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# A Word From The President

ow many of us have so much on our plates that there aren't enough hours in the day to finish everything? How many of us long for the days when we could come home from work and "relax"? It seems there is always work to take home, household chores to complete, kids to take care of, and no time for ourselves. Why, then, might someone choose to add to that stress by volunteering their time to work with a non-profit or professional organization?

Many of us involved in planning either entered the field because we care about serving the public, we have an interest in representing the community, or we have some other interest in the public realm (in most cases it certainly was not for the money). That makes us prime targets to become volunteers. But how does one choose where to spend his or her volunteer time?



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I concede that there are many other volunteer organizations in the nation that provide great benefits to those in need, but I also contend that volunteering with the Kentucky Chapter of the American Planning Association is also a worthy cause. The benefits of volunteering with a professional organization are numerous and opportunities range from one time participation to ongoing involvement.

KAPA volunteers are, or soon become, expert problem solvers. They work against objectionable legislation, balance the budget, and deal with conference details, to name just a few. All of these tasks take high levels of skill and tact, and many problems come up that must be dealt with on the spot.

Being a KAPA volunteer helps develop or learn new skills, which can enhance career options. Volunteering can provide opportunities to try things that one may otherwise never try. The support system provided through KAPA is structured so that no one is left alone to face any challenge. Our Executive Committee and many other sub-committees are filled with people from varying backgrounds and experience who all lend a hand when necessary.

Volunteering with KAPA is a great networking tool. Connecting with others and sharing "war stories" is, in my opinion, the most valuable experience gained from volunteering. Learning from peers and developing professional relationships is a benefit that cannot be measured.

KAPA currently has opportunities open to individuals who are looking for an avenue to develop these skills and many more! We are presently looking for a replacement for our Administration Committee, which conducts elections, recruits and retains memberships, and promotes planning awards. Specifically, KAPA needs assistance with elections. This is a yearly commitment to find a slate of candidates for the various offices and get the ballots out to the membership. KAPA is also constantly looking for newsletter articles. Submitting an article is a great way to volunteer your time while also promoting your projects!

There is always room for new faces on KAPA's many committees. We look forward to fresh ideas and new perspectives. Please don't hesitate to contact our Executive Committee or any of our Committee Chairs if you are interested in getting more involved.

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Larisa K. Sims, AICP

# From The Editor's Desk

### by Robert A. Jonas, AICP, rjonas@boonecountyky.org

reweplanners living the plannerendorsed lifestyle? Are we walking the walk or just talking the talk? In some ways we back it up; in others we don't. We promote the use of transportation public ad nauseam yet suspect that planners



per capita ride the bus about as infrequently as the general public. Carpool anyone? I know a few planners who share rides to work and with today's gas prices, they are looking pretty ecologically AND fiscally smart right about now. We like to lecture on walkable communities but very few of us walk to work much less the store. How many of us can tell the public that they need to do go multi-modal and then back it up by telling them that we walk or bicycle to work? If cul-de-sacs are the evil villain of good planning, don't move to one. Be the hero and move to a house in town on a grid system. Don't forget to recycle. Combine your trips. Volunteer with KAPA (see 'A Word From The President' to the left). Backing it up with actions and leading by example is what I'm talking

about here. Think about how much more powerful our profession's testimony would be if planners were setting the pace and practicing what we preach! Let's tow the line and lead by example! Lead the charge; a call to arms (and legs). It's one thing to write, speak, and blog about being good stewards in this increasingly disposable society; it's another to actually do it. Now let's walk!

### Deadlines

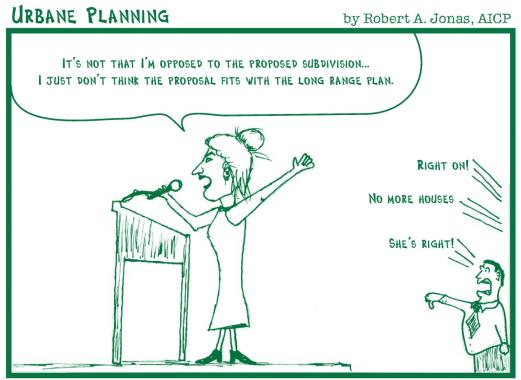
Please observe deadlines in consideration of the editor, who does this in his spare time. Late entries will appear in a later issue.

### **Next Deadline**

July 4, 2008

### Submissions

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Public hearings always bring out new land use experts...

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# **Quality Design to Help Avert NIMBYism**

by Steve Kusek - Research Assistant

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Affordable housing developments often experience community opposition due to a perception that such projects will be based on

poor designs that don't blend in with the surrounding neighborhood. For this reason, HUD's Office of Policy Development and Research, in partnership with the New Jersey Institute of Technology's Center for Architecture and Building Science Research, the American Institute of Architects, and Enterprise Community Partners, Inc., has created the Affordable Housing Design Advisor.

The Affordable Housing Design Advisor assists housing developers by bringing together real world examples of high-quality affordable housing projects from the people who have successfully developed, designed, and built them. The website houses over 80 case studies, each covering an affordable housing development from concept to execution. Additionally, the website provides a step-by-step guide to achieving quality design and includes a variety of tools and resources assembled to help affordable housing developers understand the design process and improve the quality of their own projects.

With community support and a high-quality design, affordable housing developers can enhance all stages of development, alleviate "Not In My Back Yard" (NIMBY) concerns, accelerate the approval process, and ensure overall resident satisfaction.

Additional information about the Affordable Housing Design Advisor can be found at http://www.huduser.org/ rbc/search/rbcdetails.asp?DocId=1560.

We hope this information proves useful to you in your efforts to grow your region's affordable housing stock. If you have regulatory reform strategies or resources that you'd like to share, send us an email at rbcsubmit@ huduser.org, call us at 1-800-245-2691 (option 4), or visit our website at www.regbarriers.org.



# **Getting To Know You: Andrea Pompei**

From time to time Kentucky Planner features a planner who dedicates his or her life to advancing planning in their community. It's our chance to get to know some of the folks we otherwise may not run into. In this issue we focus the spotlight on KAPA Student Representative Andrea Pompei.



Tell us about your education and work/coop experience:

I am currently a fulltime student at the University of Louisville in a dual Master's program studying Urban Planning and Public Administration. In 2006 I graduated from the State University at Albany in New York, with a BS in Business

Administration with a concentration in Marketing and a minor in Spanish.

### What lead you to studying the planning profession?

During my childhood, I was fortunate enough to travel extensively throughout Latin America, Europe, and to other large cities in the United States. These experiences have culminated into a fascination of how cities function, both large and small. So, when it came time to choose a concentration in graduate school, planning stuck out as a suitable area of study for what naturally interested me the most.

### What do you hope to achieve as a professional planner once out of school?

As a professional planner, I hope to work for the "greatergood". Achievement for me would be just seeing that my work is improving the quality-of-life of the community under which I serve.

# **Professional Development Officer's Report**

### by Megan De Sola, AICP, mdesola@vioxinc.com

**Y** pring has inally f arrived in the Commonwealth which always marks busy time of a year in the world of professional development. April was the first anniversary of the of institution the AICP Certificate



Maintenance (CM) program. Hopefully, all of our AICPs are staying on top of their required 32 credit hours. If you have not yet started accruing or logging your credit hours; don't worry, the first 2-year reporting cycle does not end until December 31, 2009. If you attended either the KAPA Spring or Fall Conferences in 2007, both have been approved for CM hours and are listed on the online CM log on APA's website. For more information on the AICP CM Program, please see the article on page 12.

I am currently working on submitting KAPA's upcoming Spring Conference sessions for CM approval. Look for the conference to appear on APA's AICP CM calendar within the next month. The Spring Conference is scheduled for May 21-23, 2008 at Cumberland Falls State Park and will offer a great opportunity to acquire certificate maintenance credit hours for AICPs or HB 55 continuing education hours for planning professionals, planning commissioners, zoning officials, etc.

As previously noted, this spring marked the end of KAPA's 60-hour club. If you have accrued 60 or more continuing education hours over the past three years, you are eligible to receive a certificate, pin, t-shirt, and will be registered for a chance at a free conference registration. Hopefully you turned in all of your hours to Sharmili Sampath, AICP at Northern Kentucky Area Planning Commission (ssampath@nkapc.org). All 60-hour club awards will be given at the Spring Conference in Cumberland Falls.

KAPA's 2-day AICP Exam Workshop at the University of Louisville took place on March 29th and April 5th. I would like to thank all participants in this year's workshop, especially those who volunteered to teach sessions. If you are planning on taking the AICP exam in the near future and have not had the chance to attend an exam prep session, here are a few other options: Hopefully you were able to take advantage of the prep session at the national conference on Sunday, April 27, 2008. If not, there will be a one-day exam workshop at the OKI Fall Conference in Louisville on Friday, October 17, 2008. The May exam window is May 5-June 2, 2008. This extension was granted to ensure that all candidates have a sufficient amount of time to study after they've been notified of approval and are able to receive a suitable testing appointment after receiving the authorization to test. I would like to wish all of our May exam candidates the best of luck! If you are interested in taking the exam in November 2008, AICP is currently accepting applications.

Finally, KAPA would like to recognize our newest AICP members. The following planners passed the November 2007 exam: Amy Williams, AICP, HNTB Corporation and Steve Sizemore, AICP, Louisville Metro Planning & Design Services. Congratulations and welcome to AICP, Amy and Steve!

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions regarding professional development!

Sincerely,

Megan



"Burn down our cities and leave our farms, and your cities will spring up again as if by magic; but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country."

<u>unknown</u>



# SUSTAINABLE URBAN DESIGN WITH NATURE



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Join us in a new webinar series led by author and practioner Doug Farr on Sustainable Urbanism! This educational series is brought to you by Farr Associates, PlaceMatters and the American Planning Association Technology Division.



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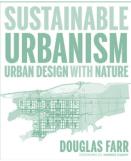
Implementing sustainable communities will require the participation of the next several generations of development and planning professionals. New tools and techniques can greatly assist in the adoption of Sustainable Urbanism as a dominant pattern of human settlement over the course of the next few decades. Farr Associates, in partnership with PlaceMatters and the APA Technology Division, has put together a convenient and affordable series of online seminars to teach planners about the principles and practices of Sustainable Urbanism.

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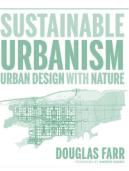
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# **Calling All Planners to Cumberland Falls!**

By Amy Williams, AICP KAPA Programs/ Special Events Co-Chair awilliams@hntb.com

Our upcoming spring conference will be held at Cumberland Falls State Park Resort from May 21st – May 23rd. We have an exciting program outlined with sessions focusing on bike & pedestrian planning, redevelopment, downtown planning, waterfront planning, and much more! The spring conference offers something for all attendees, from Certification Maintenance (CM) credits for AICP members, impressive sessions, HB 55 hours, multiple social events, and numerous area attractions and activities!

The conference will open Wednesday evening with a reception at the state park. The annual chapter meeting will be held on Thursday during the conference luncheon. During that meeting, the Executive Board and each committee will give members an update of events and accomplishments over the past year. The annual awards ceremony will be held during lunch on Friday.

Participants are also invited to attend a dinner excursion to the Blue Heron Coal Mining Camp Thursday evening. This event is included in a full conference registration. A railcar will transport attendees back in time as they explore the 100-year old Kentucky and Tennessee Railway. This adventure promises to

### **Conference at a Glance**

- Wednesday, May 21 Evening Reception
- Thursday, May 22 Morning and afternoon sessions, Conference luncheon/annual meeting, and Dinner Excursion
- Friday, May 23 Morning sessions, Awards Luncheon, and Keynote Speaker

provide amazing views of Kentucky and the remnants of communities that once lined the railway. Once the train reaches the Blue Heron Coal Mining Camp, participants will enjoy a cookout and time to socialize before being returned to the present day back at the state park. This is a great way to experience the rich history of Kentucky's mining towns and get to know planners across the state. Visit <u>www.bsfsry.com</u> for more details on the dinner excursion and reception.

Thirteen sessions have been scheduled for the conference and AICP members can earn up to 8.75 hours of CM hours! Specific information on CM credits for each session will be available at the conference.

Thursday morning offers four sessions on access management, bicycle planning, infill/redevelopment, and the economic competitiveness of a community.



These sessions include:

- US 231 Access Management Partnership by Jeff Moore, AICP (KYTC Division of Planning);
- How to Plan Like A Bicyclist by Michael Galbraith, AICP (H.W. Lochner, Inc);
- Policies and Tools for Infill and Redevelopment by Chris King, AICP (LFUCG), Stanford Harvey, AICP (Urban Collage), Ed Homes, AICP (EHI Consultants), and Rachel Phillips, AICP (LFUCG); and
- Community Asset Analysis Tool by Gary Mattson, Ph.D, AICP (NKU Public Administration and Public Policy).

Thursday afternoon sessions focus on downtown redevelopment, maximizing roadway investments, public hearings and meetings, and waterfront planning; the sessions include:

- Louisville's West Main Street Cultural District by Barry Alberts (Louisville Downtown Development Corporation);
- Rethinking the Roadway: Leveraging Infrastructure to Increase the Quality of Life in 21st Century Communities by Ron Taylor, ASLA, RLA (HNTB Corporation);
- Effective Public Hearings and Meetings by Tom West, AICP (HNTB Corporation); and

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### What is your favorite city and why?

I have many favorites but I would have to go with Valencia, Spain. I spent a term studying abroad there, living with a Spanish family in an extremely diverse part of the city. With a bus and tram stop less than a block away, I could go anywhere around the city in a matter of 20 minutes. Also, less than a block away was a grocery store, fruit-stand, convenient store, and internet café. The best part though: The people. The Spanish work to live, not live to work. • Reclaiming Kentucky's Waterfronts by Craig Gossman, AIA (Kinzelman Kline Gossman).

Four sessions will be held on Friday morning followed by the keynote speaker after lunch; the keynote speaker will focus on state-sponsored economic development initiatives including Tax Increment Financing. These session include:

- **Planning for Downtown** by Matthew Meunier, PLS, AICP (Jeffersontown);
- Involving Hispanic/Latino Community in Growth Initiatives by Karen Mohammadi, PE, AICP, PTOE and Felicia Harper (Greshman, Smith and Partners);
- New Trends in Land Use Regulations by Wendy Moeller, AICP (McBride Dale Clarion); and
- One-way to Two-way Street Conversions as a Catalyst for a Livable Downtown Environment by Clete Benken, ASLA (Kinzelman Kline Gossman) and Michael Woolum, PE, PLS (Strand Associates).

Cumberland Falls State Park has many exciting activities outside of the spring conference including hiking, fishing, rafting, swimming, and horseback riding! Hikers can experience 17 miles of trails with many scenic areas. Fishing enthusiasts can catch bass, catfish, panfish, and roughfish in the Cumberland River and outdoorsmen can take guided rafting trips. Horseback riders can enjoy a peaceful ride through the park or those who just need a break can relax at the pool. The resort also provides opportunities for tennis, horseshoes, and shuffleboard! More information on the Cumberland Falls State Park can be found at <u>www.parks.ky.gov</u>.

The Programs and Special Events Committee would also like to thank the following conference sponsors for their support: HNTB Corporation; Kinzelman Kline Gossman; Urban Collage; Wilbur Smith Associates; and Nexus Planning and Legal Services.

For a copy of the preliminary program, registration form or more information on KAPA's programs and special events, visit <u>www.kapa.org/PSE\_Comm.htm</u>.

### What was the last book you read?

Redesigning the American Dream. The Future of Housing, Work, and Family Life by Dolores Hayden.

### Any hobbies?

I love to travel. Whether flying to a foreign country or taking road-trips within the U.S., I enjoy experiencing new things but I also enjoy returning to those familiar (Burnt Hills, NY). When I have free time (which is extremely rare at this point in my schooling), I like to work with glass mosaic design.

# **AICP Certificate Maintenance:**

Making Lemonade from Lemons

by Megan De Sola, AICP **Professional Development Officer** mdesola@vioxinc.com

Sometimes even planners recognize that no amount of careful planning will protect even the most well-intentioned program from scrutiny. The new AICP Certificate Maintenance Program (CM) is no exception to this rule. However. APA and AICP continue to make

improvements and are dedicated

to making this program the key to the advancement of the planning profession. This is an exciting time for planners! By working together to make the new CM program a success, we have the opportunity of improving the quality of continuing education courses and ushering in a new era of highly qualified and educated planning professionals.

If you still have many questions about certificate maintenance, rest easy; you are not alone! With all of the talk of CM, credit hours, logging systems, and provider registration, what's a confused planner to do??! This article will attempt to answer some of the most frequently asked questions, and hopefully set your mind at ease that the CM program can actually be a GOOD THING!

### **Earning and Logging CM Credits**

All AICP members are required to earn a total of 32 CM credits every two years, which should include 1.5 credits on the topic of ethics and 1.5 credits on the topic of current planning law. The program officially began January 1, 2008, however since the program was approved in April 2007, many courses between April 14, 2007 and December 31, 2007 were CM approved and will count toward an AICP member's first reporting cycle. One CM credit is equal to one hour of instructional time. If you earn more than the required 32 hours over the 2-year cycle, AICP permits you to roll over up to 16 credit hours to the next reporting period.

The easiest way to find activities which qualify for CM credits is to search APA's website for upcoming approved events in your area (http://www.planning.org/cm/ member/calendar.htm). The APA CM events calendar includes single-day and multi-day events, as well as selfstudy courses. The search function on the calendar allows you to search for CM-approved activities by state, city, event name, or provider name. It is important to keep in mind that AICP has an approximate 3-week

turnaround time of approving a course after submittal by a provider. So, although providers usually try to register their course before the event takes place, it is possible that the event may not be listed for CM approval until after the event occurs.

Each AICP member has a personal online CM log. Use your APA ID and password to log in and search for CM activities. You will be asked to rate the session you attended and then you will be able to submit the credits to your CM log.

### **Eligible Educational Activities**

Many activities, lectures, workshops, audio conferences, and online courses are eligible for CM credit. In short, here is a list of activities which are NOT eligible for CM credit:

- Time spent in business meetings of APA leadership, whether at the national, chapter, or division levels is not eligible for CM credit;
- Time spent in mentoring activities is not eligible for CM credit:
- Time spent teaching for a salary or a fee is not eligible for CM credit;

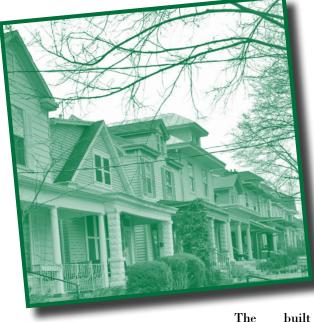
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# **Sustainable City Series**

by Patrick Piuma, Director Urban Design Studio University of Louisville

The Sustainable City Series (SCS) was developed in the fall of 2007 as a public outreach campaign by the Urban Design Studio to raise the community's awareness of sustainable practices. The fundamental goal is to provide a catalyst for change moving Louisville and the surrounding region towards a sustainable model for the nation. Each forum in the series focuses on different aspects of sustainability with topics that appeal to a broad audience.



environment plays an important role in how a city functions, from its effects on public health and human behavior, to the local, regional, and global environment. However, this series goes beyond design and looks at the city and region as a system; a system in which inputs and changes in one area affect the entire region. Water management through rain barrels, rain gardens, and the increased use of permeable surfaces can reduce the need for costly infrastructure retooling throughout the system. Compact development can lead to better usage of existing utility networks and make mass transit systems like buses and light rail more viable and efficient. Preservation of local farmland and support of local agriculture can reduce the region's reliance on imported meats and produce while promoting the local economy. These are just a few examples of topics and issues we have or will cover throughout this series.

The first event, held on November 1, 2007, was Gardening & Landscaping and focused on the use of native plantings, rain barrels, and other tools and techniques to conserve resources and enhance our natural surroundings. Over 260 people were in attendance for this event.

The second event held on December 6, 2007, Sustainable Home, looked at the home as a system while explaining to the audience how they could make their home more energy efficient and environmentally friendly with up to date information about home improvements, energy, materials, appliances, and more. More than 220 people attended this event.

The third event was held on March 25, 2008 and entitled Local Food & Agriculture with a focus on local food initiatives, community farms, food access, the slow food movement, and farmer's markets, among other related topics. This event was standing room only with over 300 people in attendance!

We believe that the series has touched on a common interest in the community and hope to continue offering events that will bring even more people together to learn how to make our community a better, more sustainable place to live.

Upcoming forums in the Sustainable City Series are currently in the works and will be publicized as soon as details are available. To stay informed on upcoming Sustainable City Series forums or other events at the Urban Design Studio, please visit our website at <u>http:// uds.louisville.edu.</u>

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- Time spent either attending or teaching an AICP exam prep course is not eligible for CM credit;
- Neither charrettes nor visioning workshops are eligible for CM credit.

Volunteer, unpaid planning instruction, or presenting a professional project or paper qualifies for CM credit as long as the presentation itself was approved for CM credit for the attendees. The amount of credit equals the length of the presentation in hours plus one hour for the preparation. For a more information on eligible educational activities, please go to http://www.planning. org/cm/faq.htm.

### **Provider Registration**

All CM providers must register with APA for an annual fee. Once the provider is registered, they are solely responsible for registering any activities for CM approval that they may provide during that year. If a provider is not registered, then their activities cannot be approved for CM credit. If you have attended an activity which was given by a non-CM registered provider, you may do one of three things: You can download and send to them a CM fact sheet that details the benefits of becoming a CM provider (http://www.planning.org/cm/ pdf/providerfactsheet.pdf); you may email APA who will invite the provider to participate (CMProviderInvite@ planning.org); or you may email me at mdesola@vioxinc. com and I can forward their information on to APA who will, in turn, invite them to participate.

Since the inception of the CM program, AICP has reached out to more than 700 organizations and currently has successfully registered approximately 200 organizations.

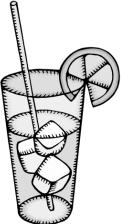
### **Other Concerns**

KAPA is aware that many of our AICP members are concerned about the accessibility and affordability of acquiring the required 32 credit hours. APA is currently reviewing many web-based training events for those who cannot travel to conferences. Please check the list of approved CM activities often for new entries. APA is



expanding its own online educational program to provide members with accessible and affordable educational products. These products include webcasts, CD-ROMs, podcasts, and online courses. For more information about APA audio/web conferences and AICP CD-ROM training packages, please go to http://www.planning.org/ professionals/.

Hopefully, this article has helped you to wade through some of the mire and confusion of the new CM program. It may seem overwhelming now, but KAPA is dedicated to making this transition period as painless as possible. I encourage those who have suggestions or concerns regarding CM issues to please contact me or Larisa Sims, KAPA President at lsims@oki.org with your comments.





"If they say it can't be done, it doesn't always work out that way."

Yogi Berra, baseball catcher (1925-present)

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### About UDS...

The mission of the Urban Design Studio (UDS) is to develop, document, and disseminate knowledge of urban design issues in Louisville and the Commonwealth. Founded in 2000, the UDS emerged from a series of conversations about bringing together Kentucky's two research universities, Louisville's metropolitan government, local practitioners, and everyday citizens to study and discuss issues in community development.

As a collaborative venture between the University of Kentucky's College of Design, the University of Louisville's School of Urban and Public Affairs, and Louisville Metro Planning & Design Services, the UDS serves as a classroom, meeting point, resource base, and exhibition space. Professors and practitioners cultivate various research endeavors throughout the year and periodically join forces on special issues. The UDS frequently holds planning and design charrettes and discussion forums that help increase the level of public involvement. In addition, the UDS conducts research and spatial analysis, develops conceptual site plans, massing models, and other analytical tools related to urban design, and produces graphics, maps, and reports. Reaching out to broader audiences, the UDS also serves as a gallery space



f o r exhibits of art, design, and urban planning-related works.

The ability to draw from a regional pool of talented professionals, academics, and students provides the UDS with a unique ability to research and respond to a broad range of urban design issues.



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- AICP prep course
- Dedicated session for Planning Board members
- Professional Development focused session for practitioners
- Certification Maintenance (CM) credits for AICP planners
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This year's program includes quality professional development and many memorable experiences. We hope that you are able to take this opportunity to discuss and explore issues that are current to our profession and that will impact our ability to continue to develop the legacy of planning for all of our communities.

The conference site/hotel is the Downtown Marriott. In order to secure the conference room rate (\$149 – single or double), make your reservations by September 24, 2008. Phone: 1-502-627-5045 / Toll-free: 1-800-533-0127

Registration will be open in the coming weeks - See the conference website for updates and on-line registration <u>http://www.kapa.org/okiconference.htm</u>

# **KAPA Calendar Of Events**

May 21-23, 2008 KAPA Spring Conference Cumberland Falls State Park

### May 22, 2008

KAPA Executive Committee - Cumberland Falls State Park Annual KAPA Membership Meeting Cumberland Falls State Park (12:00 noon)

July 4, 2008 Deadline for Articles for Summer 2008 Newsletter

July 18, 2008 KAPA Executive Committee - University of Louisville (12:00 noon)

**October 15-17, 2008** OKI Regional Conference - Louisville, KY

**October 16, 2008** KAPA Executive Committee - Louisville Marriott

**November 18, 2008** Lorman Education Services seminar - Lexington, KY David A. Pike, Speaker - "Ethics in Land Use"

**December 5, 2008** KAPA Executive Committee



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