

### Breakout Session Details

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Planning Law 2008 Update	April 17th 8:30 a.m. Henry Oliver	David C. Kirk, Troutman Sanders LLP, Partner	What does the Georgia Supreme Court's decision mean for the future of tax allocation districts (TADs)? What will the impact be on planning and zoning of other recent appellate court decisions? This session offers a brief overview of planning and zoning law in Georgia and focuses on recent decisions of interest. <b>CM: 1.5 Law</b>
Historic Preservation's Essential Role in Sustainable Development	April 17th 8:30 a.m. Mary Gay Room	Lori Leland-Kirk, Decatur Historic Preservation Commission; Richard Laub, GA State University; Karen Huebner, Urban Design Commission, City of Atlanta	Historic preservation has an essential role to play in planning for a sustainable future. Join us for a discussion of why we need to regard the built environment as a renewable resource rather than a disposable one. Historic Buildings are repositories of "embodied energy" that we cannot continue to waste. Learn about local government success in implementing historic districts and how to use tax incentives to encourage historic preservation and adaptive reuse, the greenest of building arts. <b>CM: 1.5</b>
Georgia's Next Big Investment - Managed Lanes?	April 17th 8:30 a.m. Swanton Amphitheater	Andrew Simth, Thomas McQueen, Matthew Fowler, Darryl Van Meter, HNTB.	This session will explore the concept of managed lanes and its applicability in Georgia. The session will share recent experience with two state-of-the-practice planning studies - Statewide Truck Lanes Needs Identification Study and Metro Atlanta Region Managed Lanes Study, and wrap up with an implementation perspective oriented around innovative project delivery methods such as public-private partnerships. <b>CM: 1.5</b>
Life after Blueprints: how community-based planning intersects with government-driven planning	April 17th 8:30 a.m. Decatur A	Saskia Benjamin, GA Conservancy; Bill Seay, Piedmont Heights Civic Association; Mike Dobbins, Georgia Tech; Ryan Gravel, Gravel, Inc.	Blueprints for Successful Communities is a technical assistance program of the Georgia Conservancy designed to facilitate community-based planning across the state. Using Blueprints Piedmont Heights, a neighborhood in Atlanta, as a case study, this session will look at the ways in which community-based planning intersects with and enhances government-driven planning projects.
Uncovering Obscurities: Georgia's Little Known Land Use Laws and Rules	April 17th 10:15 a.m. Henry Oliver	Jerry Weitz, Jerry Weitz & Associates, Inc.	Cemeteries...junkyards...dredging for sand in state waters...manufacturing home installation standards...outdoor advertising...timber harvesting...these are topics that are covered in Georgia law and administrative rules. Gain an overview of these and other little-publicized aspects of the Georgia Code and an appreciation for how cross-referencing them in codes can bring efficiency to local development review. <b>CM: 1.5 Law</b>
Infrastructure Development Districts (IDDs) - Coming Soon to a Project Near You?	April 17th 10:15 a.m. Mary Gay Room	David C. Kirk, Troutman Sanders LLP; William F. Ross, Ross + Associates, Inc.; Kenneth D. Bleakly, Jr., Bleakly Advisory Group, Inc.	This fall, Georgia voters will consider a constitutional amendment allowing for the creation of infrastructure development districts ("IDDs") – special self-taxing districts that would finance the construction and maintenance of infrastructure to support new development projects. With the Georgia Supreme Court recently reducing the ability of communities to use tax allocation districts to finance infrastructure costs, come learn more about the myths and reality surrounding this major financing tool, and possible uses for IDD's in your jurisdiction. <b>CM: 1.5</b>
Paths to a Successful County Transportation Vision and Plan	April 17th 10:15 a.m. Swanton Amphitheater	Laura Keyes, Atlanta Regional Commission; Geoff Morton, Cherokee Co.; Kevin Walter, Newton Co.	ARC manages an ongoing Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) funding assistance program to encourage counties and their municipalities develop a joint long-range transportation vision and plan. This session will present specific topics related to successful implementation of a CTP such as the project prioritization methodology and political processes to develop project recommendation lists, strategies for innovative public and stakeholder involvement, and the tools to implement policies and projects related to integrated land use and transportation planning. <b>CM: 1.5</b>
Regulating "Green Building" Requirements: Considerations for Local Governments	April 17th 10:15 a.m. Decatur A	Michelle Alexander, Pond & Company; Jennifer Wilson, CIFAL, Atlanta; Dan Schultz, City of Chamblee; Jahnee Prince, Council for Quality Growth	Many government entities already have rules requiring energy efficiency features for government facilities. Many also include incentives for private developers to follow suit. This panel discusses local government initiatives in Georgia, from both the developer and government perspective. It will consider the implications of regulations that require all new construction to have energy efficiency standards, especially given different standards for homes and commercial facilities. <b>CM: 1.5</b>
Water Planning Updates	April 17th 1:00 p.m. Henry Oliver	Jim Santo, ARC and Joy Hinkle, Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District	This session will review the Metropolitan River Protection Act policy and procedures; and the MNGWPD's policies on water conservation, watershed protection and stormwater management, and water supply and wastewater infrastructure planning.
Re-Imagining Fort McPherson	April 17th 1:00 p.m. Mary Gay Room	Jack Sprott, Fort McPherson Local Redevelopment Authority; Herman Howard, HOK; Paul Moore, Glatting Jackson Kercher Anglin, Inc.	HOK led a team that developed a vision and master plan for a new mixed-use, urban development on the site of the soon to close Fort McPherson in Atlanta. The location of this large site near downtown, the airport and two MARTA rail stations represents an opportunity that is unlikely to emerge again in our lifetimes. Challenges included weaving the development into existing communities, making the best use of existing infrastructure and phasing development and finance in light of the military's timing and needs. <b>CM: 1.25</b>

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Making Structured Parking Work	April 17th 1:00 p.m. Swanton Amphitheater	Gary Cornell, JJG; Glen Kurtz, Lanier Parking; Ken Bleakly, Bleakly Advisors; Ed Czynson, Clough-Harbour & Associates.	This session will demonstrate the importance of structured parking in the achieving the goals of good design, Travel Demand Management, and walkability for mixed use activity centers. We will discuss the economics and finance of structured parking from a real estate development point of view, discuss the incentives for parking structures that can be built into zoning regulations for mixed use activity centers, the appropriate design parameters and the traffic operations aspects of locating and designing parking structures. <b>CM: 1.25</b>
Green Building and Housing Affordability as keys to Sustainable Communities	April 17th 1:00 p.m. Decatur A	Matt Dobson, Resource Efficiency Task Group, National Green Building Standard; Chris Burke, Greater Atlanta Home Builders Association	The new NAHB National Green Building Standard is paving the way for local communities to implement various types of green building programs. Couple these practices with housing affordability, and you have the principal components for sustainable housing developments in the future. Planners will hear about how going green and housing affordability go hand in hand to attain long-term sustainability.
Parks System Master Plans: Tools for Sustainable Communities	April 17th 2:30 p.m. Henry Oliver	David Barth, Glattig Jackson Kercher Anglin, Inc.	Parks and Open Space Master Plans are not "just for recreation" anymore. Comprehensive Parks and Open Space Plans can be used to determine community needs and priorities; to create a framework for growth; as tools to address pressing economic, social and/or environmental needs; and as a planning process to help residents participate in community decision-making and problem solving. This course outlines the Parks and Open Space Master Planning process, and discusses examples of recent Plans that define Parks and Open Space as a community's "green infrastructure" including parks, public spaces, greenways and trails, conservation areas, growth management buffers, civic buildings and sites, streets and storm drainage facilities. <b>CM: 1.25</b>
Revitalization through Effective Planning Partnerships	April 17th 2:30 p.m. Mary Gay Room	Dan Basso, Georgia Department of Community Affairs	Learn how a partnership of the Savannah Area Behavioral Health Collaborative, Union Mission, Georgia Department of Community Affairs and the City of Savannah transformed a disused and distressed housing project into a visionary Permanent Support Housing facility, replacing uninhabitable structures with specific function homes with supportive services to remove people permanently from a state of homelessness, making transportation and land use improvements to facilitate accessibility, revitalizing and reviving the area and addressing a persistent need in the community. <b>CM: 1.25</b>
An Informed Citizen Is Your Best Customer: Public Communication Techniques for Planners	April 17th 2:30 p.m. Swanton Amphitheater	Melora Furman and Arthur Duncan, DeKalb Co Planning & Development	Ever wonder how your agency could present a more informative and interactive image to the public? How to increase citizen participation without wearing out the most reliable participants? This session will offer tips and techniques for communicating your agency's services and initiatives at your zoning intake counter, through your web site, and at public meetings. The session presenters bring ideas from several different agency settings where they have worked, as well as perspectives derived from experience as citizen participants in their own communities. Bring your ideas to share, and learn what has worked at other agencies. <b>CM: 1.25</b>
Challenges & Strategies for Compatible Infill Housing	April 17th 2:30 p.m. Decatur A	Lara Mathes and Leah Graham Stewart, Athens-Clarke County; Chrissy Marlowe, Athens-Clarke County Planning Commission	Athens-Clarke County recently conducted a comprehensive study of infill housing design issues and trends. The study highlights the best and worst of new construction in Athens' traditional neighborhoods as well as strategies to achieve greater compatibility with existing architectural and streetscape patterns.
Practical Considerations for Implementing Non-Sewered Developments	April 17th 4:00 p.m. Henry Oliver	Brian Britain, Waste Water Systems, Inc., Martin Shields, Estes Shields Engineering, Inc.	Decentralized wastewater systems are playing a much bigger role today in providing the on-site wastewater management needs of new developments. This presentation will discuss the current issues involved with the selection of appropriate technology, planning, designing, permitting and operational responsibilities for the successful implementation of a decentralized wastewater system. A case study on a recently developed project will be presented to help illustrate how these issues can be addressed.
DCA Office of Planning & Quality Growth's New Programs, Rules, etc.	April 17th 4:00 p.m. Mary Gay Room	Annaka Woodruff, Jim Frederick, GA DCA	An update on new Programs and Rule changes from the GA Department of Community Affairs (DCA)'s Office of Planning & Quality Growth (OPQG).

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E-voting: A Tool for Community Participation	April 17th 4:00 p.m. Swanton Amphitheater	Megan Will, Charlotte Weber, and Amanda Easoz, JIG; Rick Jones, Columbus Consolidated Government	E-Voting is a wireless keypad voting technology that can be used to maximize meaningful participation in the planning process. This hands on technology allows participants to express their viewpoints and be equally understood without only the loudest and boldest dominating the discussion. By means of anonymous participation, this technology can help meeting facilitators bring key issues into focus quickly, maximizing the impact and value of community meetings. The session will explore a number of key pad applications including visual preference surveys, opinion polls, and community visioning. <b>CM: 1.25</b>
Apartment Sweeps and Apartment Inspection Ordinance	April 17th 4:00 p.m. Decatur A	John Wessering and Marcus Kellum, City of Sandy Springs	This presentation is an overview of two programs developed by Sandy Springs to deal with apartment developments within the City. The first program is the "Apartment Sweeps" this is achieved by a joint effort of several Department and Divisions within the City. The second part of the program is the "Apartment Inspection Ordinance" which is accomplished through outside inspectors.
Welcome to the AICP Ethics Bowl!	April 18th 8:30 a.m. Henry Oliver	Gary Cornell and Charlotte Weber, JIG; Mary Louise Upshaw, Fulton Co.	Questions will be fielded by the participants in good clean fun and professional competition as we explore the full scope of the practices and scope of the ethics requirements for practicing Certified Planners. AICP Ethics Bowl is to be conducted much like the College Bowl from the good ole days of black and white television from some time ago. <b>CM: 1.5 Ethics</b>
Creating a More Sustainable Coastal Georgia	April 18th 8:30 a.m. Mary Gay Room	Jamie Cochran, Bev Davis, RS&H; Jim Frederick, DCA; Tom Thomson, Chatham Co-Savannah MPD; Sonny Timmerman, Liberty Consolidated Planning Commission.	This session will update the participants on the progress made in completing the Coastal Georgia Comprehensive Plan, including the perspective of the Georgia DCA related to intergovernmental coordination issues; the progress made by local governments in incorporating quality growth principles into their land development regulations; and an assessment of the process by local government participants. <b>CM: 1.5</b>
Decatur Session I: Pathways to a Healthy Decatur: A Community Transportation Plan	April 18th 8:30 a.m. Swanton Amphitheater	Roger Henderson, Kimley-Horn and Associates; Amanda Thompson, City of Decatur	The City of Decatur has outlined a technical path that justifies investments in pedestrian and bicycle level of service improvements that may affect vehicular levels of service. Support is gained from the public health community through the application of a health impact assessment of the plan's recommendations. With extraordinary outreach to citizens in Decatur and the nexus of world-class public health organizations located in "greater Decatur" this Plan has wide ranging support that will ensure implementation of some of its most important recommendations. <b>CM: 1.5</b>
Lobbing Grenades: When Faced with an AICP Ethics Complaint	April 18th 10:15 a.m. Henry Oliver	Jerry Weitz, Jerry Weitz & Associates, Inc.	Formal complaints of ethical misconduct are not common. Hear from a planner who recently was subjected to an ethics charge, what was done to defend against the "grenade launch," and the disposition of the complaint. This session will also offer observations (and discussion time) about matters of zoning administration and consulting that edge into gray regions of ethical misconduct and professional responsibility. <b>CM: 1.5 Ethics</b>
Certifying your Community: Overview of available "Green" Programs in the Southeast	April 18th 10:15 a.m. Mary Gay Room	Gray Kelly, Southface Energy Institute; and guest presenters.	Certifying a community can have many benefits, whether it is new development, a local jurisdiction, or a neighborhood. The benefits are to the community, end user, as well as the environment. This session will present a few options of programs available in Georgia (Earthcraft, LEED-ND, Audubon, to name a few.)
Decatur Session II: Success Factors for Downtown Development in Decatur	April 18th 10:15 a.m. Swanton Amphitheater	Lyn Menne and Amanda Thompson, City of Decatur	The City of Decatur has experienced a significant amount of new development and redevelopment in the downtown area over the last few years. Critical components of this successful renaissance are: a clear long-range, consistent vision that is community based; supportive elective officials; and strong partnerships between elected officials, professional staff and the private sector.