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A Word From The President

I hope everyone has enjoyed the summer. As we approach fall, there are several items I would like to share with you.

First, on behalf of APA-KY I would like to congratulate the **University of Louisville** on its initial accreditation term of four years (January 1, 2010-December 31, 2013) for a Master of Urban Planning degree in the Urban and Public Affairs Department. The Department Faculty as well as the students have worked hard to build this quality educational program for future planners. Because of their hard work, an interim report could result in a 3-year extension of the accreditation. Dave Simpson is the Program Director.

Secondly, October is **National Community Planning Month (NCPM)**. The goal of NCPM is to raise public awareness of the important role planning and planners play in our communities. The APA encourages planners, chapters, and divisions to participate in at least one event during the month of October each year to promote the work we do. This year's theme for NCPM is "Community Sustainability." Suggested NCPM activities include: sending planners into schools to talk about the value of planning; hosting a planning department or planning commission open house; putting displays in libraries that bring attention to the need for good planning; and organizing tours around the community highlighting examples of specific planning concepts and projects.

In addition, the APA would like every chapter to get serious about participating in NCPM. At the 2009 National Conference in Minneapolis each chapter was asked to commit to at least one NCPM activity. On behalf of APA-KY, I vowed to provide sample proclamations to planners across the commonwealth so individual cities and counties can recognize October as National Planning Month. A copy of the proclamation can be found in this edition of Kentucky Planner as well as on the APA-KY website (www.kapa.org). Next year, APA-KY has pledged to hold a photo competition that highlights great places throughout the commonwealth. If you would like to learn more about how your colleagues across the country celebrated NCPM in previous years please visit the APA website at www.planning.org/ncpm.

Finally, a special **APA-KY General Membership Meeting** is scheduled to be held at the fall conference in Bowling Green. At this meeting, amendments to the bylaws will be discussed which, if accepted by the general membership, will allow Executive Committee meetings to be held via electronic communication methods such as conference calls. The proposed bylaw amendments will accompany this Fall's election ballots. APA is now offering conference calling services to its Chapters, and it is anticipated that APA-KY will be able to utilize this free service for many Executive Committee meetings, Legislative Committee meetings, and other special projects such as organizing conferences. My hope is that this change will provide the opportunity for more Kentucky planners to participate in APA-KY leadership positions and to volunteer for more committees.



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Deadlines

Please observe deadlines in consideration of the editor, who does this in his spare time. Late entries will appear in a later issue.

Next Deadline

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Submissions

The Kentucky Planner publishes quarterly, and contributions from current or past members and other interested parties are encouraged. Articles, letters, comments, announcements, etc. submitted for publication are accepted via e-mail or on tree ware. Material accepted for publication may be edited to conform to space, readability, and basic grammar requirements. Interested persons should contact the editor via email at rjonas@boonecountyky.org.

Please feel free to contact me at lallen@oldhamcounty.net if you have any questions or comments you would like the chapter to address.

From The Editor's Desk

The public counter is a very powerful tool in the planner's toolbox. This is the spot where emotions run high; the point of contact. The planning commission front desks are the front lines facing (in a lot of cases) a hostile "enemy". Upset citizens march to the counter for a number of highly emotional reasons. Whether they are nervously turning in a neighbor (with whom they are bickering) for the shed he's putting up without a permit or if they are responding to a zoning violation letter, the atmosphere at the front desk is usually quite electric. The first contact with the public is the most critical moment of all. A lot of us planners are fortunate enough to have receptionists who are willing and able to absorb the initial barrage from the agitated public, and for that we owe a huge debt of gratitude. By the time we get the customer a lot of their pent up frustration has already been spent on



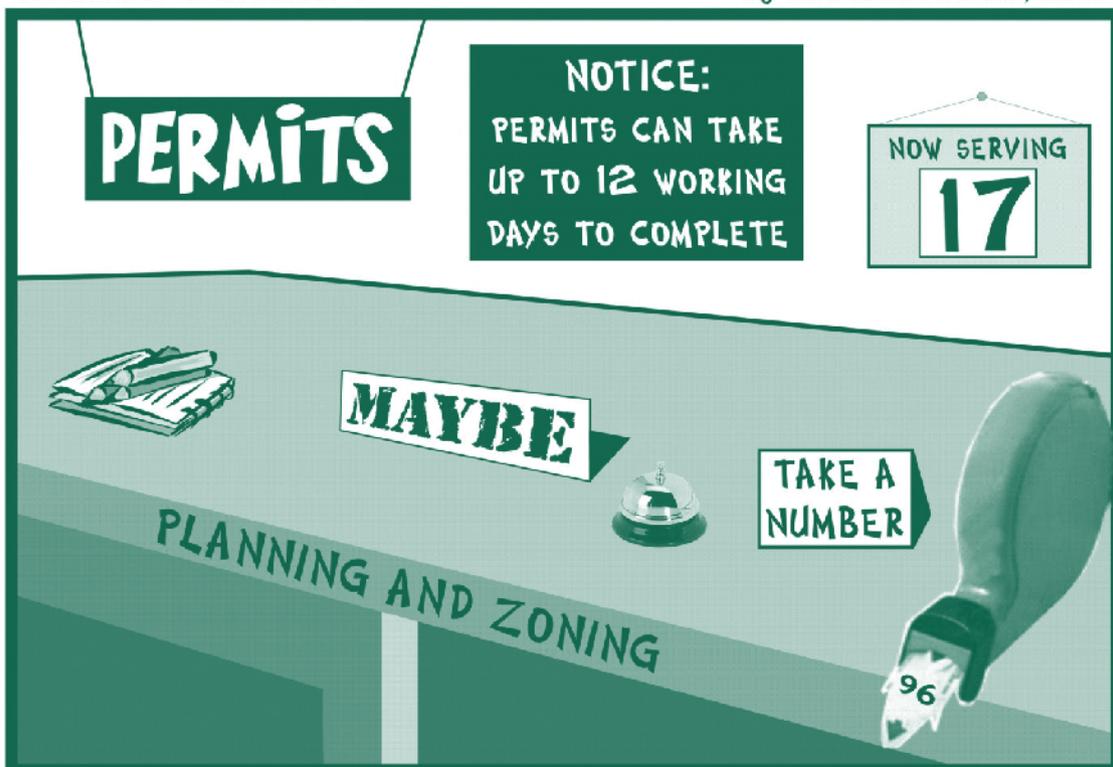
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the unsuspecting and completely innocent receptionist or secretary who greeted them as they thundered in the door. They are experts in diffusing gruff citizens. If we happen to be the one who usually greets the citizens at the front desk, then we need to take a few pointers from our receptionists. We need to first let the citizen speak even if it means we are going to get a royal yelling at without warrant. Sometimes the public needs to blow off steam before they can get down to the real issue at hand anyway. Then (and only then) will we be able to work with them on a solution to their problem. Avoid fighting fire with fire at all costs when confronted by a combatant citizen. It will only escalate the situation and delay (or even eliminate) any chance of progress. Another thing to avoid is keeping them waiting in the lobby. It won't cool them down. It will likely only get their blood boiling even more. Besides, the longer we keep the public waiting, the more our receptionists have to contend with them on their own... We need to make contact with them and let them vent; try to understand their frame of reference, and then work from there. In a lot of cases, the person who came in determined to be a planner's worst enemy will leave with an understanding and appreciation for what we do on a day to day basis. And we all know how rare that can be! Don't be counterproductive; use your counter "intelligence" when dealing with the public.

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Professional Development Officer's Report

As we get ever closer to the end of the first two-year cycle of the Certificate Maintenance (CM) program on December 31, 2009, I am sure there may be one or two planners out there scrambling to collect their final CM credits. Not to fear, there are several free CM opportunities available, many of which do not even require you to leave the comfort of your own home or office. To see a full list of free distance education CM credits offered by APA and its Chapters go to: www.planning.org/cm/free. APA will add free distance education opportunities as they become available, so please check this page frequently for the most current information.



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In addition to the free online CM courses, attending the APA-KY Fall Conference on September 23rd – 25th in Bowling Green is another great way to earn CM credit. In addition to the usual informative and educational sessions offered at the conference, APA-KY is also hosting a full one-day AICP training workshop on Thursday, September 24th at the conference. This workshop will be presented by APA-KY volunteers and should prove to be extremely helpful to those who plan to take the exam in November 2009 or May 2010.

As most of you are aware, APA allows up to 8 hours in each CM reporting cycle to consist of self-reported study hours. In July, APA successfully launched the new self-reporting CM credit tool, so you may now add any self-study hours into your online log. To learn more



By joining the Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association you have an opportunity to shape the future of Kentucky's communities. The chapter's excellent newsletter will keep you informed of timely topics on local and national issues. Chapter-sponsored conferences held each spring and fall offer opportunities for networking, educational enhancement, and exchange.

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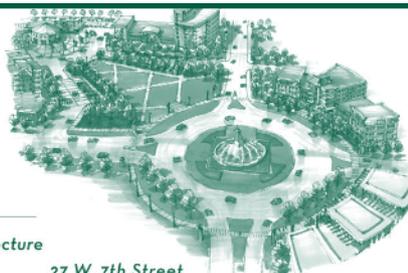
about self-reported study CM credit, go to: <http://www.planning.org/cm/log/selfreport.htm>. APA continues to make improvements to the CM online logging system. Soon members will be able to claim credits for authoring an article and for speaking at an event registered by a provider.

The APA-KY Executive Board is in the midst of forming a new policy on AICP fee reimbursement for financial hardship. As the numbers of those taking the examination increases, the Board feels that a written policy is in order. This new policy will most likely take effect for all those applying for the May 2010 exam. More information will be posted on APA-KY's website as the details are worked out. Until then, please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding fee reimbursement.

Congratulations to APA-KY's newest AICP members who passed the May 2009 exam: **Joshua Karrick, AICP** with CDP Engineers and **Mark Real, AICP** with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The November AICP exam window is November 9-23, 2009. Good luck to all those planning on taking it! If you are planning on taking the exam in the future and would like information regarding study materials, feel free to contact me.



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COMMUNITY PLANNING MONTH PROCLAMATION



WHEREAS, change is constant and affects all cities, towns, suburbs, counties, boroughs, townships, rural areas, and other places; and

WHEREAS, community planning and plans can help manage this change in a way that provides better choices for how people work and live; and

WHEREAS, community planning provides an opportunity for all residents to be meaningfully involved in making choices that determine the future of their community; and



WHEREAS, the full benefits of planning requires public officials and citizens who understand, support, and demand excellence in planning and plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the month of October is designated as National Community Planning Month throughout the United States of America and its territories, and

WHEREAS, The American Planning Association and its professional institute, the American Institute of Certified Planners, endorse National Community Planning Month as an opportunity to highlight the contributions sound planning and plan implementation make to the quality of our settlements and environment; and

WHEREAS, the celebration of National Community Planning Month gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of the members of planning commissions and other citizen planners who have contributed their time and expertise to the improvement of the (State, City, or County) of _____ (insert name of state, city, or county); and

WHEREAS, We recognize the many valuable contributions made by professional community and regional planners of the _____ (State or City or County) of _____ (insert name of state, city, or county) and extend our heartfelt thanks for the continued commitment to public service by these professionals;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the month of October 2009 is hereby designated as **Community Planning Month** in the _____ (State or City or County) of _____ (insert name of state, city, or county) in conjunction with the celebration of National Community Planning Month.

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A Recap of the 2009 Spring Conference at Lake Barkley

Over 80 planners attended the spring conference at Lake Barkley State Park Resort in May. Planners were able to learn about new planning ideas, network, and enjoy the lake. Sessions included a variety of topics such as law, streetscape design, green design, and visualization tools. The featured speaker and Kentucky native, Mike Gurnee from Greensburg, Kansas, spoke about efforts planners are making after a devastating tornado and the resulting sustainable master plan being implemented.

Participants were able to relax and meet other planners during the two receptions. Attendees roasted marshmallows at a bonfire on Wednesday evening and sailed Lake Barkley on a boat cruise on Thursday evening. Overall, the conference was a great success and we look forward to seeing everyone in Bowling Green for the fall conference!

Get Rolling to Bowling Green!

The fall conference will be held in Bowling Green at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center from September



23rd – 25th. An exciting program has been compiled that consists of watershed protection, environmental planning, urban design, and three mobile workshops. Participants can bike through Bowling Green or attend a walking tour of downtown during one of three mobile workshops. The fall conference offers something for all attendees from CM credits for AICP members, impressive sessions, HB 55 hours, multiple networking events, and numerous area attractions and activities!

The conference will open on Wednesday evening with a reception at the Holiday Inn and a chapter meeting will be held during the luncheon on Thursday to vote on proposed bylaw changes. Participants will also be able to visit the Lost River Cave during the reception on Thursday evening with hors d'oeuvres and entertainment! The

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Fall Conference at a glance: Bowling Green

- Wednesday September 23 – Evening Reception
- Thursday, September 24 – Exciting sessions, mobile workshops, Conference luncheon/ chapter meeting, and evening reception at Lost River Cave
- Friday, September 25 – Exciting sessions and mobile workshop





Instructions from our fearless leader!

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preliminary program and registration form is available online at www.kapa.org.

Thursday sessions include discussions of topics and issues that include:

- *Community Commercial Asset Analysis: A Case Study of Court House Square, Independence, Kentucky* by Gary Mattson, Ph.D., AICP (NKU).
- *Using Low Impact Development to Combat Impacts of Urbanization* by Eric Larson, AICP, PE, CFM (City of Georgetown), Sandy Camargo, PE, CFM and Scott Southall, AICP, RLA, ASLA (CDP Engineers).
- *Gainesway Pond Restoration & Educational Project – From Concept to Implementation in eight short years* by Scott Southall, AICP, RLA, ASLA (CDP Engineers).
- *Drinking Water Protection: A Regional Issue with Local Solutions* by Larisa Sims, AICP (OKI Regional Council of Governments) and Kathryn Ward (KY Division of Water).

- *Brownsboro Master Plan* by Louise Allen, AICP and Emily Lui, AICP (Oldham County Planning & Zoning).
- *Beyond Land Use & Zoning: Planning Considerations for the New Economy* by Tom West, AICP (Kentucky Workforce Investment Board).
- *Watershed Protection in the Dry Run Watershed* by Brian Shorkey, AICP and Bonnie Skinner (Georgetown-Scott County Planning Commission).
- *Creating a Successful Public Participation Program* by Amy Williams, AICP and Scott Siefker, ASLA (HNTB Corporation).
- *Mobile Workshop: A Cycling View of Redevelopment Areas of Downtown Bowling Green* by Michael Galbraith, AICP, PTP (HW Lochner).
- *Mobile Workshop: Downtown Bowling Green Walking Tour* by Ashley Lawrence and Amy Scott (BRADD) and Jonathan Britt (City-County Planning Commission of Warren County).

Friday sessions include the following:

- *Case Studies in Redevelopment and Cultural Tourism: The Distillery District and the Red Mile Development Plan* by Stanford Harvey, AICP (Urban Collage) and Chris King, AICP (LFUCG Division of Planning).
- *Traffic Impact Studies for New Developments* by Adam Kirk, AICP, PE, PTOE (Jackson Kirk Engineering, Inc).
- *Imaginative, Innovative and Inspired by Design: the Big Four Pedestrian Bridge* by Brian Fogle (City of Jeffersonville), Mohammad Nouri, PE, LEED AP and Ron Taylor, RLA, ALSA (HNTB Corporation).
- *Environmental Risk Management Issues Affecting Contaminated Properties* by Randy Turk, AICP (Randy Turk LLC).
- *Turning Large Spaces into Great Places* by Barry Alberts, AICP (CityVisions)
- *NFIP & Map Modernization* by Shawn Moore, CFM, CZI (Greater Harrodsburg/Mercer County P&Z Commission).
- *Mobile Workshop: Historic Preservation Walking Tour* by Miranda Clements (City-County Planning Commission of Warren County).

For more information on upcoming APA-KY conferences, visit the programs and special events page at www.kapa.org or contact Amy Williams at awilliams@hntb.com or Felicia Harper at Felicia_harper@gspnet.com.



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The Planning Accreditation Board

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In December, **Larisa Sims, AICP** will be embarking on her next AICP/APA related assignment as the AICP's Young Planner appointee to the Planning Accreditation Board (PAB). Over 70 universities have accredited planning programs in North America, including the University of Louisville here in the Commonwealth. Over 6,500 students are enrolled in both accredited master and bachelors programs at these universities.

Over the next three years Larisa will be attending site visits to get familiar with the accreditation process, attending board meetings, and reviewing annual and midterm reports from accredited programs. Over the course of a typical year, the PAB re-accredits about a dozen programs. As a sample, in 2010 the PAB will be reviewing East Carolina University, Eastern Michigan University, University at Albany, State University of New York, Universite de Montreal, University of Utah, University of British Columbia, and Hunter College among others.

The mission of the PAB is to ensure high quality education for future urban planners. The planning accreditation program is intended to foster high standards for professional education in planning. It does so by requiring programs to achieve and maintain a level of quality which merits accreditation. Accreditation is a means of providing formal recognition that a program indeed measures up to the profession's high educational standards and is therefore qualified to train its future practitioners.

The PAB's principal assignments are to evaluate and reach decisions regarding applications for accreditation and to discuss and propose appropriate policy changes to enhance the role of accreditation in furthering academic excellence. The PAB can assist schools apart from the accrediting process by, for example, providing names of potential visitors who can conduct non-accreditation visits. Other assistance that the PAB considers appropriate can also be provided.

The planning accreditation program is a cooperative undertaking sponsored jointly by three organizations: the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP), and the American Planning Association (APA). The planning accreditation program reflects an assumption that all parties to the planning enterprise - practitioners, educators, students, elected officials, and citizens - have a vital stake in the quality of the nation's programs of planning education.

The PAB has eight members. The president of ACSP appoints four members - three academicians and one public member. The president of AICP appoints three practitioners, one of whom has recently been a student. The president of APA appoints one member who is a citizen planner. The PAB normally meets twice each year; once in the fall to make accreditation decisions and again in the spring to make accreditation decisions and to consider policy matters.

The program was initiated in 1984 as the successor to the planning degree "recognition" program, started in 1960 by the National Education Development Committee (NEDC) of the American Institute of Planners (AIP). The recognition program was begun as a means of assessing graduates' qualifications to take the AIP examination, but expanded into a means of assessing the quality of planning education.

In 1980, it was determined that a full-fledged accreditation program involving site visits by evaluators in the field of planning was necessary to assess quality effectively and to encourage academic excellence. A Task Force on Accreditation was established to prepare the founding criteria and procedures, which were adopted in 1984.

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Planning's Top Twenty Hits*

*Because I couldn't come up with 40 songs.

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I like music. I like planning (well sort of). Just to exercise my brain, I decided to try and put some songs to some of the situations we planners deal with. And now, for your listening pleasure, here goes nothing: **PLANNING'S TOP TWENTY HITS**

1. **"You Can't Always Get What You Want"** by The Rolling Stones - This one is dedicated to the developer who doesn't want to put in sidewalks, landscaping, drainage, or anything else for that matter.
2. **"Get Over It"** by The Eagles - For the developer who HAS to put in those sidewalks, landscaping, drainage, or...
3. **"Riding Out The Storm"** by REO Speedwagon - For those communities dealing with storm water issues.
4. **"Summer In The City"** by The Lovin' Spoonful - Planners trying to retrofit all the old developments with no interior landscaping and the heat islands they create will appreciate this song.
5. **"A Hard Day's Night"** by The Beatles - For the planning staff that had to attend a 6-hour Public Hearing after working like a dog all day long.
6. **"Eight Days A Week"** by The Beatles - That same planning staff will hear this song in their heads when their Public Hearing is continued to the next evening.
7. **"Dead Man's Curve"** by Jan & Dean - For the staff trying to implement traffic calming measures.
8. **"Downtown"** by Petula Clark; **"Down On The Corner"** by Creedence Clearwater Revival; and **"Down On Main Street"** by Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band - These songs are for planners who are trying to come up with a viable downtown revitalization strategy.
9. **"Shout!"** by The Isley Brothers - When you had to deal with several "excited" citizens at a recent public meeting.
10. **"R-E-S-P-E-C-T"** by Aretha Franklin - For any planner who has ever had to deal with an angry citizen who did not treat you the way you felt you should have been treated at the big Public Hearing.
11. **"Hit The Road Jack"** by Ray Charles - Down deep this is what you would like to tell that person who doesn't respect you.
12. **"Last Train To Clarksville"** by The Monkees - Dedicated to planners investigating the feasibility of light rail.
13. **"Purple Haze"** by Jimi Hendrix - A song for those communities trying to cut through all the fog and come up with some air pollution standards.
14. **"Can't Touch This"** by M.C. Hammer - You've just finished the "perfect" ordinance and not two weeks after adoption the City Council wants to make major changes to it! This song's for you.
15. **"Dream On"** by Aerosmith - For those planners who expect a statue to be erected in their honor when they retire... or even just a meeting room named in after them.
16. **"New Kid In Town"** by The Eagles - This song is dedicated to all you young planners who recently graduated from college and are starting your first job.
17. **"Ooh, That Smell"** by Lynard Skynard and Pink Floyd's *Animals* album - These tunes are for planners dealing with the commercial feedlot, the chicken feeding operation, or the guy who wants to have "just a few pigs" on his property adjacent to a residential subdivision.
18. **"Manic Monday"** by The Bangles - A special dedication to that planner just coming back from a two week vacation.
19. **"Thank God I'm A Country Boy"** by John Denver - For rural planners who don't have to deal with the big city issues that go along with being in a large metropolitan area of Kentucky.
20. **"The Authority Song"** by John Mellencamp - This one goes out to the planner trying to convince City Council that passing your ordinance is a "good" idea.

Well, that's about enough for this go around. That and my brain is getting tired. I'm sure there are other songs that you can think of, but in the immortal words of Bill Haley, **"See Ya Later Alligator"**.

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OUTSTANDING PLAN:

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
“Downtown Streetscape Master Plan”

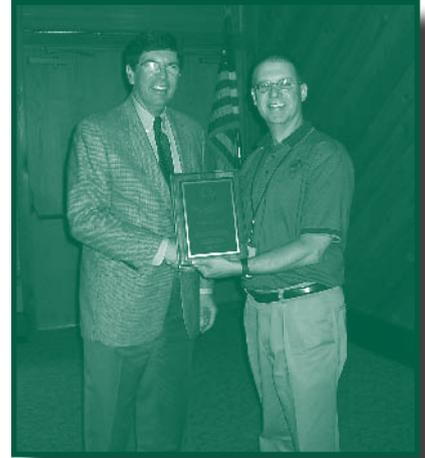
In September and October of 2010, the Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games will focus world-wide attention to Lexington. This type of world showcase is a once-in-a-life time opportunity for the area. In response to this opportunity, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) developed the Downtown Streetscape Master Plan that establishes strategies and guidelines for the transformation of downtown Lexington.

The overall goals of the plan include:

1. develop a world class urban identity and pedestrian friendly downtown;
2. establish pedestrian spaces in support of dining, entertainment and cultural activities;
3. create better connections from the downtown to the neighborhoods;
4. develop safer, more accessible, and environmentally sustainable standards for infrastructure.

More than 50 organizations were involved in the planning process with weekly stakeholders meetings being held. The proposed changes will restore a pedestrian orientation and more business friendly environment. Spaces for trees and sidewalks will increase while widths of roadways will decrease. Improved linkages to the universities will be created.

APA-KY is pleased to recognize Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government for their Downtown Streetscape Master Plan.



Lexington, KY Mayor Jim Newberry

OUTSTANDING PROJECT:

University of Louisville, Center for Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods
“Newport HOPE VI Evaluation Report”

HOPE VI is a bipartisan urban revitalization program created by HUD that eliminates inadequate and poorly designed public housing. Newport was once known as the “vice capital of the south”. However, by forging effective partnerships between non-profit organizations, businesses, higher education, and neighborhoods, city government has been able to improve the quality of life in this community. Based on sound redevelopment strategies and proper use of federal funding, Newport has been able to redevelopment downtown areas, reduce crime in neighborhoods, reduce crime rates, and increase the value of property. New development on the riverfront and better housing choices for all citizens has lead to the improvement of this once infamous community.

APA-KY is pleased to recognize the University of Louisville, Center for Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods for their role in the evaluation and development of strategies as detailed in the Newport HOPE VI Evaluation Report.



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2009 BILL BOWDY AWARD:

Larisa K. Sims, AICP

Regional Planning Manager, OKI Regional Council of Governments

Larisa K. Sims, AICP is the recipient of the 2009 Bill Bowdy Award. Larisa, the Regional Planning Manager at the Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments (OKI) in Cincinnati, Ohio, received a post graduate degree from the Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies in Rotterdam, The Netherlands, and a Master's degree in Community Planning at the University of Cincinnati. Larisa has 10 years of planning experience at the local and regional government level and has been with OKI since 2005. Recently, she has been working on the implementation of the Strategic Regional Policy Plan adopted by the OKI Land Use Commission and OKI Board of Trustees, which includes the creation of a guidance document for comprehensive planning and a fiscal impact analysis model for use in the OKI region. Larisa is also the Immediate Past President of the Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association. APA-KY is very proud of the fact that Larisa has recently been named as the American Institute of Certified Planner's Young Planner appointee to the Planning Accreditation Board.



Bill Bowdy & Larisa Sims in 2007

Larisa has played a key role in setting high standards for professional development and education for planners across our Commonwealth. She has coordinated numerous biannual statewide conferences ensuring a wide variety of high quality presentations on topics and issues that have attracted attendees back year after year. As the Chapter's Professional Development Officer, Larisa conducted AICP exam and Planning Commissioner/Board of Adjustment training at various workshops and conferences throughout the Commonwealth. Larisa has also participated in planning and co-chairing Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Planning Conferences. Larisa continues to bring valuable expertise and dedication to the Chapter.

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBER:

Rachel Phillips, AICP

APA-KY Treasurer, 2007-2008.

APA-KY recognizes Rachel Phillips, AICP as an Outgoing Board Member for her service working with APA staff on the changes to the financial reporting requirements. She has been the APA-KY Treasurer for the past couple of years. Rachel had to leave us because she took a job in New Zealand. APA-KY wishes Rachel all the best in her professional and personal endeavors down under.

Ed Poppe, Kevin Costello, and Larisa Sims contributed to this article.



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Since 1989 the PAB has revised the Accreditation Document four times. In all instances, it adopted the revisions after wide review and participation by the educational and practice groups within the planning profession. In 1989, it substantially revised the document to reflect state-of-the-art criteria used by other, well-established accrediting groups. In 1992 it made explicit the implicit standards for diversity. In 1995, it clarified several criteria/guidelines and procedures and in 1999 detailed guidelines on program length and diversity goals and added emphasis on educational outcomes.

The PAB most recently revised the Accreditation

Document in April 2006, in response to the Task Group on Divisions Council/APA Board Recommendations for Changes in the Accreditation Document. These revisions focus on strengthening the links between professional and educational practice.

More information on how accreditation benefits students, faculty members, practicing planners and the public can be found on the web at www.planningaccreditationboard.org.

Larisa K. Sims, AICP, Regional Planning Manager (OKI Regional Council of Governments) contributed this article with information taken from the 2006 Accreditation Document.

APA-KY Calendar Of Events

October 23, 2009

Deadline for article submissions (Fall 2009 issue)

April 10-13, 2010

APA National Conference (New Orleans, LA)

May 26-28, 2010

APA-KY Spring Conference (General Butler State Park Resort)

Fall 2010

OKI Regional Planning Conference (hosted by APA-IN)

April 9-13, 2011

APA National Conference (Boston, MA)

May 25-27, 2011

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