Revolving Loan Fund

The city of Mankato has a revolving loan fund which provides 3% interest loans, up to a maximum of
$200,000. This program requires one job for every $20,000 borrowed and a 1/3 match.

Redevelopment Success

The largest private investment in Mankato's City Center in several decades is nearing completion. The Tailwind Group is finishing construction on a $30 million redevelopment project which encompasses nearly 70% of a city block and entails construction of a seven story office building, five story office building, and a five story mixed-use building. The two office buildings were constructed on vacant parcels along with a $10 million public parking ramp. Funding mechanisms utilized for the construction of the public parking ramp include tax increment generated from the office tower and mixed-use building, a Redevelopment Grant received from DEED, federal revolving loans previously approved for developing parking infrastructure, the city's economic development authority levy funds, loan to the developer and contributions made by the developer.

The Graif building at 3 Civic Center Plaza is also situated in Mankato's City center and underwent $2.28 million in renovations to the building with $300,000 of assistance. The Graif building held 40 jobs prior to the renovation and now has various offices, commercial and retail space along with 100 jobs post renovation.

The HECO building at 115 E. Hickory Street is another example of redevelopment success within Mankato's City Center. The HECO building was 75% vacant prior to its $2.5 million renovation and now is home to US Bank, ISG, and dwelling units. DEED Redevelopment Grant funds were utilized for this project as well and the city loaned funds to the developer through the city center renaissance RLF program. The renovated building now houses 90 full-time jobs.

The Northwest office building at 209 S. Second Street underwent a $1.3 million renovation and received a $400,000 loan from the city of Mankato. Upon completion of the renovation, 100 new jobs were created.

An expansion to the Verizon Wireless Civic Center is currently underway and totals $31 million. It is anticipated that $11 million in economic impact will be realized along with the creation of 10 new jobs and 450 construction jobs. The new auditorium addition will seat up to 2,500 people. The existing facilities will also undergo renovation to accommodate Minnesota State University, Mankato, hockey programs.

The redevelopment success the city of Mankato has experienced is attributed to a collaborative effort with the private sector and the city's investment in public infrastructure and financial incentives. Lessons learned include the need for a strong diverse vision for downtown revitalization, local government commitment of infrastructure to reinforce private sector investment, the importance to long term plans of targeting redevelopment beyond the downtown core, redevelopment grants and tax increment financing are critical to large redevelopment projects, and organizing stakeholder involvement is necessary to sustain long term plans.
Census Reporter

Census Reporter is a Knight News Challenge-funded project to make it easier for journalists to write stories using information from the U.S. Census bureau. Place profiles and comparison pages provide a friendly interface for navigating data, including visualizations for a more useful first look.

While designed for reporters, this interface can be helpful for anyone seeking to quickly access and use Census data. A range of Census data is available nationwide, at all levels of geography. It can be displayed in maps, tables, or graphs – or downloaded for additional analysis.
Pictures from the lawn bowling event at APA MN’s summer social on August 20, held at Brookview Golf Course in Golden Valley.
AIA Minnesota Convention

2015 AIA Minnesota Convention & Exposition
November 10-13, 2015
Minneapolis Convention Center
1301 2nd Ave. S., Minneapolis

YOU are invited to the single largest event for architects in Minnesota this year!
Earn continuing education credits via more than 50 exceptional programs
Network with 2,000+ architects and building industry professionals
Explore our FREE Exhibit Hall featuring more than 200 exhibiting companies
Discover the latest industry trends and technologies
Enjoy four days of sessions, speakers, and FUN!

Learn more at http://www.aia-mn.org/events/convention/

ALA Lunch with R. T. Rybak

Join ALA MN on September 22nd for a Lunch Meeting with former Mayor, R.T. Rybak

Topic: Overcoming the 7 Minneapolis Saint Paul Area Development Challenges – HSW
Time:  11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
Location: The Urban Growler, 2325 Endicott St., St. Paul, MN  55114

The Association of Licensed Architects (ALA) is pleased to have R.T. Rybak, dynamic former Minneapolis Mayor and current Executive Director of Generation Next as our September presenter. R.T. will give an inspiring presentation on how to overcome the 7 development challenges in the Minneapolis Saint Paul Area. After a distinguished career in journalism, commercial real estate, internet publishing and politics, R.T. isn't stopping one bit. He is now working to get all children “college and career” ready through Generation Next.
Cost: $40 Members / $50 Non-Members (Lunch is included)

APA Iowa Conference

Online registration is available today for our upcoming 2015 APA-Iowa Chapter Conference in October. Click here to register.

The 2015 APA-Iowa Chapter Conference, themed “Reinvest, Reimagine, Retain: Planning for Future Generations” will be held in Sioux City, Iowa on October 14-16, 2015 at the Sioux City Convention Center. This year’s event will be held in conjunction with the Iowa Association of Regional Councils (IARC). You can continue to expect the same high quality sessions and keynote speakers again this year along with special insights into recent Sioux City successes. IARC members will be able to attend a normal schedule of APA-IA sessions along with a brief separate IARC track the morning of October 14th. Detailed conference and hotel block information can be found on our website. We look for-
Call to action to promote walking

Surgeon General Murthy will be launching a Call to Action on Promoting Walking and Walkable Communities on September 9th at 10:00 a.m. ET. Details about how to watch the Webcast will be available on the Surgeon General’s website (http://www.surgeongeneral.gov) on the morning of September 9th.

The Call to Action will highlight the significant health burden that exists in the U.S. today due to physical inactivity — contributing to more than 10% of the preventable mortality in America today. More specifically, it will make recommendations to a number of key sectors about critical actions they can take to improve community walkability and increase walking throughout the U.S.

For more information about the larger effort, you can visit the Surgeon General’s website at: http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/priorities/active-living or you can visit the website of the coalition that is forming to collaborate on efforts to increase walking and walkability at: EveryBody Walk Collaborative! (http://everybodywalk.org/).

In addition you can contact Kate Kraft, the National Coalition Director, at kkraft@americawalks.org for more information.
2015 APA MN State Conference Sept. 23-25

Sanford Center in Bemidji

Diverse general sessions, speed sessions, mobile tours
Two Keynote Speakers--Michael Langley and Paul Douglas
Multiple Social Networking Events
Early Registration Closes Sept. 5

Visit the website at www.plannersconference.com for more information.

PLANNING with a TWIST
Pecha Kucha 15X20 Format

Monday, October 12th
7:00 to 8:30pm

The Coopers Tavern
20 W Mifflin St, Madison
upstairs, cash bar

A casual evening format to share an interesting project or planning experience with fellow planners.
Must have a planning theme__public, private, or student
Must include memorable aspect of planning
Must educate fellow planners
Must be 15 slides__auto-timed to 20 seconds each
Must illustrate it’s fun to be a planner!

Submit your ideas to Carolyn Esswein by September 7th
Carolyn@ccplanningsudio.com
8 ideas will be selected by September 15th, final presentations due October 1.
The Washington Post has published a map of maximum speed limits nationwide, based on the highest speed limit in each Census block group. Minnesota is one of the westernmost states with an overall lower speed limit – speeds are significantly higher across the Dakotas and other western states.
Upcoming Events and Webinars

APA National Election
The APA election is open through September 10, 2015 at 11:00 PM Central Time. APA members should have received direct personalized links to the online voting portal. Candidate information is available on the online ballot. Candidates also answered a questionnaire developed from questions submitted by APA Chapters and Divisions. If you would like to read their responses before voting, go to the APA elections website.

For technical support, please call 952-974-2339 or support@directvote.net. For other questions, please call 312-786-6372 or mwelch@planning.org.

National Planning Awards
APA is now accepting nominations for the 2016 National Planning Awards. The nomination period closes September 11, 2015.

All nominations must be submitted online. Visit the national APA website for more information and instructions on how to submit a nomination.

HUD Secretary’s Opportunity and Empowerment Award
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the American Planning Association (APA) are pleased to announce the 19th annual HUD Secretary's Opportunity and Empowerment Award. Part of APA's 2016 National Planning Awards, the award recognizes excellence in planning that has led to measurable improvements in employment, education, and/or housing choice outcomes for low- and moderate-income residents, with an emphasis on innovation and transferability.

Entries will be accepted until September 11, 2015 through online submission at the APA website.

The award will be presented at APA’s National Planning Conference to be held in April, 2016 in Phoenix, Arizona. The award recipient will be:

• Highlighted in a multimedia presentation at the conference;
• Featured in Planning magazine; and
• Presented in HUD User's Case Studies series.

Don't miss the opportunity to share your achievement in planning excellence!

APA Image Library
Recently, APA launched a new members-only Image Library of photographs you may download and use anytime, at no cost, on your websites and in your plans, presentations, publications, and more.

Only members have access to the APA Image Library, which features photos of infrastructure, transit, housing, commercial buildings, streetscapes, signs, parks, public spaces, natural environments, and other subjects. From residential to commercial uses, from urban environs to rural landscapes, the photos in our collection are sure to capture your planning focus.

Please take a moment to browse the growing collection. If you know just what you’re looking for, you’ll find it by using the library’s search function and content filters. Detailed information and guidelines for use are on the Image Library webpage.

Aging-in-Community Webinar
The Private Practice Division of the APA is sponsoring a free webinar entitled APA’s New Aging-in-Community Programs. The webinar will be held Friday, October 16, 2015, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CDT.

While aging in place enables older adults to live at home independently, Aging in Community promotes social capital—a sense of social connectedness and interdependence—with systems of support and caring to maximize one’s ability to remain at home in their community. Aging demographics challenge the shape of our policies, planning and physical environments. A 2010 Metlife survey of 1400 local governments revealed that limited progress has been made in undertaking a comprehensive assessment to create a livable community for all ages.

Planners play a key role in the provision of structures and services that support or hinder resident well-
Upcoming Events (cont.)

being, productivity, and prosperity. APA has developed a toolkit to help planners and public officials to address the unprecedented challenges of aging communities: a web portal of resources on ‘Aging and Livable Communities’; A policy guide on Aging in Community; a multigenerational planning framework for decision-making; and a new Planning Advisory Service report, Planning Age-Supportive Communities, with practical guidance to help communities develop aging-supportive programs. Leading players share the back stories behind the documents. CM | 1.5

Big Data and Small Communities Webinar
The Idaho Chapter of the APA is sponsoring a free webinar entitled Big Data and Small Communities: Opportunities and Challenges. The webinar will be held Friday, October 2, 2015, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CDT.

Nowadays a wide variety of data from the US Census Bureau is easily accessible for anybody to use and it is relatively easy to create impressive looking maps and flowcharts. But how reliable is this data and can we really use it to inform planning decisions? This program will highlight some of the issues with the data especially with regard to liability, comparability and data aggregation. In addition, the program will briefly discuss why these issues are even more relevant when you use third party software. CM | 1.5

Community Development Webinar
The Mississippi Chapter of the APA is sponsoring a free webinar entitled Integrated Community Development and Planning: Resident Engagement, Neighborhood Assessments and Evidence-Based Outcomes. The webinar will be held Friday, September 11, 2015, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CDT.

The webcast presents an integrated approach to community development and planning through resident engagement. Discussions explore various strategies to involve residents in assessing conditions that may promote or impede community wellness. Areas for evaluative discussion include housing quality and affordability, social concerns, economic opportunities, infrastructure and environmental issues. The session offers participants the following: (1) Ideas specific to creating strong community-based organizations through resident engagement; (2) Suggestions about effective ways to involve community residents in assessment activities; (3) A list of possible community conditions to evaluate, and (4) Instructions on teaching community members how to conduct assessments and document findings. The webcast speaks to how community stakeholders, working collaboratively with planners, can optimize outcomes by incorporating diverse approaches to community development. CM | 1.5 (pending)

Award-Winning Sustainability Webinar
The Sustainable Communities Division of the APA is sponsoring a free webinar entitled Award-Winning Sustainability: Examples from the UK and US. The webinar will be held Friday, September 18, 2015, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CDT.

Winning isn’t everything, but we can often learn a lot from projects that have been deemed worthy of an award. This webinar will showcase projects that demonstrate how communities can function more sustainably, through the lens of award-winning (and award-nominated) projects. Simon Mills, head of Sustainable Development for the City of London, will discuss case studies from his book Sustainable Cities, which profiles selected winners and nominees of London’s 2013-14 Sustainable City Awards. Joining him will be Neil Angus, who will discuss the Devens Sustainable Housing Pilot Project, which won the 2015 Sustainable Development Project Award from the APA Sustainable Communities Division. Both speakers will discuss lessons learned from these case studies about what is needed to create sustainable communities. CM | 1.5 (pending)

Transportation Planning Webinar
The Transportation Planning Chapter of the APA is
Upcoming Events (cont.)
sponsoring a free webinar entitled Public Involvement for Transportation Planning. The webinar will be held Friday, September 25, 2015, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CDT.

The first portion of the webcast will focus on “Go Boston 2030: Imagining Our Transportation Future.” Go Boston 2030 is a City of Boston initiative to envision a bold transportation future for Boston for the next 5, 10, and 15 years. The 18-month process is being driven by data and steered through an unprecedented and inclusive public engagement process. Hear how the Boston Transportation Department developed their Vision Report through a “Question Campaign” and a “Visioning Lab” and about the process being planned for building an Action Plan the next phase of their community process.

The webcast’s next section will be “2035 Regional Transportation Plan: Using Web 2.0 Channels to Engage Stakeholders in Better Public Policy.” The increasing use of social-media tools in public outreach activities offers local governments and their regional planning organizations ways to connect with traditional and new audiences in areas of importance to their communities. Mary Beth Ikard, Social Media Coordinator the Nashville Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, will offer her thoughts on how to use Web 2.0 tools (namely, Facebook & Twitter) to engage stakeholders in what MPO leadership regards as bold, progressive improvements to Middle Tennessee’s governing transportation policies.

The final portion of the webcast will be “Innovative Strategies for Public Involvement: A Case Study of Tennessee Department of Transportation.” This will highlight findings from a grant funded research study from Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) and Federal Highways Administration (FHWA). This research study capitalizes on the unique and diverse expertise of the faculty team and research assistants assembled from Tennessee State University (TSU) and the University of Memphis (U of M).

OnTheMap Update
The U.S. Census Bureau recently released version 6.4.1 of the OnTheMap application, providing new insights into commuting patterns through 2013. Prior to this point, the site was current through 2011.


The 2013 statistics contain data for 48 states and the District of Columbia (Kansas and Massachusetts are not included). Along with the release in OnTheMap, the 2013 data have been made available for download as data files.

Additionally, OnTheMap for Emergency Management will be updated to reflect the 2013 data. Visit census.gov for more information on these updated data products and data tools.

Mapping Drought Severity
A new interactive map tool shows weekly drought designations by the U.S. Drought Monitor (USDM), which reports conditions across the country. The Drought Monitor publishes a weekly map that shows areas of the country that are in drought, using five classifications: “abnormally dry” (D0), which indicates areas going into or coming out of drought, and four levels of drought: “moderate” (D1), “severe” (D2), “extreme” (D3) and “exceptional” (D4).

Using the dropdown menu above the chart – or clicking a state on the map – will chart the drought conditions over time for the selected state or region. Clicking on the timeline or dragging the slider will update the map display to the selected week.

The U.S. Drought Monitor is jointly produced by the National Drought Mitigation Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the United States Department of Agriculture, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
Job Opportunities and RFPs

Job Title: Senior Planner
Hiring Agency: City of Rosemount
Web Link: http://www.ci.rosemount.mn.us/Jobs.aspx
Deadline: Open Until Filled, 1st review of applications on Sept. 3
Salary Range: $67,516 to $84,468 per year.

Job Description
The City of Rosemount, a fast-growing community in the southeast area of the Twin Cities, is accepting applications for Senior Planner. The Community is a mix of residential and industrial with a goal of attracting additional commercial development. Approximately 2/3 of the city is undeveloped and includes the UMore area, 5,000 acres owned by the University of MN with an approved concept plan for a mixed use project. The position will be responsible for reviewing and preparing reports about development and land use applications, meeting with developers and residents regarding planning and zoning issues, primary staff liaison to the Planning Commission, aids in economic development activities, and works on special projects benefiting the City.

Minimum qualifications: Bachelor’s Degree in Urban/City Planning, Urban Studies, Public Administration, Geography, or closely related field. At least five years of increasingly responsible planning or related experience; a Master’s Degree can substitute for one year of experience. Also must have a valid driver’s license, and ability to successfully pass a background check.

Application Instructions
To apply, call (651) 322-2051, go online at www.ci.rosemount.mn.us, or visit City Hall, 2875 W. 145th St., Rosemount, MN 55068. Position is open until filled; the first review of applications will be on September 3, 2015. EOE.

Request for Proposal: Grandview District Transportation Study
Hiring Agency: City of Edina
Deadline: Sept. 4, 2015 at 1 p.m.
Salary Range: NA

Description
The City of Edina is issuing this Request for Proposal (RFP) for the transportation planning and preliminary engineering services for the Grandview area (see study area map).

The selected firm will work with City of Edina staff and decision makers to identify challenges and opportunities, and will evaluate previously-recommended transportation changes and offer additional recommendations. An analysis of motorized and non-motorized transportation networks will be conducted, with a focus on connecting adjacent neighborhoods to and through the Grandview area. The selected firm will also develop preliminary designs for facilities that require coordination with other agencies (i.e. Vernon Avenue and Highway 100 ramps). Meetings with the public, City elected and appointed officials and the business community are expected.

Application Instructions
All proposals should be submitted either via email or hard copy to Mark Nolan at the contact information provided. All proposals must be received no later than 1:00 p.m. (central time) on Sep. 4, 2015. Late proposals will not be considered.

Job Title: City Planner
Hiring Agency: City of Lake Elmo
Web Link: http://www.lakeelmo.org/city-government-employment-opportunities
Deadline: Sept. 4, 2015
Salary Range: $55,000-$65,000 per year

Job Description
The city of Lake Elmo is seeking applicants for the full-time, exempt position of City Planner, with an annual starting salary range of $55,000 to $65,000. Position is responsible for directing and coordinating the development of the city. Position will serve as the city’s principal planner and advise the department director in land use issues affecting redevelopment and economic development. Bachelor’s degree in Planning or related field, Master’s desired. Three years experience in municipal planning and/or zoning code administration.

Please go to www.lakeelmo.org for additional information and full job posting.

Application Instructions
Send cover letter, resume, city application and references to:
City of Lake Elmo
Julie Johnson, City Clerk
3800 Laverne Avenue North
Lake Elmo, MN 55042
jjohnson@lakeelmo.org

Job Title: Community Development Director
Hiring Agency: City of Belle Plaine
Web Link: http://www.belleplainemn.com
Deadline: September 8, 2015
Salary Range: Dependent on qualifications

Job Description
Full-time Community Development Director in a growing...
community. Duties include serving as EDA Director and staff to Planning and Zoning and Design Committee. Minimum requirements include a bachelor's degree in planning, business, economics, urban studies, or equivalent; Master's Degree preferred. Ideal candidate will possess proven record in economic development and marketing.

**Application Instructions**

Complete the application available at [www.belleplainemn.com](http://www.belleplainemn.com) and submit along with cover letter and resume to Holly Kreft, City Administrator via email at hkreft@ci.belleplaine.mn.us or mail at 218 North Meridian Street, Belle Plaine MN 56011

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**Job Title:** Healthy Communities Planner  
**Hiring Agency:** Hennepin County  
**Web Link:** [http://www.hennepin.jobs](http://www.hennepin.jobs)  
**Deadline:** September 10, 2015 at 5 pm  
**Salary Range:** $25.59 - $39.78 Hourly

**Job Description**

Hennepin County’s Planning Department is currently seeking a Healthy Communities Planner for a grant-funded, part-time (32-36 hours per week with potential for full-time), benefit earning position.

This position focuses on the integration of transportation, land use, community and economic development and health, and includes an emphasis on the upcoming 2018 comprehensive planning cycle and its implementation, along with broader planning functions. The person in this position will provide planning expertise within a dual framework of urban and regional planning and public health, and will collaborate closely with internal and external colleagues. This position is funded through the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP) of the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH).

Best Qualified Candidates will have:

- Related degree and related experience including experience in project management where you have led and managed the project’s goals, timeline, deliverables and outcomes.

- Experience:
  - With comprehensive plan development in the seven-county Metropolitan Council area or similar jurisdiction.
  - Navigating the relationships between various levels of government as well as the relationships between governmental jurisdictions and community-based organizations.
  - With how public health, planning, transportation and other policies have historically impacted low-income and/or diverse communities.
  - In project and consultant management, and stakeholder and community engagement.
  - Ability to:
    - Utilize excellent verbal, written, facilitation and presentation skills.
    - Demonstrate strong computer skills (including Microsoft Office, internet, email/calendar).
    - Work independently and collaboratively on multiple teams.
    - Develop and implement timelines and work plans, establish committees, and consistently meet deadlines.

**Application Instructions**

To view the complete posting online and access the online application process, visit our website at [www.hennepin.jobs](http://www.hennepin.jobs). Posting is open until 5 pm Thursday, September 10, 2015.

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**Job Title:** Climate and Health Program Planner  
**Hiring Agency:** Minnesota Department of Health  
**Web Link:** [https://statejobs.doer.state.mn.us/JobPosting/View?_posting=15HEAL000359](https://statejobs.doer.state.mn.us/JobPosting/View?_posting=15HEAL000359)  
**Deadline:** September 11, 2015  
**Salary Range:** $24.00-$35.37 hourly, $50,112-$73,853 annually

**Job Description**

Division/Bureau: EH/Env Surveillance Assessment  
**Location:** Freeman Building, St. Paul

This position is located in the Environmental Impact Analysis (EIA) Unit of the Environmental Surveillance and Assessment (ESA) Section in the Environmental Health (EH) Division.

This position will establish statewide goals for new areas/projects implemented by the EIA Unit related to climate change impacts on public health, health impact assessments (HIAs), and other related childhood environmental health diseases. This position is responsible for planning and implementing HIA and climate adaptation efforts performed by EH in coordination with a number of other
Job Opportunities and RFPs (cont.)

Duties include:
Establishing and prioritizing program goals and objectives, ensuring goals are met in a timely manner, evaluating program performance, and reporting work orally and in writing via reports to state and federal officials.
Performing HIAs and managing several contracts, in the form of grant contracts, professional and technical services contracts, and annual plan agreements.
Serving as a planning resource for the EIA Unit and providing technical assistance to other units of government and to division management in the development of plans related to assessment of impacts to public health.

Minimum Qualifications:
Bachelor's degree and two years of advanced professional experience in the planning, implementation and administration of environmental health, public health or environmental protection programs.
Knowledge of the principles and practices of research and analysis techniques sufficient to formulate study design and methodology and coordinate and direct work of consultants and interdisciplinary task forces.
Knowledge of policy analysis and planning, research methods, and state and federal laws governing the development, management, and delivery of public health and environmental health programs.
Ability to review and evaluate technical reports and planning documents.
Ability to identify and evaluate information/data and develop policy and program management recommendations.
Ability to conceptualize alternative solutions to complex issues and convey them to diverse audiences.
Ability to write, edit and organize material from diverse sources to prepare comprehensive plans and communicate oral and written presentations for use within and outside the department.
Ability to develop new techniques and procedures for accomplishing goals and objectives.
Ability to design and direct implementation of work plans for major studies.
Ability to organize and lead diverse internal/external stakeholder teams.
Must successfully pass a background check.

Preferred Qualifications:
Experience conducting health impact assessments.
Experience/willingness to design and deliver health impact assessment training and adapt training materials to a variety of audiences.
Strong interpersonal skills.
Ability to work effectively with fellow MDH staff, local public health staff, professionals outside of the agency and the public.
Skills in using geographic information systems for spatial analysis and documentation and/or knowledge of statistical assessment sufficient to evaluate large data sets.
Flexible/ability to balance personal workload and willingness to assist with additional tasks related to health impact assessment and climate change.
Experience working with comprehensive plans or other community planning tools.
Experience working with disadvantaged communities and/or populations.

Application Instructions
For more information regarding the position and to apply click on the link below to get to the State of Minnesota’s job website (https://statejobs.doer.state.mn.us/JobPosting/View?_posting=15HEAL000359). Contact for More Information: Daniel Symonik, 651-201-4928 / daniel.symonik@state.mn.us.
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Job Title: Planning and Environmental Services Director
Hiring Agency: Winona County
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Job Description
Performs highly responsible professional work in the administration and supervision of the Planning and Environmental Services Department, which is responsible for developing a program to provide information, technical service, basic data, and long-range projections as a basis for consistent area-wide planning. Reviews study designs and technical aspects of local and area functional planning programs and directs the development of the countywide planning framework. Works closely with the Planning Commission, Board of Adjustment, and County Board to maintain and implement the Comprehensive Land Use Plan, Water Management Plan, and all associat-
ed ordinances and regulations. Maintains and enforces subdivision regulations, floodplain, shoreland, wetland, and weed and seed laws for lands outside incorporated areas. Immediate supervision is exercised over technical and clerical employees within the Planning and Environmental Services Department.

Knowledge of municipal and county planning practices and procedures; knowledge of land use planning, zoning, subdivision practices and regulations, and development processes. Ability to present comprehensive planning programs for various types of political subdivisions and areas, establish and maintain effective working relationships with other public officials and planning groups. Ability to collect and analyze data and to effectively present facts and recommendations regarding such data in oral and written form. Demonstrate supervisory and leadership skills. Ability to complete work with a high degree of accuracy. Knowledge of natural resource concerns, which includes wetlands, ground and surface water, soils, geology, forestry, weeds, seeds, agricultural chemicals and fertilizers. Ability to perform technical research and prepare comprehensive reports of such studies. Knowledge of budgeting, grant administration, cartography, and computers. Knowledge of the application of special data and mapping as applied to GIS. Ability to interpret and enforce complex regulations governing zoning and land use, flood plains, wetlands, soil erosion, and timberland. Knowledge of basic principles in the environment as well as federal, state, and local laws regarding environmental issues.

Qualifications: A bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year college or university with a major in Urban & Regional Planning, Landscape Architecture, or related field and five years of work experience in the planning and environmental field; or master's degree from an accredited college/university in land use planning or related field. Experience or training in Public Administration. Must possess and maintain a valid driver's license and pass a background check.

Application Instructions
Applications, position profile and classification descriptions are available from the Personnel Department, Winona County Government Center, 177 Main Street, Winona, Minnesota 55987 (Phone 507/457-6352); and also on the Winona County website at www.co.winona.mn.us (Personnel Department/Career Opportunities).

Applicants are responsible for completing the application in its entirety as outlined in the Winona County Application for Employment "Instructions for Completing Application."

Individuals who have previously applied for Winona County positions must resubmit an application.

Closing Date: Applications accepted in the Personnel Department until 4:30 p.m. September 17, 2015.

Visit our website: www.co.winona.mn.us
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Job Title: Energy Program Director
Hiring Agency: MN Dept. of Commerce
Web Link: https://statejobs.doer.state.mn.us/JobPosting/View?_posting=15COMM000040
Deadline: September 23, 2015
Salary Range: $68,069 - $97,969

Job Description
Manage all aspects of the department's environmental review of proposed energy projects and environmental analysis of impacts associated with energy development and transport, including, but not limited to, high voltage transmission line, large electric power generating plant, large wind energy conversions system, and pipeline projects in order to ensure compliance with state statutes and rules and ensure that the department's energy policies and programs are interpreted and administered in accordance with the policies set forth in the Environmental Policy Act.

Application Instructions
To apply for this position, click the APPLY box found at the bottom of the job announcement (https://statejobs.doer.state.mn.us/JobPosting/View?_posting=15COMM000040). Most state selection processes utilize a resume-based screening process. You will be contacted by agency staff if your background best matches the selection criteria on this job posting. For additional information about the state's selection process, go to http://www.mn.gov/mmb/careers.

Job Title: Community Development Specialist

Hiring Agency: City of Elko New Market
Web Link: http://www.ci.enm.mn.us/
Deadline: September 23, 2015
Salary Range: $59,227 to $72,842

Job Description
The City of Elko New Market is accepting applications for a full-time Community Development Specialist. Minimum qualifications include Bachelor's degree in urban planning/studies or related field and 5 years' experience
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working with planning and economic development related activities, OR ten (10) years’ experience working with planning and economic development related activities and valid Minnesota Class D Driver’s License. Salary range is $59,227.78 to $72,842.70.

Application Instructions
City application required. For a copy of the application materials, contact the City of Elko New Market at (952) 461-2777 or visit the city web site at www.ci.enm.mn.us. Submit completed application to the City of Elko New Market, Attn: City Clerk Sandra Green, P.O. Box 99, Elko New Market, MN 55020. Completed application packet must be received by 4:30 p.m. on September 25, 2015.

Job Title: County Planner
Hiring Agency: Sherburne County
Web Link: http://www.co.sherburne.mn.us/county/employment/opportunities.php
Deadline: Open till filled
Salary Range: $46,208 - $69,313

Job Description
Review land use and subdivision applications, coordinate the Comprehensive Plan, assist Townships with long range planning, amend the Zoning Ordinance when needed, prepare and present reports to elected and appointed officials as well as community groups, and related duties. This position is supervised by the Assistant Zoning Administrator.

Application Instructions
See Sherburne County website www.co.sherburne.mn.us Contact Phone: (763)765-3001 Contact Email: Lynn.Waytashek@co.sherburne.mn.us

Job Title: Planner-Land Use and Natural Resources
Hiring Agency: Winona County, Minnesota
Web Link: http://www.co.winona.mn.us/page/2833/subcat/410
Deadline: Open Until Filled
Salary Range: $21.68 per hour w/benefits

Job Description
Provide outreach & educational activities, conservationist activities under the Clean Water Partnership Grant; administration of MPCA Feedlot Program & on-site sewage treatment & MPCA Septic rules. Applications & class description avail. at Personnel Dept., Winona Co. Gov’t Center, 177 Main St., Winona, MN 55987 (507/457-6352) and also on our website at www.co.winona.mn.us (Personnel Dept./Career Opportunities).

Application Instructions
Applications accepted in Personnel Dept. until position is filled. Individuals who previously applied must resubmit application. EOE. Visit our website: www.co.winona.mn.us.

Job Title: Senior Planner/Project Manager
Hiring Agency: Stantec Consulting
Web Link: https://jobs-stantec.icims.com/jobs/21465/senior-planner-project-manager/job?mode=view
Deadline: NA
Salary Range: Negotiable

Job Description
Come join us as a Senior Planner! We will put you to work immediately on an exciting and diverse set of projects. We are growing and this is a great time to join Stantec. The Senior Planner will work closely with Stantec’s Planners and Landscape Architects on a diverse array of planning projects. We are looking for someone with strong client relationships who can help grow our business both in this region and nationally.

Qualifications:
10-15 years of relevant work experience in planning, market research or land development.
Bachelors Degree in Planning, Urban Studies, Geography, Landscape Architecture, or related field required.
Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning, Urban Studies, Geography, Landscape Architecture, or related field preferred, but not required.
AICP certified.
Licensed Real Estate Salesperson or Broker (MN) preferred, but not required.
Familiarity with U.S. Census or other demographic data.
Proficiency in Microsoft Office software, including Word, Excel, and PowerPoint.
Familiarity with ArcGIS.
Familiarity with Adobe software including InDesign, Illustrator, and Photoshop.

Application Instructions
To apply directly to the position please click the link below:
https://jobs-stantec.icims.com/jobs/21465/senior-planner-project-manager/job?mode=view
Job Opportunities and RFPs (cont.)

**Job Title:** Assistant Planner  
**Hiring Agency:** Hometown Planning  
**Deadline for Application:** September 25, 2015  
**Salary Range:** $14-15/hour starting  
**Web Link to Job Posting:** [www.hometownplanning.com](http://www.hometownplanning.com)  

**Job Description: Responsibilities:**
1. Assist with various zoning administration tasks, including review of permit applications, writing of staff reports, background work related to enforcement of regulations, organization and analysis of historical permit data and other tasks as needed.
2. Assist in research, analysis and writing related to the development of Comprehensive Plans.
3. Assist in research and writing related to the development or amendment of zoning, subdivision and other land use related ordinances.
4. Build relationships and coordinate with staff and public officials in various communities to gather information and assist in zoning administration and land use planning activities.

**Preferred Qualifications:**
1. Interest in gaining hands-on experience in both day-to-day zoning administration and land use planning.
2. Willingness and desire to develop and make use of a wide variety of skills - from writing and research to public speaking to working with the public.
3. Experience or background in living in or working with small rural communities (populations 100-10,000).
4. Knowledge and ability to research, assemble and analyze data from a variety of sources.
5. Excellent analytical, writing and communication skills.
6. Ability to work with community staff, permit applicants, development professionals and the general public in a friendly, positive and helpful manner.
7. Willingness and desire to go beyond expectations.
8. Proficiency with Microsoft Office or similar applications and internet research.
9. Ability to manage time and work effectively and efficiently.
10. Willingness and ability to provide thoughtful, pragmatic and professional assistance to communities tailored to their unique social, economic and political characteristics.

**Job/Internship details:**
1. Minimum 10-20 hours per week with possibility for additional time as available and needed.
2. Internship will generally run from April through September 2015. Specific dates are negotiable.
3. Compensation - Starting hourly rate of $14-15 depending on experience.
4. Opportunities to shadow company staff at various meetings of elected and appointed officials (i.e. City Council meetings, Planning Commission/Board of Adjustment meetings, etc.) will be available to the individual, but are unpaid unless actual work is expected during such meetings.
5. Specific work schedule can be flexible to accommodate the individual although some work will involve specific deadlines.
6. Some work may involve travel to communities throughout Central, North Central and West Central Minnesota depending on availability and interest.
7. Opportunity to build excellent real-world skills applicable to a wide variety of public, not-for-profit or for-profit positions. Depending on company needs and individual interest, position will provide experiences applicable to a variety of fields - including public administration, land use planning, political science, regulatory administration and natural resource management.
8. Opportunity to build relationships with a variety of city, county and township officials as well as other state and local government organizations (i.e. League of MN Cities, Association of MN Counties, MN Association of Townships, MN Department of Natural Resources, MN Pollution Control Agency, local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, etc.).
9. Depending on need of company, internship may lead to full-time job with excellent growth opportunities for the right individual.

**Application Instructions:** Provide a resume and cover letter indicating your interest in the position to Ben Oleson at oleson@hometownplanning.com.  
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