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Updates From the National Leadership Meetings

First of all, I’d like to take a moment to thank you all who attended the 2013 APA MN Chapter Conference in Rochester in September! As usual, we had a great number of registrants and many high quality sessions. A special thanks to conference co-chairs Lance Bernard and Melissa Poehlman for their commitment to ensure the success of our event, and to all the volunteers who helped with the conference.

As you know, the end of one conference symbolizes the beginning of planning for the next one, which will be in Duluth on October 1st through the 3rd of 2014, so mark your calendars. The Duluth contingent of planners have already met and started to plan the event line-up!

I wanted to provide a couple of updates from the National Leadership meetings in D.C. last month (thanks to Adam Fulton, your esteemed treasurer, for attending in my place!) First off, the plan for consolidating elections on a national level is progressing, however slowly. There will be big changes coming to the chapter related to this issue, including a bylaw change and a new process for conducting chapter elections (different time of year and different cycle of elections). Stay tuned for more details in 2014!

Also, APA National is currently revising the core competencies for the AICP exam, as well as the planning profession overall. They are seeking to establish those core skills that planners should have at an entry level, mid-level, senior level, and AICP level of planner, as well as establishing those skills needed in different areas of specialty. The APA MN Board will be discussing this in more detail (and how to contribute as a chapter) at their retreat in January, but keep a look out for more information on this emerging work from National.

Finally, I want to give you a heads up about changes coming to our website. We are switching to GovOffice as a platform for our website in the next couple of months to save costs and make it easier for volunteers to update. This will more than likely include changes to our blog/inquiry interface and will change the look of the website. As part of this change, we are also continuing to explore ways to enhance our Facebook page and use of social media in general, so if you have suggestions, please let us know! And if you haven’t “liked” the MN Chapter of APA yet, please do so.

Breanne Rothstein, AICP
President, APA-MN

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2013 Board Elections

Members, the Board wishes to remind you that the upcoming election for APA Minnesota will be to choose District Directors, a Student Representative, and a Citizen Planner Director for the chapter. This issue features a short bio of each of the candidates and a picture; these bios and pictures will also be available on the website under News. The elections will open electronically on December 1 and will be administered by the national APA office. A reminder will be sent to all members the day the elections formally open, and members will have 21 days to complete and submit the ballot. Results will be announced before December 31. These Directors help to decide policy and to formulate the work plan for the chapter, as well as acting as representatives of the area of the state in which they live and work. We encourage all members to support the chapter by taking part in the election process.

Metro District

Bryan Gadow, AICP

Thank you for the opportunity serve as one of the Metro District Directors for the past two years. We have accomplished a great deal, and I wish to continue my service to the board and the chapter. For those you do not know me, I am the City Planner and Assistant City Manager for the City of Wayzata, where I specialize in land use, zoning, and historic preservation planning. Prior to joining the City of Wayzata in 2007, I worked as a Planning Intern for the City of Golden Valley, and served as an L.P. Cookingham Municipal Management Fellow for the City of Kansas City, MO. I have a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota, and a Master of Public Affairs in City Management and Urban Policy and a Bachelors degree in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

I first became involved in APA MN in 2008 serving on the events committee for the State Planning Conference in Duluth. I also had the privilege of serving as a co-chair of the 2010 State Planning Conference in Mankato, where I worked with great volunteers to put together a fun and educational conference.

My interests in continuing to serve on the Board are to continue to strengthen partnerships between APA MN and other organizations, including the Economic Development Association of MN and ULI MN. In addition, I would like to continue to partner with others in the organization on the newly formed Young Professionals Group, in order to better establish networks between planning students and new professionals, and those who are established in their field.

Tracey Kinney, AICP

Tracey is a planner at Landform Professional Services where she specializes in city involvement and public engagement for land use planning in urban and regional areas. Recently she served as co-chair of the programming committee for this year’s Midwest Planners’ Conference where she led efforts to solicit presentations and organize the conference schedule. At Landform she applies her understanding of municipal processes, policy analysis and urban design to assist communities and clients in meeting their land use goals.

She holds a Masters of Urban and Regional Planning, Masters of Landscape Architecture and Bachelors of Art in Architecture and has over ten years of experience in redevelopment, land use planning, parks and open space, and urban design. Tracey seeks to connect area planners to the Minnesota Chapter of the American Planning Association and represent the organization, as a Metro District Director.
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Suzanne S. Rhees, AICP

As a Metro District Director for the past four years (has it really been that long?) I’ve enjoyed the opportunity to work with planners from around the state on chapter governance and regional, state and national planning issues. My primary focus has been as a member of the Legislative (and now, Law) Committee, tracking activities at the Legislature and in the courts, and advocating for reform and modernization of the state planning enabling statutes. Our committee has organized Planners’ Day at the Capitol, conference sessions, brown bags and newsletter articles to spread the word on these efforts. I’ve also organized or assisted with other tours and brown bags, webinars and other continuing education programs. I hope to focus more on tours and other local topics of interest in the next year.

I’m currently a planner in the DNR’s Land Use Programs unit, working mainly on floodplain management and on better integration and streamlining of the state’s many water-related land use programs. My previous working life was as a consultant, specializing in land use, zoning and community design. Working for over 20 years across the state and region, I feel as if I’ve met most of the membership in one capacity or another. The more I learn about the laws and rules that underpin Minnesota’s system of local and regional planning, the more I see the need for reform — and the more I appreciate the broad perspective that planners can bring to these issues. I’d be happy to have the opportunity to serve another term as District Director.

Northwest District

Wayne Hurley

Wayne Hurley is the Planning Director for West Central Initiative (WCI) in Fergus Falls. WCI conducts regional planning activities under contract for the Minnesota Department of Transportation, the Federal Economic Development Administration and the Minnesota Department of Health. As Planning Director, Wayne supervises WCI’s transportation planning, economic development, active transportation and GIS programs. Wayne graduated with honors from St. Cloud State University in 1998, where he received a BA in Local and Urban Affairs/Community Development, with a minor in Geography/GIS.

Wayne was appointed to the APA MN Board in January 2007. He has been a member of APA MN since 1998 and has been regularly involved in chapter activities, including Conference Co-Chair in 2004, Conference Program Committee in 2003 and 2005, and the Redistricting Committee in 2006. He also co-chaired the Local Program Committee for the 2009 National APA Conference in Minneapolis. Wayne is a member of AICP, as well as the Transportation Planning Division and Small Town and Rural Division of APA.

On a personal note, Wayne has also been active in the Fergus Falls community. He has served as chair of both the Fergus Falls Heritage Preservation Commission...
Elections (cont.)

and the Fergus Falls Planning Commission. In addition, Wayne has been involved in local Safe Routes to School initiatives in Fergus Falls, a local bicycle and pedestrian advocacy group, and the Friends of the Kirkbride – a local preservation group. He has participated in both the Fergus Falls Area Leadership Program and the Blandin Community Leadership Program. Wayne resides in Fergus Falls with his wife and their two daughters.

As Northwest District Director, Wayne’s primary interests are to promote planning in Northwest Minnesota, to make the Chapter more accessible to APA MN members in Greater Minnesota – including accessibility to training opportunities, and to work towards increasing membership in the Northwest District.

Southwest District

Bradley Chapulis

My name is Bradley Chapulis and I am the Director of Community/Economic Development for the City of Worthington. An employee with the City for the past 15 years, my responsibilities include planning/zoning administration, rental housing enforcement, economic development, floodplain management, and supervision of the City’s Building Official. In 2002, I was recognized by the National Development Council as a Certified Economic Development Professional. I also co-founded Southwestern Minnesota Habitat for Humanity. I currently hold various leadership positions within several local and regional organizations (i.e., Southwest ED Professionals, and Southwest Regional Development Commission).

I have had the privilege of serving you as the Southwest District Director for the past 9 months after being appointed by the Board to fulfill the term of the District’s vacant seat. During this time, I have had the opportunity to meet with many of you to hear your thoughts of the chapter, the Southwest District, and the planning challenges that we encounter in the region. If I’m elected to carry on as the Southwest District Director, I will remain committed to being the voice for SW district planners and will continue to improve educational and professional training opportunities within the district.

Southeast District

Jason Gilman

Since September of 2011, I have been very fortunate to serve as the Planning Director for Winona County, Minnesota. I hold a Bachelors of Science Degree from the University of Wisconsin, Madison in Landscape Architecture where I also completed additional planning related graduate coursework. I am a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, APA and the Urban Land Institute. I have served on the Wisconsin APA Board as well as the Wisconsin Downtown Action Council Board of Directors and am an adjunct professor for State and Local Politics at UW-La Crosse. I have over 25 years of public and private sector planning experience.

The Winona County Planning and Environmental Services Department has been recently responsible for updating the County’s Comprehensive Plan, drafting regulations and policies for industrial sand mining, grant-writing for public infrastructure projects, economic development initiatives, zoning ordinance review and amendments, water planning initiatives, solid waste planning and providing planning assistance to Winona County municipalities.

If elected, it would be an honor and privilege to serve the planners of SE Minnesota on the APA MN Board.

Northeast District

James Gittemeier

I have always had an interest in urban planning and cities, even before I knew there was a specific professional devoted to this field. My studies and travels have reflected this interest. I attended Saint Louis University and earned a Bachelor of Arts in Urban Affairs degree and then continued on and received a Masters of
Urban Planning from the University of Kansas.

Applying what I was learning to real life places, lead me to travel to cities to learn and see for myself how other cities are doing things. My travels have taken me to many of the largest cities in U.S., including New York, Los Angeles and Chicago (where I lived for a year) and Canada, including Montreal, Toronto and Vancouver. I also have traveled to cities outside North America to better understand how other places work to resolve our common as well as unique urban planning and design issues, including trips to Venice, Italy and Curitiba, Brazil focused specifically on transportation and sustainability.

I am currently a Senior Planner for the Duluth-Superior Metropolitan Interstate Council (MIC) which is a division of ARDC, where I have worked for almost 10 years. My work is primarily focused on bicycle, pedestrian and transit issues which face the Duluth-Superior area.

My vision for this position is to enhance our community discussions on planning issues as well as more actively involve and engage youth and under-represented groups in the community.

I appreciate all the effort to improve APA Minnesota and look forward to working with all of you.

Central District

Crystal Paumen

Thanks for the opportunity to run again as the Central District Director for APA MN Chapter. Growing up in a family where my father served as a long-time City Council member in my hometown and my mother in education, I grew up in an environment that promoted public servants and being involved in the community. Serving on the APA Board is a way to give back to the organization and continue to promote great planning in Minnesota which is why I am seeking another term on the Board.

I am currently the Associate Planner in the City of Anoka. Prior to that, I was a planner in the cities of Watertown, Jordan, and Sauk Rapids. I have a Bachelor’s Degree in Community Development from St. Cloud State University. In the City of Anoka, I administer land use, zoning, and historic preservation planning. I currently live in Maple Lake which is located in the Central District.

I have been actively involved as a member of APA Minnesota and have participated in several committees including conference program committee for several years. I was appointed to the Board in 2011 as the Central District Director. As a board member, I will continue to strive for innovative opportunities that meet the needs of the members, ways to network, and learn how others address the changing climate in the profession. I appreciate the opportunity to serve and look forward to continuing to be part of the Board.

Student Representative

Leila Tripp

Hi, my name is Leila Tripp and I am a first year student working toward my Master’s degree in Urban and Regional Planning at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, with a focus on transportation and sustainable design. I am originally from Madison, Wisconsin and moved to the Twin Cities to obtain my B.A. in Architecture from the University of Minnesota’s College of Liberal Arts and focused my studies on environmental sustainability. During my undergraduate education, I was credentialed as a LEED Green Associate and volunteered with the Stevens Square neighborhood as a youth tutor at the Loring Nicollet-Bethlehem Community Center. I have lived and worked for the past five years in the Twin Cities and have also lived in Finland and Denmark, where I studied at the Danish Institute for Study Abroad. I plan on incorporating my background in sustainable design in a public service planning career.

I am ready to help out and be available to anyone who is also interested in becoming an active part of the urban planning community. I am excited at the opportunity to extend my organization and communication skills towards the student representative position for my community at the Humphrey School and help facilitate connections and valuable activities with other members of the American Planning Association.
Scenes from Rochester

This year’s annual APA MN conference was held in Rochester in September. It was a huge success. Here are some scenes from the event, and we hope to see you again next year!
Bob Graham: Lifetime Achievement Award

Bob Graham (recently retired Albert Lea City Planner) was the recipient of the 2013 Lifetime Achievement Award given by the Minnesota Chapter of the American Planning Association. The award was presented to Bob on Wednesday September 18 during the Upper Midwest Planning Conference held at the Rochester Civic Center. A special reception was held at the Rochester Art Center in honor of Bob’s achievements.

Bob has served as treasurer and president of the Minnesota Planning Association and is a charter member of the American Planning Association. He served more than 20 years on the Minnesota Chapter Board of Directors and was the author of the first planning commissioner training manual entitled “So You’re a Planning Commissioner, Now What?”

Bob is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and has been a professional city planner for 46 years, of which 34 years was serving in Albert Lea as the City Planner and Community Development Director. Bob is continuing his career as an independent planning consultant. He is married to Judy, and they have four children and six grandchildren. He is a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, is active in its music programs, and is also a member of the Daybreakers Kiwanis Club with 33 years of perfect attendance.

As Bob gave his acceptance speech, he commented, "A lifetime achievement does not come because of what I have done, but by what we have all done collaboratively to improve the quality of life for all people. People with 'I' trouble generally have poor vision; thus our constitution begins, 'We, the people..."  Bob also noted that "As planners our work is within a continuum of change. One planner laid out the field, another plowed it, another planted, another watered and fertilized, and someone came onto the field for the harvest at the time that vision was ripe for the harvest. There are several students in the room tonight, and they are our future. They will be planning our environments in the near future."

We congratulate Bob Graham and wish him success as an independent planning consultant.
2013 APA Minnesota Awards

At the fall conference, APA MN presented awards to recipients in six categories, from a field of twenty-one total nominations. Congratulations to all the recipients!

Planning in Context: Loring Park Neighborhood Master Plan - Recipients: Citizens for Loring Park Community, Peter Musty LLC

Neighborhood-wide Goals:

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<td>Guide infill development and strengthen minor arterial corridors.</td>
<td>Protect, preserve and enhance historic character and unique architecture.</td>
<td>Collaborate on regional urban design and Open Space Master Plan projects connecting to adjacent neighborhoods.</td>
<td>Achieve sustainable buildings and infrastructure.</td>
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Small Area Plan Chapters & Policies Relevant to Development:

- Chapter 1: Creative Economy
- Chapter 2: Land Use & Built Form
- Chapter 3: Historic Resources
- Chapter 4: Public Realm
- Chapter 5: Sustainability

Excellence in Community Engagement: do. Town - Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota, Bloomington, Edina, Richfield. Collaborative effort to improve the health of Bloomington, Edina and Richfield residents by driving changes that support healthy eating.

Outstanding Student Project: Transportation Demand Management Policy Study. Team Members: Kyle Burrows, Humphrey School of Public Affairs; Kristina Nesse, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Andrew Owen, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Renan Snowden, Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

Prepared For: City of Minnetonka

Faculty Advisors: Mike Greco, AICP, & Carissa Schively Slotterback, PhD, AICP, University of Minnesota.

Humphrey School of Public Affairs

Supported By: Resilient Communities Project

Innovation in Planning: Case Studies Organized Around 11 High-Demand Urban Transitway Corridors - SRF, Metro Transit

Partnerships in Planning: Connections at Shingle Creek, A Corridor Study - Hennepin County, Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, ISD 279, Shingle Creek Watershed, Close Landscaping Architecture.
Kenwood Named a ‘Great Neighborhood’

Many residents of the Kenwood would say their neighborhood is great. Now it’s official.

The American Planning Association has named the Minneapolis neighborhood as one of 10 Great Neighborhoods for 2013 under the organization’s Great Places in America program. Each year during National Community Planning Month, APA’s Great Places in America program names 30 exemplary neighborhoods, streets and public spaces to highlight the role planning and planners play in adding value to communities, including fostering economic growth and jobs.

APA singled out Kenwood for its well-preserved architecture, natural attributes, amenities, and engaged residents. Its location – just two miles from downtown Minneapolis and somewhat off the beaten path – stunning homes and lake views combine to make Kenwood one of the city’s most sought-after neighborhoods.

“We feel privileged that Kenwood was selected as one of the greatest neighborhoods in America,” said Minneapolis Mayor R.T. Rybak. “It’s a lush green community full of character that is pedestrian and bike friendly, filled with engaged residents, and successful businesses; essentially a model of what we want for all our Minneapolis neighborhoods,” Mayor Rybak added.

The City of Minneapolis Department of Community Planning and Economic Development will present an official certificate from the American Planning Association naming Kenwood a Top 10 Great Neighborhood for 2013 at an upcoming Kenwood Isles Area Association (KIAA) meeting in November. Council Member Lisa Goodman will accept the certificate on behalf of the neighborhood during the meeting.

“It’s an honor to have the Kenwood neighborhood recognized as one of the greatest neighborhoods in the country,” said Council Member Lisa Goodman. “Now many more people will know what we do, that Minneapolis neighborhoods like Kenwood are clean, green and safe, and filled with families who appreciate urban living.”

“This early streetcar suburb has evolved into one of Minneapolis‘ premier neighborhoods through a combination of planning, community investment, and engaged residents,” said APA Chief Executive Officer Paul Farmer, FAICP. “For more than 120 years – from Frank Peavey’s donation of a fountain for Kenwood Parkway to the neighborhood association’s current efforts to ensure that a proposed transit station fits with Kenwood’s park-like setting – residents have been instrumental in determining and protecting their neighborhood’s character,” added Farmer, a former director of the Minneapolis Planning Department.

Neighborhood icons include Peavey Fountain (1891), “The Mary Tyler Moore Show” house (Victorian, 1892) and Kenwood Water Tower (Gothic Revival, 1910). Resident involvement has retained Kenwood Park’s mostly natural setting, prevented conversion of the water tower into condominiums, and secured design modifications to proposed Southwest Transitway light rail station to be located in the neighborhood.

The nine other APA 2013 Great Neighborhoods are: Chinatown, San Francisco; Downtown Norwich, CT; Downtown Decatur, Decatur, GA; Central Street Neighborhood, Evanston, IL; Downtown Mason City, IA; Historic Licking Riverside Neighborhood, Covington, KY; Beaufort Historic District, Beaufort, SC; West Freemason, Norfolk, VA; and Williamson-Marquette Neighborhood, Madison, WI. For more information, visit www.planning.org/greatplaces.
Apply for CPAT

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 planning professionals from around the country with community members, key stakeholders, and relevant decision makers, the place-based initiative seeks to foster community education, engagement, and empowerment.

Each team is selected for the specific expertise needed on the project to offer pro bono assistance in developing a framework or vision plan that promotes a sustainable, livable, economically vibrant, and healthy community.

Communities facing a range of challenges including, but not limited to, social equity and affordability, economic development, sustainability, consensus building, and urban design are well-suited for assistance through the program. Projects focus on localities with a demonstrated need for assistance, where planning resources and expertise may not otherwise be available.

The current period application deadline for CPAT is December 6, 2013. For more information and to apply, visit http://www.planning.org/communityassistance/teams/.

County Planning Awards

Nominate a project to the 2014 Outstanding Achievement in County Planning Awards

This program is an opportunity for the division to recognize planning projects from counties around the country at the County Planning Division’s business meeting at the APA National Planning Conference. It provides members with the chance to learn about development, conservation, government, or environmental projects, where planning has had a positive impact.

Judges look for innovativeness and quality, and the potential for use in other areas. Eligible planning projects are those completed within the last two years. An application should include an electronic copy of the planning document, a summary, and responses to the judging criteria.

Applications are due February 7, 2014. Jurors make the distinction between Awards of Excellence and Awards of Merit based on scoring and other factors. For more information, visit http://www.planning.org/divisions/countypreplanning/.
Upcoming Events, Programs and Announcements

Great Places in the Twin Cities

The response to our call for Great Places in the Twin Cities region was fantastic! Join the Sensible Land Use Coalition, the Minneapolis-St. Paul Business Journal, the Saint Paul Riverfront Corporation and 22 co-host organizations, including APA MN, in celebrating the region’s 2013 Great Places on December 4, 2013.

The event will feature:

- Social hour with hors d’oeuvres and wine/beer/soft drinks.
- Program with Master of Ceremonies John Shardlow of Stantec.
- Perspectives on Great Places from Mayors R. T. Rybak and Chris Coleman.
- Celebration of all nominated great places.
- Special recognition of SLUC’s 2013 Great Places.

**When:** December 4, 2013, 5:00-8:00 pm  
**Where:** Aria, 105 N First Street, Minneapolis

We look forward to seeing you there!

Space Available

Lunning Wende Associates, an architecture and planning firm located in Lowertown, Saint Paul (275 East Fourth Street, Suite 620) has three workstations for lease. Great natural light. On the new Central Corridor light rail line. Engaged professional studio environment. Additionally: reception area, conference room, small kitchen, copier and plotter. Access to our phone system can be arranged. Workstations average size is 8x10 feet with additional storage. $300/month/each. Contact Scott Wende: 651.221.0915 or scott@lunningwende.com

Forward with Planning and Women

Calling all women (and men) of APA MN – please consider joining the APA Planning & Women Division! We’re a dedicated group of volunteers working to promote women’s planning issues and the professional growth of women planners.

Need another reason? According to APA’s 2012 Salary Survey, all else being equal, a full-time female planner in the 50th percentile earns $9k less than her male counterpart. We need YOU to make a difference!

Don’t miss this opportunity to strengthen your career and community and to network with other talented planning professionals who share your passions. Please enjoy this complimentary issue of Forward, and join us today.

For more information, visit [http://www.planning.org/divisions/planningandwomen/](http://www.planning.org/divisions/planningandwomen/)
APA Webinar on Cross-Border Regional Planning

The second in a series of webinars on cross-border planning, co-sponsored by the APA Regional and Intergovernmental Planning Division and Latinos and Planning Division, "Dialogo on the Border: A Unique Experience" will provide training to urban planners and professionals in related fields on best practices in cross-border regional planning along the U.S. / Mexico border.

This webinar, to be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM (Pacific Time) will focus on an initiative of the Latinos and Planning Division called Dialogos and specifically on the first dialogo on the border. This event was held on April 19-20, 2013 in Brownsville, a border city in Texas. Speakers in this webinar will include the Chair of the Latinos and Planning Division and dialogo organizers and speakers.

The webinar will present lessons learned in the community engagement effort resulting from the dialogo in a border area: demographic realities, perceptions about poverty and isolation in border towns, and economic and development strategies in the planning of border areas.

The webinar is proposed for 1.5 AICP Certification Maintenance credits.

Cost: $40 per registrant (APA member or non-member)

$20 per member of either the RIP or LAP Divisions (this $20 discount from the full $40 cost may also be obtained by joining either Division at the time of registration)

$10 per student (full-time or part-time)

To register for the webinar, click here https://www.planning.org/ecommerce/conference/viewConferenceDetails.aspx?conferenceId=252

World Planning Day

Join the International Division and planning partners from around the world for the 5th annual World Town Planning Day Online Conference November 6-7, 2013.

Registration is now open for the World Town Planning Day Online Conference, being held on the theme of water. The full program will be up this week.

Registrations will close on November 5th, 2013. Click here for more information.

Registration Fee: $50 for individuals from high income economies (less for others).

AICP Members: This conference has been approved for 14.75 CM credits.
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RFP: Resilient Communities Project 2014-2015
The Resilient Communities Project (RCP) is now accepting proposals from cities and counties to be the community partner for 2014–2015.

What Is RCP? RCP is a year-long partnership between the University of Minnesota and one local community in Minnesota. Through the partnership, students and faculty from across the University collaborate with the partner community to address its self-defined sustainability-related needs through course-based projects. The collaboration results in on-the-ground impact and momentum for a community working toward a more sustainable and livable future.

How Does the Partnership Work? RCP provides the partner community with efficient access to the broad base of sustainability expertise at the University of Minnesota by matching community-identified projects with graduate and upper-level undergraduate courses that can address the needs of the community. The partner community supports the effort through dedicated staff time and a local funding contribution. RCP has the capacity to address 15-30 local projects during the partnership year, matching each project with one or more courses to complete the necessary work. Project work will be completed primarily by graduate students, with direct oversight by faculty members and RCP staff.

Expertise is available related to all aspects of sustainability (e.g., environmental health, economic opportunity, social equity, and community livability) and all stages of sustainability efforts (analysis, planning, design, implementation, and evaluation).

Who Is Eligible to Apply? RCP serves communities addressing sustainability at the local or regional scale. Cities, counties, and clusters of communities along a transportation corridor, around a regional center, or within a watershed are eligible to apply. To minimize travel time and costs, applicant communities should ideally be located within a two-hour drive of Minneapolis. Communities located further away from Minneapolis may be considered if additional funds are contributed for overnight travel costs.

Deadline for proposals: February 14, 2014 at 4:30 pm
The 2014–2015 partner community will be selected and notified in March 2014.

Visit the RCP website for complete RFP packet and more information on how to apply: http://rcp.umn.edu/home/communities/apply-to-rcp/

Job Title: Planner - Entry Level

Hiring Agency: Upper Minnesota Valley RDC
Web Link: http://www.umvrdc.org
Deadline: Open until filled
Salary Range: $39,000 DOE
Job Description
PLANNER—ENTRY LEVEL: 5-county regional planning agency in Appleton, MN. 4-year degree in community development, planning, urban studies, public administration or related field or at least six years’ experience in the previous fields required. Salary DOE. Application and full position description available at www.umvrdc.org. EOE.

Application Instructions
Application and detailed job profile and description online at www.umvrdc.org.

Job Title: City Planner

Hiring Agency: City of Minneapolis
Web Link: www.minneapolismn.gov/jobs
Deadline: November 6, 2013
Salary Range: $48,287 - $66,829
Job Description
The City Planner is an entry-level planning position with the Department of Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED). This vacancy is with the Land Use, Design and Preservation section of CPED and includes implementation of City policies through
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review of development proposals. The work associated with this position includes frequent deadlines while conducting land use and preservation analysis. The City Planner works independently as part of a multi-disciplinary team.

**Application Instructions**
All applicants must submit a completed City of Minneapolis online application as well as a cover letter and resume.

**RFP: Zoning Ordinance Update**

**Hiring Agency:** City of Waseca  
**Web Link:** [www.ci.waseca.mn.us](http://www.ci.waseca.mn.us)  
**Deadline:** Friday November 8, 2013 4:30 p.m.

**Job Description**
ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE. City of Waseca is accepting proposals from qualified Land Use and Zoning Consultants to provide professional services to update the City of Waseca Zoning Ordinance. A copy of the complete RFP is available by contacting the Waseca Planning Director, Kimberly Johnson, at Kimj@ci.waseca.mn.us. The deadline to submit is 4:00 PM on Friday November 8, 2013. The city reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted.

**Application Instructions**
The deadline to submit is 4:00 PM. A copy of the complete RFP is available by contacting the Waseca Planning Director, Kimberly Johnson, at Kimj@ci.waseca.mn.us. Friday November 8, 2013. The city reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted.

**RFQ: Planning Services**

**Hiring Agency:** City of New Richmond  
**Web Link:** [http://www.newrichmondwi.gov](http://www.newrichmondwi.gov)  
**Deadline:** November 8, 2013

**Salary Range:** NA  
**Job Description**
The City of New Richmond through its Request for Qualification (RFQ), is seeking qualified planning and zoning consultants, multi-disciplinary firms or teams to undertake a visioning and zoning ordinance rewrite project. The main goal of the project is for context sensitive applications of a new zoning code, creating design and infill standards for development in both the City’s downtown, and Greenfield targeted growth areas. Key to these areas would be connectivity, walkability, and mixed use commercial nodes that enhance community life in New Richmond. Interested firms should respond by 3:30 p.m. on November 8, 2013 to Beth Thompson, Community Development Director at bthompson@newrichmondwi.gov. The full RFQ can be found at http://www.newrichmondwi.gov.

**Application Instructions**
Submit one original, one electronic and six complete copies of your RFQ to:
City of New Richmond  
Attn: Beth Thompson,  
Community Development Director  
156 E First Street  
New Richmond, WI 54017  
bthompson@newrichmondwi.gov

**RFP: Planning Services**

**Hiring Agency:** City of Mendota Heights  
**Web Link:** [http://www.mendota-heights.com/](http://www.mendota-heights.com/)  
**Deadline:** November 15, 2013  
**Salary Range:** NA  
**Job Description**
RFP for Professional Planning Services.

**Application Instructions**
Review the RFP posted on the City's website and respond if interested by the deadline.

**RFQ: Request for Planning Services - Land Use and Transportation Comprehensive Plan Update**

**Hiring Agency:** Rochester-Olmsted Planning  
**Web Link:** [http://www.co.olmsted.mn.us/planning/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.co.olmsted.mn.us/planning/Pages/default.aspx)  
**Deadline:** November 25, 2013
Job Opportunities and RFPs

Salary Range: NA

Job Description
Request for Qualification for Comprehensive Plan Update.

Application Instructions
Instructions are available on our website.

Job Title: Senior Planner

Hiring Agency: SEH Inc.
Web Link: https://careers.sehinc.com/
Deadline: TBD
Salary Range: TBD

Job Description
Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH®) is a multi-disciplined firm of engineers, architects, planners, and scientists known for our comprehensive technical capabilities and superior client service, which contribute to Building a Better World for All of Us®. We've been in business for 85 years serving both public and private clients from more than 30 offices across the Midwest, Colorado, and Wyoming.

We are looking for an individual who wants to be part of a team that provides exceptional service to our clients, and we have an immediate Full-Time opportunity for a Sr Planner within our Transportation Planning Practice Center located in St Paul, MN.

Responsibilities for this position include conducting transportation planning studies, environmental documentation and corridor studies. The environmental documentation will include state Environmental Assessment Worksheets and federal Categorical Exclusions, Environmental Assessments and Environmental Impact Statements. This position will work independently and as part of teams to prepare draft and final corridor studies, project reports, technical memos and assist in marketing all types of transportation planning consulting projects. The qualified individual will interact with clients on behalf of the company on projects including project meetings, public meetings and workshops.

Required Qualifications:
Bachelors Degree in Civil Engineering or Planning with an emphasis in transportation or related field.
Minimum of eight (8) years of consulting and/or public sector experience in transportation planning.
Licensed Professional Engineer and/or Certified Planner in the State of Minnesota or the ability to obtain registration within six months of employment.
Understanding of Federal and State of Minnesota environmental review requirements.
Familiarity working with traffic analyses results including operations and forecasting.
Previous marketing/business development experience including writing proposals for transportation consulting RFPs and preparing for and attending interviews and presentations.
Excellent verbal and written communication / presentation skills.
Ability to travel as needed for team meetings, client consultations, on-site inspections/visits, etc.; Occasional overnight travel will be required.

Preferred Qualifications:
Previous experience with multi-modal studies and analysis including bicycle and pedestrian plans.
Previous experience with transit studies and analysis.
Knowledge of the regional transportation planning/funding process and Federal/regional/local agency roles and interrelationships.
Knowledge of transportation capacity analysis.
Knowledge of travel demand forecasting methodology.

Application Instructions
For confidential consideration, please apply through the SEH website (https://careers.sehinc.com) or fax resume and salary requirements to 651.490.2138. Please refer to the job number when submitting your
Job Opportunities and RFPs

Job Title: Transportation Planner

Web Link: http://www.wsbeng.com/careers/current-openings/12
Deadline: NA

Salary Range: Varies based on experience

Job Description
Design your career with WSB & Associates, Inc., recently named to the Star Tribune’s 2013 Top 100 Workplaces in Minnesota!

We are seeking an experienced Transportation Planner for our Minneapolis office.

What You Will Do:
As a transportation planner, you will apply transportation methods, planning principles, standard industry evaluations and analyses to produce small- to medium-sized transportation projects. Typical analyses require an understanding of functional classification, roadway jurisdiction, crashes, future traffic projections/forecasts, capacity, benefit-cost analyses, multimodal integration, alternatives evaluation, socioeconomic data and environmental impacts. Projects will include corridor studies, bicycle and pedestrian plans, transportation plans, sub-area plans, environmental documents and components of larger community planning efforts.

You will use your excellent written communication skills to: prepare technical reports and memos; to develop materials for public and agency meetings; to correspond with internal staff and clients; to meet with stakeholders and to coordinate with multiple stakeholder groups. Your presentation and public speaking skills will help as you participate in stakeholder activities and public meetings; communicate and interact with clients and sub-consultants.

Your experience level will determine the amount of independent judgment granted, the complexity of tasks performed and direct supervision received.

What You Will Bring: A Master’s degree in transportation or urban planning, civil engineering or related field from an accredited program and a minimum of three years’ experience post graduate work is required. The successful candidate will have experience in a broad base of transportation planning practices, activities and studies and should be familiar with transportation planning requirements, data collection and performance analysis. Experience with NEPA environmental documents is desired. Our preferred candidate will have their AICP certification and/or a Minnesota PE license.

Who We Are: WSB is an energetic consulting firm with offices in Minneapolis, St. Paul, St. Cloud, Rochester and Northfield. We were recently named to the Star Tribune’s 2013 Top 100 Workplaces in Minnesota! Since our founding in 1995, we have focused our services on the needs of governmental agencies. WSB has more than 200 staff members providing engineering, GIS, and planning services for municipal, transportation, traffic, water resources, environmental, structural, and water/wastewater projects. We also provide landscape architecture, right of way, construction administration, survey, and construction staking services. In addition to our excellent compensation and benefits package, you will enjoy our exceptional work environment.

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Application Instructions
How To Apply: Send resume and cover letter with salary history/requirements to: hr@wsbeng.com or WSB & Associates Inc., 701 Xenia Ave S, Ste 300, Minneapolis, MN 55416. Visit www.wsbeng.com for more information.
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