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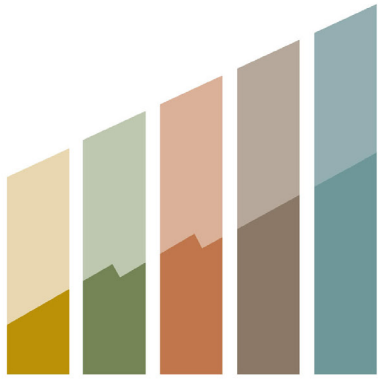
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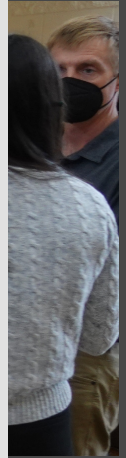
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Letter from the MAP President

Dear MAP Membership,

Welcome to the 2024 Montana Association of Planners Conference in Lewistown, Montana! Our theme this year is Finding Our Center, appropriately named to reflect meeting in the geographic center of the state, as well as our collective need to balance many competing priorities. This year's conference builds on success we had last year bringing together a wide spectrum of planners and professionals working on critical issues facing our communities across the state. This is also our first official conference as a state chapter of the American Planning Association!

It's been a busy year as a new chapter, so there is a lot to share during our member update meeting. In the year since we last met in Butte, the Board has been hard at work on strategic planning, looking to increase our capacity and focus on the services we provide to our membership. We last developed a strategic plan for the organization back in 2016, and in the intervening years we achieved a number of key milestones. The Strategic Plan set out to increase partnerships, build relevancy for MAP, and demonstrate planning know-how. Notable successes include building a coalition to modernize our state planning, subdivision, and zoning laws, which led to passage of the Montana Land Use and Planning Act in 2023, and our transition to a state chapter of APA. MAP also developed a legislative strategy that improved our standing as professionals with an important perspective to share.

The Board is now shifting our focus towards new goals, successes and building on the momentum of the last few years. There is still much work to be done at the state level to promote strong planning principles and build on the legitimacy MAP established during the 2023 session. As the 2025 Legislative Session approaches, we need to continue finding ways to be effective and communicate the diverse needs of our members. The Board also is looking to build out our triangle of priorities with creating a strong organizational foundation, and growing our membership engagement and professional development.

I hope you all enjoy the conference. MAP relies heavily on our volunteer board members, committees, and generous sponsors to put on a great conference. We are excited to offer a wide range of topics, conversations and time to network with colleagues. MAP seriously couldn't do it without all of you, so thanks and keep on doing the hard work to tackle the incredible challenges and unique opportunities facing our great state.

Aaron Wilson, AICP

President, APA Montana/Montana Association of Planners



2024 Montana Association of Planners Conference

October 7-9 2024

Abbreviate Schedule

Community and
Connectivity

Process and Practice

Rural Planning

Tours

Monday, October 7

8:00-9:00

Registration & Networking

9:15-10:15

Missoula and Bozeman:
A Tale of Two Housing
Markets
Location: Mountain
Combined Room

Rethinking Landscape
Regulations and Wildfire.
Location: Gypsum Room

Demographic and
Economic Data
Resources for Montana
Community Planning.
Location: Depot
Ballroom

10:30-11:30

Reimagining Grant
St.: Creating a Vibrant
Pedestrian Corridor
at Montana State
University.
Location: Mountain
Combined Room

From Brownfield to
New Neighborhood
Center: How a Public-
Private Partnerships is
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Opting In: How
Lewistown shifted in
the middle of a Growth
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11:45-12:45

Lunch: Opening Remarks from Lewistown City Commission Chair KellyAnne Terry & Plenary Keynote from Danya Rumore, Ph.D.
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Nollan/Dolan Analysis
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Gypsum Room

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Depot Ballroom

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Trivia Night at Central Feed Grilling Company/Big Spring Brewery

Tuesday, October 8

7:00-8:00	Yoga by Balance Studios. Location: Mountain Combined Room			
8:00-8:30	Planning with Foresight. Location: Depot Ballroom	Montana State Library (MSL) GIS Training – How to find and use MSL GIS data to perform basic online analysis and create maps for planners. Location: Gypsum Room	Roundabouts: When, Where and Why. Location: Mountain Combined Room	Lewistown Downtown Tour – Utilizing Partners & Resources
8:30-9:30	Funding and Implementation of a Downtown (Uptown) Master Plan, Butte, America. Location: Depot Ballroom		Drought & Water Management in Southern Alberta. Location: Mountain Combined Room	
9:45-10:45	Meeting Montana's Housing Needs Through Gentle Density- Depot Ballroom		Boom Town: Post COVID Planning in Buffalo, Wyoming. Location: Mountain Combined Room 1	
11:00-12:00	Lunch & MAP Member Meeting			
12:15-1:15	Policy & Legislative Workshop- Depot Ballroom	Mastering the AICP Exam- Gypsum Room	Sturgeon Lake First Nation – Active Transportation Plan- Mountain Combined Room	Bike Tour of Lewistown with Bike Walk Montana
1:30-2:30	Non-profits & city planners: peanut butter & jelly of community engagement- Depot Ballroom	Wildfire: A hot topic for planners- Gypsum Room	County Zoning Success Stories- Mountain Combined Room	
2:45-3:45	Paving the Way: Street Typology Planning to Support Community Goals- Depot Ballroom	Element and Sufficiency Under Current Case Law- Gypsum Room	A Survivor's Guide to Planning- Mountain Combined Room	
4:00-5:00	MAP Awards & Social at American Prairie National Discovery Center			
6:30-8:00				

Wednesday, October 9

8:30-9:30	Legislative Committee Session Location:- Mountain Combined Room	Hosting an Urban Land Institute Panel in the Gallatin Valley. Depot Ballroom		Interdisciplinary Walking Audit Tour
9:45-10:45	Corner Farm Village: A Farmland Conservation Development Project- Mountain Combined Room	Ethics- Depot Ballroom		
11:00-12:00	Floodplain Management – a community-based effort and a 2024 update- Mountain Combined Room	Value of APA Leadership (Allison, Angela, Jason)- Depot Ballroom	People, Public Service, and Trust: Building Local Partnerships for Effective Community Engagement- Gypsum Room	
12:15-1:15	Lunch: Closing Keynote with APA President Angela Brooks, FAICP			

Detailed Conference Program



Tuesday, September 19

8:00 am 9:00 am
Registration & Networking
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9:15- 10:15AM

Session Name: Missoula and Bozeman: A Tale of Two Housing Markets

Credits: 1

Presenter(s): Maggie Collister

Session Location: Mountain Combined Room

Session Description: Missoula and Bozeman have been hit hard by housing challenges in the past five years. Both have unique challenges to overcome. Low wages, a lack of housing variety, development costs and a shortage of developable land are creating challenges. On top of that, demographics are creating new demand for housing that can accommodate seniors. This session will include market data and insights, projections and case studies on some projects locally and nationally that could serve as models.

Presenter Bio(s):

Maggie Collister, has a keen eye for data, and a passion for shaping cities through commercial real

estate development. Her career began in residential development, and transitioned to economic development in Charlotte, North Carolina, with Center City Partners. She's contributed significantly to affordable housing and smart growth initiatives, leveraging her expertise in planning and consulting. At SterlingCRE, Maggie applies her data-driven approach to analyzing market conditions statewide.

Session Name: Rethinking Landscape Regulations and Wildfire

Credits- 1 CM Sustainability Credit

Presenter(s): Susan Riggs, AICP

Session Location: Gypsum Room

Session Description: Landscaping is one essential component of creating ignition-resistant communities. An understanding of the impacts of landscaping regulations on wildfire resiliency is essential for planners working in communities with a Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). This session is provided in partnership with Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (CPAW), a program of Headwaters Economics.

Presenter Bio(s): Susan Riggs has uniquely experienced the public, private and non-profit sectors over the past 23 years. Her consulting firm, GroundPrint, LLC, specializes in planning, land use regulations, entitlements and urban design. One of her clients is Community Planning Assistance for Wildfire (CPAW), a program of Headwaters Economics, which provides land use planning solutions, communications assistance and customized research to better understand/manage wildfire-prone areas and reduce risks.

Session Name: Demographic and Economic Data Resources for Montana Community Planning

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Dave Ritts, Benjamin Gill

Session Location: Depot Ballroom

Session Description: This presentation will explore planning-related data resources compiled by the Montana Department of Commerce and made available through the Census & Economic Information Center. This includes best practices for utilizing publicly available population, population projections, housing characteristics, income, poverty, and community profiles for large and small communities. We will discuss data needs specific to the Montana Land Use Planning Act (SB 382) and options for improving data access.

Presenter Bio(s):

Dave Ritts is a GIS Analyst with the Montana Department of Commerce. He provides GIS support to the Census & Economic Information Center (CEIC) where he is the primary contact in the State of Montana for statistical boundary updates to the U.S. Census Geography program. He is also responsible for maintaining the CEIC data warehouse and website.

Ben Gill is an economist with the Montana Department of Commerce. He works within Commerce's Census & Economic Information Center (CEIC) where he analyzes Census data and develops dashboards. CEIC is available to assist both governmental and public partners with their data needs. He is also responsible for providing resort tax analyses and various other agency mandated reports.

10:30AM- 11:30AM

Session Name: Reimagining Grant St.: Creating a Vibrant Pedestrian Corridor at Montana State University

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Richard Rudnicki, AICP

Session Location: Mountain Combined Room

Session Description: As Montana State University has grown to the south vehicular and pedestrian conflict along Grant St. became a major concern for the University. With several building projects in the area leading to closure of the street for construction service, the University was able to consider how the corridor could best function in the future. With the help of Sanderson Stewart and Alta Planning + Design, MSU has reimagined Grant St. as a vibrant pedestrian environment with a sustainable landscape.

Presenter Bio(s):

After obtaining degrees in Landscape Architecture and City and Regional Planning Richard spent 12 years in County Government leading development review, ordinance revisions, a comprehensive plan update, and providing representation at the Regional TPO. For the past 4 years he has served as MSU's Planning Manager leading front end planning efforts on new buildings, guiding facility assessment and Capital Planning processes, and managing the University's space assets.

Session Name: From Brownfield to New Neighborhood Center: How a Public-Private Partnerships is Transforming 10 acres in North Missoula

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Brittany Palmer, Kiah Hochstetler & Annie Gorski

Session Location: Gypsum Room

Session Description: After nearly 30 years of planning for redevelopment, construction activity is beginning on a portion of the former White Pine Sash facility. The master plan for the site calls for up to 220 apartments, 89 for sale homes on a Community Land Trust, and up to 35,000 square feet of neighborhood commercial, and major infrastructure investments. Hear from funding and implementation partners about how this vision came to be and why a private-public partnership is needed to make this a reality.

Presenter Bio(s):

Brittany joined the North Missoula Community Development Corporation in 2020 and leads the organization in building community power, thriving neighborhoods, and affordable homes. Brittany received an MS in Environmental Studies from the University of Montana, where she researched and wrote about settler colonialism at the National Bison Range. She serves as the Board President of the Northwest Coalition of CLTs, a regional network of community land trusts, and organizes with ProHousing Missoula, a broad-based coalition of advocates in favor of zoning code reform that leads to housing for all.

Annie has worked in the fields of community development and economic development for nearly 25 years with communities in the Caribbean, Missouri, Massachusetts, Oregon, and Montana. For the last 17 years she has worked in local government, overseeing urban renewal, job creation, and housing programs. She received her B.A. in Environmental Science and Policy from the University of Kansas and her M.A. in Community Development and Planning from Clark University.

Session Name: Opting In: How Lewistown shifted in the middle of a Growth

Policy update to plan under the Montana Land Use Planning Act (Senate Bill 382).

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Nora Bland, AICP, Doug Osterman, AICP, Dani Arps

Session Location: Depot Ballroom

Session Description: Staff from the City of Lewistown, Montana Department of Commerce, and consultants Cushing Terrell will discuss how the City of Lewistown chose to voluntarily opt into Senate Bill 382 and shift to producing a Land Use Plan while already underway on a Growth Policy update. Presentation will include how staff approached City leadership about opting in, how the shift was messaged and communicated to the community, and how the team was able to get political will and buy-in from the community through

Presenter Bio(s):

Nora Bland is the Director of Planning at Cushing Terrell, where she has helped guide communities throughout the Mountain West on Comprehensive Plans, Growth Policies, Sub-area Plans, Urban Renewal Plans, and affordable housing strategies. Nora specializes in designing award-winning community engagement efforts that are inclusive, creative, and results-driven. Nora is based out of Cushing Terrell's Denver office, but frequently visits their offices across Montana for project work.

Doug Osterman came to Lewistown, Montana to be the town's Planning Director by way of a 33-year planning career in the Puget Sound region of Washington. During those three decades in the public sector, he served as long-range planner, environmental planner, and growth management manager for cities in King and Snohomish Counties and for King County. Doug coordinated cross-jurisdictional surface water management, water quality protection, floodplain management, and fish habitat restoration.

Dani Arps worked for Teton County for two years as the Planner, Floodplain Administrator, GIS and Grant Administrator. In July 2023, she joined the Department of Commerce's Community MT Division as a Planner for the Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP) where she currently assists communities across Montana with projects such as implementation of SB 382, land use document updates, trainings and grant programs. She lives in rural Beaverhead County with her family.

11:45AM- 12:45PM

Lunch

Opening Remarks from Lewistown City Commission Chair KellyAnne Terry

Keynote Plenary from Danya Rumore, Ph.D.

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Presenter Bio(s):

Danya Rumore is the Director of the Wallace Stegner Center's Environmental Dispute Resolution Program, a Research Professor of Law, and a Clinical Associate Professor of Planning at the University of Utah. She is a facilitator, collaborative process designer, and conflict resolution professional with a particular passion for understanding and addressing the unique challenges and opportunities facing rural regions in the American West. Danya founded and now co-directs the Gateway and Natural Amenity Region (GNAR) Initiative. She holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Policy and Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and she was the 2018 recipient of the Rob Williams Award for Emerging Environment and Public Policy Leaders.

1:00-2:00PM

Session Name: APA Trend Report for Planners

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Zhenia Dulko

Session Location: Mountain Combined Room

Session Description:

This presentation describes major emerging trends that will be important for planners to consider and introduces ways to make sense of the future and practice foresight in community planning. With foresight (i.e. understanding potential future trends and knowing how to prepare for them) in mind, planners can guide change, create more sustainable and equitable outcomes, and establish themselves as critical to a thriving community.

Presenter Bio(s):

Zhenia, a planner and researcher with an MA in Planning from the University of Illinois at Chicago, is currently a Foresight Manager at American Planning Association. In her role, she focuses on developing the annual Trend Report for planners and advancing the application of strategic foresight in the planning profession.

Session Name: Nollan/Dolan Analysis after Scheetz

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Karen Alley, JD

Session Location: Gypsum Room

Session Description:

This session would provide an overview of how the US Supreme Court did (or didn't) shift the Nollan/Dolan analysis after the Scheetz decision and pitfalls planners should look out for when recommending fees as conditions of approval in subdivision review.

Presenter Bio(s):

Karen Alley has served as Associate General Counsel for the Montana Association of Counties since October 2021. Her main focus is Land Use and Road Law. Karen joined MACo after 10 years as an attorney in Havre, MT. In that time, she engaged in general private practice, public defense, and as a prosecutor. Prior to her current position, Karen was the Hill County Attorney.

Session Name: Montana Department of Commerce- Community Technical

Assistance Program (CTAP) support in Montana communities

Credits-

Presenter(s): Dani Arps & Gus Byrom

Session Location: Depot Ballroom

Session Description:

This session will outline how CTAP can support montana communities in the following ways: -Overview of SB 382 support provided

- Montana communities realizing importance of long-range planning efforts
- HB 819 planning grants for housing
- CTAP program overview

Presenter Bio(s):

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Gus presently serves as a Planner for the Planning Bureau of the Community Development Division of the Montana Department of Commerce where he is responsible for assisting Cities, Towns, Counties, Water and Sewer Districts, and Tribes with the full range of community planning issues. Prior to this position, Gus worked as an Outreach Specialist and as Program Manager for the HUD-funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program Housing and Public Facilities, also within Commerce.

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2:15-3:15PM

Session Name: Abbreviated Sessions:

1. Saddle Up...On Two Wheels: Pumping Up Active Transportation in Rural Communities
2. How a Digital Twin Can Inform The Planning Process
3. Ai-driven tools for smarter planning

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Rory Renfro, AICP, Robert Kain, Dani Arps, Dan Meehan, Nora Bland, Chris Haller

Session Location: Mountain Combined

Session Description: Multiple Short sessions will be presented during this session.

Saddle Up...On Two Wheels: Pumping Up Active Transportation in Rural Communities

The past decade has seen dramatic gains for walking and bicycling in American cities. But what about

smaller and rural communities? Should we get in on the action? And if so, where do we start? Join us as we talk strategy for elevating active transportation in your smaller community, from gaining buy-in (even from people who don't ride), developing a vision and a plan, deploying the right projects and programs, doing more with less, and plucking low-hanging fruit to keep the momentum going.

How a Digital Twin Can Inform The Planning Process

We will highlight our collaboration with the MT Department of Commerce to establish a digital twin for Lewistown, MT. Our focus will include optimizing growth, concentrating on the most appropriate areas, and ensuring compliance with the latest MT State Land Use Planning Act regulations. Utilizing Esri's ArcGIS Urban, we will craft scenarios that will be translated into an immersive 3D experience, commonly known as a Digital Twin, illustrating the city's future development potential.

Ai-driven tools for smarter planning

This session will discuss options for integrating interactive, AI-driven tools that can support various stages of a planning lifecycle. The session will highlight how AI-powered tools find practical application in a planning process, from initial citizen engagement to the final publication of AI-connected plans.

Presenter Bio(s):

Rory Renfro is HDR's Pacific Northwest Transportation Planning and Complete Streets Practice Leader. Developing creative yet practical solutions in complex environments, his portfolio includes pedestrian/bicycle master plans, corridor planning and concept design, trail feasibility studies and community engagement. Over the past two decades, Rory has worked with communities across Montana and the nation to make walking, bicycling and transit safe, reliable and enjoyable travel modes.

Robert is the GIS Integration Manager at Houseal Lavigne, bringing over 20 years of planning experience split between the public and private sectors. Robert has spent the past 15 years specializing in the implementation of geospatial technologies in urban planning and design projects and is a frequent speaker at conferences on the value of geospatial tools and the application of Geodesign in urban planning workflows that support the informed decision-making process through analysis, public engagement, and consensus building.

Dani Arps joined the Department of Commerce in the summer of 2023 as a Planner for the Community Technical Assistance Program (CTAP). Prior to that, she worked for a few years in Teton County as the Floodplain Administrator, Grant Administrator and Land Use Planner. She lives in Southwest Montana with her family and enjoys camping, fishing, hiking and snowboarding.

Dan is a Senior Project Manager and Business Development Lead with Houseal Lavigne, an urban planning and geospatial design firm focused on evidence-based decision-making and powering the art of planning with science and technology. Dan has been in the geospatial technology industry for almost 20 years and has worked developing, integrating and applying GIS in support of local, state, and federal government projects and academic research.

Nora is a certified urban planner, project manager, and leads Cushing Terrell's Planning and Urban Design group. She specializes in designing award-winning community engagement efforts that are inclusive, creative, and equity-centered. She has extensive experience helping communities update their long-range plans through a community and data-driven process.

With over 20 years of experience in the planning field, Chris Haller is a digital engagement expert who leads Konveio, an engagement platform for plans and policies. As the Founder and CEO, Chris oversees the vision, product development, and business growth of Konveio, which empowers community leaders to convey ideas, collect feedback, and spark action. Chris is also the Publisher of EngagingCities, a community outlet that amplifies stories and best practices in urban planning and community engagement. He is passionate about helping community leaders succeed in their efforts to create a better tomorrow.

Session Name: Introduction To The New Montana Cadastral Application

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Kenny Ketner

Session Location: Gypsum Room

Session Description:

In early 2024, Montana State Library released a new version of the popular Montana Cadastral application. This presentation will include a short history of the application, a tour of the new application's features with an eye toward planning, and time for questions. Both new users and power users of Cadastral will likely benefit from this session.

Presenter Bio(s):

Kenny Ketner is the Information Products Lead at the Montana State Library (MSL), where he has worked since 2016. His team is responsible for application development and systems administration, frequently in collaboration with the GIS professionals at MSL.

Session Name: Rural Approach to Community Growth

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Jennifer Saunders, Jim Attchison, Laura Nowlin, Ann Schwend and Carly Wheatley

Session Location: Depot Ballroom

Session Description:

Panel discussion facilitated by Jennifer Saunders of Fergus County will discuss how rural communities approach growth and change. This will include managing sprawl into ag lands, impacts to outlying communities, challenges, utilizing partners and resources and examples of success. Panelists include: Jim Attchison, Executive Director of Southeastern Montana Development Corporation, Laura Nowlin, Executive Director of Winnett Aces, Ann Schwend, Planning Program Supervisor with MT Dept. of Commerce and Carly Wheatley, Deputy Director of Snowy Mountain Development.

3:30-4:30PM

Session Name: Land Use Legislation and Cases Affecting Montana: September 2023-September 2024

Credits- 1 CM Law Credit

Presenter(s): Kelly A. Lynch, JD, AICP

Session Location: Depot Ballroom

Session Description:

Overview of US Supreme Court, 9th Circuit Court, Montana Federal District Court, Montana Supreme Court, and Montana State District Court decisions regarding land use and planning. Attendees will learn the facts of each case, the statutes and precedent applied in the case, and the decision reached by the court. Each decision will be described in the context of its application to current planning work, and the presenter will engage attendees in discussions of how the decisions could affect such work.

Presenter Bio(s):

Kelly has more than 20 years of experience as an attorney and public sector advocate. Prior to joining the League in 2016, Kelly served as Division Administrator and Legal Counsel for the Montana

Department of Commerce, Deputy County Counsel for Santa Barbara County, and an Associate with Richards, Watson, and Gershon in Los Angeles. Originally from East Helena, Kelly has a Master of Urban Planning and a J.D. from UCLA. She obtained her AICP in 2015.

6:00-8:00PM

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7:00 am

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8:00-12:00PM

Session Name: Montana State Library (MSL) GIS Training- How to find and use

MSL GIS data to perform basic online analysis and create maps for planners. Gypsum Room

Credits- 4

Presenter(s): Matt Trebesch

Session Location: Gypsum Room

Session Description: The MSL will offer a hands-on course with our mobile computer lab that will instruct students how to find and use MSL GIS data and other authoritative open data GIS sources. Course exercises will include creating online maps using ArcGIS Online and performing basic analysis. Activities will include usage of online tools to create useful maps and perform quick analysis that planners often need to do. Familiarity with ArcGIS Online and ArcGIS Pro is recommended but not required.

Presenter Bio(s): Matt Trebesch is a GIS Analyst at the Montana State Library (MSL). At the MSL, he manages a variety of statewide projects. His current projects include implementation of the MSL's Geospatial Governance, MSL ServiceNow ticketing system, and Open Data Hub. He also provides statewide support of MGIA (Formerly MLIA) grantees. His previous GIS experience includes GIS coordination with a municipal GIS department in Montana. He has a B.S. in Earth Science from Montana State University, Bozeman.

8:00-9:30AM

Session Name: Planning with Foresight

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Zhenia Dulko

Session Location: Depot Ballroom

Session Description: The world around us is changing at an accelerated pace, and the future is more unknowable than ever before. Tech innovations, societal shifts, climate change, economic restructuring, political shifts, and unknown implications from COVID-19 make it difficult to effectively plan for the future. The path forward requires adjusting, adapting, and even reinventing planning processes, tools, and skills to meet the needs of a changing world. This interactive learning experience uses strategic foresight in planning and is an essential learning lab for anyone who wants to make the future a better place.

Presenter Bio(s):

Zhenia, a planner and researcher with an MA in Planning from the University of Illinois at Chicago, is currently a Foresight Manager at American Planning Association. In her role, she focuses on developing the annual Trend Report for planners and advancing the application of strategic foresight in the planning profession.

8:30-9:30AM

Session Name: Roundabouts: When, Where and Why

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Peter Walker-Keleher, PE, AICP, Bill Delo AICP, Aaron Wilson AICP

Session Location: Mountain Combined Room

Session Description: Roundabouts are becoming more common in communities throughout Montana, but when do you know a roundabout is right for your community? This session will provide an overview of different types of roundabouts and discuss a range of criteria that planners should consider when evaluating roundabouts, including operations, placemaking, multimodal mobility, and traffic safety. The presentation will be supported by several case studies of roundabouts in and around Montana. The session will also include a facilitated discussion where attendees can share locations where they are considering the installation of a roundabout and discuss the potential benefits and challenges.

Presenter Bio(s):

Before transitioning to work as a civil engineer and planner, a sustainability consultant, a public involvement lead, and a value engineering facilitator, Peter was a classroom teacher. He'll make sure and keep things lively with the panelists and workshop attendees and send anyone who misbehaves to the principal's office. Peter co-presented on the Choosing by Advantages decision making process during MAP 2023.

Bill is a transportation planner with 25 years of progressive experience in multimodal transportation planning. Bill's project experience spans multiple transportation modes, including active transportation, traffic analysis, parking analysis, and transit planning. Bill has managed projects for a variety of Federal, State, and local agencies in locations across the West. He is skilled at working with communities and stakeholders to build consensus and develop community-driven plans.

Aaron Wilson is the Transportation Planning Manager for the City of Missoula, where he oversees the Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization, Missoula In Motion, and the City's Bicycle/Pedestrian Program. His focus in this position is currently figuring out how we make ambitious plans and goals a reality. Prior to concentrating on Missoula's many transportation issues, Aaron gained experience understanding how our natural and built environment systems interact through work on land use planning, open lands preservation, and wildfire research. Aaron attended Cornell University where he received a Bachelor's degree in Ecology, and later earned a Master's degree in urban and regional planning at Portland State University.

8:30-10:45AM

Session Name: Lewistown Downtown Tour- Utilizing Partners & Resources

Credits- 2.5

Presenter(s): Carly Wheatley

Session Location: Meet at the reception desk

Session Description: We will host a walking tour of Lewistown Main Street discussing various projects and business developments and what partners and resources it took to be successful. Some locations will have short presentations by the business.

The tour will go as follows:

Creekside Marketplace & Pavilions/Central Feed Grilling

LaFountain Building

L-Town Pizza

One Health/Crowley Block

Makers on Broadway

Broadway Apartments

Fergus County Courthouse/On Your Way

Restorative Physio

Presenter Bio(s): Carly Wheatley is the Deputy Director of Snowy Mountain Development Corporation the regional Economic and Community Development Organization serving six counties in Central Montana. Working closely on the development she will take the group through a guided tour of Lewistown's historic Main Street.

9:45-10:45AM

Session Name: Funding and Implementation of a Downtown (Uptown) Master Plan, Butte, America

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Shanna Adams

Session Location: Depot Ballroom

Session Description: In 2022, Butte completed the Uptown Butte Master Plan and we've been busy with identifying funding and carrying out implementation ever since. This session will focus on how to identify and secure funding sources, the importance of momentum, and how to articulate project benefits. Ongoing projects include wayfinding, pedestrian lighting, zoning code updates, crosswalk enhancements, intersection improvements, new construction, and the formation of a business improvement district.

Presenter Bio(s):

Shanna Adams is the Principal at Adams Consulting, LLC. Adams Consulting helps small and medium sized communities find and secure the funding they need for their most pressing infrastructure and community development projects, so they can grow their local economy sustainably. She has over two decades of experience as a project manager / civil engineer and she has helped her clients secure over \$20M in the last 3 years alone.

Session Name: Drought & Water Management in Southern Alberta

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Ryan Dyck

Session Location: Mountain Combined Room

Session Description: As southern Alberta municipalities face looming water scarcity planners must push for the development and implementation of policy and regulatory tools to help secure a sustainable future for their communities. Educational campaigns are necessary to put this conversation at the forefront as municipalities look to respond, alongside the provincial government and other stakeholders, with meaningful solutions for urban and rural development in a drought-prone region.

Presenter Bio(s):

Ryan is a southern Alberta native and holds a Bachelor's degree in Urban & Regional Studies from the University Lethbridge. As a Planner with the Oldman River Regional Services Commission Ryan provides planning services for Vulcan County, Municipality of Crowsnest Pass, and the Towns of Cardston and Magrath. Ryan has a passion for small communities and a strong interest in planning law and is a Registered Professional Planner with the Canadian Institute of Planners.

11:00-12:00AM

Session Name: Meeting Montana's Housing Needs Through Gentle Density

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): John Houseal, FAICP

Session Location: Depot Ballroom

Session Description: Montana is facing a housing crisis. In response, many communities are developing policies that promote housing diversification in new and infill development. These proposals sometimes meet fierce opposition stemming from concern over perceived changes in neighborhood character, property values, and quality of life. This session explores how to balance these concerns and the need for equitable and affordable housing by accommodating gentle density increases in a context-sensitive manner.

Presenter Bio(s):

John has established himself as one of the nation's top urban planning professionals and has been inducted in the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners by the American Planning Association. He has been a featured speaker at national, regional, state, and local events and conferences for issues related to urban planning, zoning, transportation, context sensitive design, innovation, graphic communication, and the environment.

Robert is the GIS Integration Manager at Houseal Lavinge, bringing over 20 years of planning experience split between the public and private sectors. Robert has spent the past 15 years specializing in the implementation of geospatial technologies in urban planning and design projects and is a frequent speaker at conferences on the value of geospatial tools and the application of Geodesign in urban planning workflows that support the informed decision-making process through analysis, public engagement, and consensus building.

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Session Name: Boom Town: Post COVID Planning in Buffalo, Wyoming

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Brent Moore, AICPA

Session Location: Mountain Combined Room 1

Session Description: Buffalo, Wyoming, experienced substantial growth pressure during the Covid Pandemic. With limited staff and consultant support, the Town has developed a GIS inventory of the water sewer system/developed a Capital Improvement Plan and an Updated Land Use Plan, all as interactive on-line tools for the public.

Presenter Bio(s):

Brent is the Regional Vice President for Interstate Engineering. He has lived in Red Lodge for over 18 years, and manages a team of professional planners, grant writers and structural engineers who have been assisting in the renovation of the Pea Cannery.

Session Name: Finding your Mindfulness: Meditation for Everyday Balance

Credits- NA

Presenter(s): Monica Clinton

Session Location: Mountain Combined Room 2

Session Description: We will be joined by Monica Clinton, who will be walking us through the basics of mindfulness, breathing techniques, and paying attention on purpose as a way to enrich your life, your mood, and your mind!

12:00-1:00PM

Lunch & MAP Member Meeting
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1:30-2:30PM

Afternoon refreshments sponsored by



Session: Policy & Legislative Workshop

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Jason Jordan, APA

Session Location: Depot Ballroom

Session Description: Join us for an insightful workshop on the upcoming legislative session. Gain a deeper understanding of anticipated policy developments at both the national and local levels. Learn strategies to stay informed and engaged throughout the session, ensuring you're prepared to navigate the legislative landscape effectively.

Presenter Bio(s): Jason Jordan, Director of Policy & Public Affairs at the American Planning Association (APA), brings three decades of strategic planning and outreach to his role. He is also a Partner at the public affairs and government relations firm, Advocacy Associates, LLC. Jason continues advancing the APA's legislative and policy agenda, including policy development, representation of APA, management of advocacy networks and planning campaigns. Jason's resume includes work with U.S. Senator Max Cleland and other policy and management positions. He holds a degree from Emory University.

Session: Mastering the AICP Exam

Credits- 1**Presenter(s):** Lindsey Romaniello, AICP**Session Location:** Gypsum Room

Session Description: Are you gearing up to conquer the AICP qualifying exam? Join us for a session designed to equip you with effective study techniques, an understanding of exam formats, and connections to fellow planners preparing for the same challenge.

Presenter Bio(s):

Lindsey is PhD student at University of Utah and an associate planner for SE Group, a private consultant firm that focuses on community and recreation planning around the country. She received her master's degree in urban planning from the University of Arizona, where she focused her studies on rural communities in the western United States. Lindsey has a public sector background and has worked as a planner for several municipalities in the Rocky Mountain west, including Missoula County. During this time, she has focused on long-range planning and the implementation and creation of land use policy. She is currently a resident of Missoula, Montana and is the board secretary for the Montana Association of Planners.

Session: Sturgeon Lake First Nation Active Transportation Plan**Credits- 1****Presenter(s):** Paul Whitenect, RPP, MCIP, Vice-Chief Solomon Sanderson & Danny Gray**Session Location: Mountain Combined Room**

Session Description: The presentation involves an intro of the First Nation and traditional opening prayer/land acknowledgement by Chief Longjohn. We would discuss the needs which led to the ATP, the planning process, highlight the key outcomes of the ATP, and the implementation plan including efforts already underway. The ATP is the first known ATP for a First Nation in Canada, and will highlight the unique elements of the Plan – it links cultural sites, provides educational signage, local art and addresses safety.

Presenter Bio(s):

Paul is licensed Planner from Saskatoon, Canada. Paul is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan and spent 30 years as a Planner with the City of Saskatoon. During his tenure, Paul managed a variety of work units including Neighbourhood Planning, Bylaw Enforcement, Licensing, Urban Design, and Housing. Shortly after his retirement in 2022, Paul joined Danny at Casa Boldt Consulting working on a wide variety of projects, including the Sturgeon Lake First Nation Active Transportation Plan.

Tansi (Tawn-say) Solomon (Sol) Sanderson is a proud member of the Sturgeon Lake First Nation. He has served as an elected Councillor for the past 5 years working towards making Sturgeon Lake First Nation a better place for its membership. His role as part of the leadership team actively involves Sol in various sectors of governance including:

- Vice Chief in the absence of the Chief
- Health Portfolio Councillor
- Housing, Infrastructure, Major Capital (roads, subdivisions, etc.)
- Retail management
- Political direction & policy development
- Policing & public safety
- Overall community wellness and growth

Sol has spent the vast majority of his adult life working in and contributing to the overall improvement of the quality of life for the Sturgeon Lake community including:

- Educational policy and operations in the capacity of Chairperson – Education Advisory Committee,
- Advisory positions for programs from Head Start to Post Secondary Education.

- Strengthening social and family services for many rewarding years.
- These varied experiences have strengthened Sol's dedication and commitment to advancing the wellbeing of the Sturgeon Lake community, and continuing to advance a healthy, safe, and prosperous
- community for current and future generations.

Danny is a licensed Planner from Saskatoon, Canada and the President of Casa Boldt Consulting. He is proud of his Nakoda Oyate heritage and is a member of Carry the Kettle First Nation, in the Treaty 4 Territory of Canada. Danny is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan and spent his first five years of practice as a Planner with the City of Saskatoon. Following this, Danny worked as a Planner in the private sector, delivering a wide range of Planning projects to Canadian communities, until early-2022 when he started his own planning consultancy. He is a skilled practitioner, who provides professional planning services to small and mid-sized municipal and Indigenous communities across Western Canada.

1:30-4:00PM

Session Name: Bike Tour of Lewistown with Bike Walk Montana

Credits- 2.5

Presenter(s): Kelly Henderson and Logan Smith

Session Location: Meet at the reception desk

Session Description: The Lewistown Trail System consists of 20 miles of multi-purpose trail winding through the community. The trails are usable year-round. Every few miles, the terrain switches, from paved urban pathways connecting businesses and schools downtown, to the crushed gravel cutting swaths through remarkable natural areas. The City of Lewistown Parks and Recreation and Bike Walk Montana will be leading a bike tour of the trail system. Don't worry, we won't be biking the full twenty miles! Make sure to bring your bikes to the conference!

2:45-3:45PM

Session Name: Non-profits & city planners: peanut butter & jelly of community engagement

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Rachel Huff-Doria, Adam Jespersen & Aaron Wilson, AICP

Session Location: Depot Ballroom

Session Description: Planners are being asked to lead quality, robust community engagement efforts on projects with limited time and capacity. Limited resources, coupled with waning trust in government agencies, ongoing shifts in the coverage of local media outlets, and shifts in how the public finds trusted local information, puts planners at risk of increased misinformation, skepticism, or disengagement on projects within local communities.

How might planners counteract these forces by building stronger, more sustainable, and more strategic partnerships with non-profit organizations and community groups? Adam Jespersen, MT Nonprofit Association Executive Director; Aaron Wilson, Missoula Transportation Planning Manager, and Rachel

Huff-Doria, Facilitator and Owner/ Director of RHD LLC will participate in a panel discussion to discuss how local nonprofit organizations and community groups can become partners in community education, engagement, and implementation on projects.

Presenter Bio(s):

Adam joined the Montana Nonprofit Association in 2019 after more than a decade of progressive experience in nonprofit management, leadership, fundraising, and grant writing. Raised in rural Montana, Adam received his bachelor's degree from Carroll College and his master's in business administration from the University of Montana. Trained and experienced in Lean management and person-centered design, Adam is passionate about helping people, teams, and organizations across Montana find their stride in being more effective and impactful and has been recognized for his ability to dive headlong into finding solutions and for his cooperative and thoughtful leadership approach. Adam lives in Helena with his wife and two daughters and enjoys hiking, skiing, and all that Montana has to offer.

Aaron Wilson is the Transportation Planning Manager for the City of Missoula, where he oversees the Missoula Metropolitan Planning Organization, Missoula In Motion, and the City's Bicycle/Pedestrian Program. His focus in this position is currently figuring out how we make ambitious plans and goals a reality. Prior to concentrating on Missoula's many transportation issues, Aaron gained experience understanding how our natural and built environment systems interact through work on land use planning, open lands preservation, and wildfire research. Aaron attended Cornell University where he received a Bachelor's degree in Ecology, and later earned a Master's degree in urban and regional planning at Portland State University.

As a former non-profit executive director, campaign manager, registered lobbyist, and member of countless boards, committees, and coalitions, Rachel Huff-Doria has seen first-hand the pitfalls that happen when planning and engagement processes fail to account for real-life complexities.

In 2020, Rachel opened RHD LLC to support civic and non-profit leaders spearheading collaborative planning efforts with facilitation, thought partnership, and co-design. Her work has helped countless civic and non-profit leaders and agencies build on their strengths, get clear on their vision, values, and strategies, and get comfortable with the discomfort of learning and growing in community

Session Name: Wildfire: A hot topic for planners

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Shannon Bonney, Julia Berkey, Tim Worley, Tim Laroche, Max Rebholz

Session Location: Gypsum Room

Session Description: Wildfire is a "hot topic" in MT right now. Planners have a key role in implementing fire-safe development practices, ranging from coordination to education. This session will provide interesting fire-wise education from the BLM and projections on MT's wildfire outlook from the Montana DNRC. We will cap the session off with a presentation/open discussion by Missoula County with a case-study on implementing fire-safety into the planning process.

Presenter Bio(s):

Shannon Bonney is the Fire Mitigation and Fire Specialist for the North Central Land Office.

Julia Berkey is the Community Preparedness and Wildfire Coordinator for the Montana DNRC. Her background in research-based forest ecology resulted in a passion for restoring fire as an ecosystem process. This commitment has led her to pursue a career in fostering practices that allow communities to better live with fire.

Tim Worley is the Senior Planner for Missoula County. In this capacity, he oversees the planning and permitting section of community and planning services. Recently, Tim has worked with County fire

specialists to implement fire-safe building practices into subdivision review. While the process isn't perfect, he is leading the department in developing the planner's role in fire-wise.

Tim Laroche was appointed as Missoula County's first Wildfire Program Manager in May 2023. Laroche started with the Lolo Hotshot Crew in 1996 before serving with the Missoula Smoke Jumpers from 2002 to 2006. Now serving as the wildfire program manager, Laroche works with federal, state, tribal, and local agencies to create a coordinated framework to promote fire-adapted communities and fire resistant landscapes.

Max Rebholz serves as the is first Wildfire Preparedness Coordinator for Missoula County, a position that remains unique despite worsening wildfire seasons around the world.

Session Name: County Zoning Success Stories

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Andrew Hagemeyer, AICP, Amanda Cooley, Charity Yonker CFM, Forrest Mandeville AICP

Session Location: Mountain Combined Room

Session Description: Adopting zoning in rural Montana is one of the tougher tasks to accomplish as a planner in Montana. Adopting county-wide zoning is nearly unheard of, yet some counties have pulled it off. In this moderated panel discussion, you will hear stories behind county-wide zoning from planners in Cascade County, Powell County, and Carbon County. Come learn and about their challenges and successes.

Presenter Bio(s):

Andrew is the Director of Lands and Economic Development for Missoula County. Passionate about elevating the role of planning and empowering planners in Montana, Andrew currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Montana Association of Planners (MAP), where he is the Immediate Past President and serves as co-chair of the Legislative Committee. Over the past three legislative sessions, Andrew has been extensively involved in representing MAP on land use legislation.

Charity N. Yonker joined Cascade County in 2018 as a Civil Deputy County Attorney where, among many roles, she advised the Planning Department and land use Boards. She started her position as the Cascade County Planning Director in 2020. She is a Certified Floodplain Manager and a Certified Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Reviewer. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, home remodeling projects, and spending time in the great outdoors with her family.

Forrest Mandeville, AICP, has worked in the planning profession in Montana since 2007 when he was hired to work in the Stillwater County Planning Department. In his current role, Forrest provides on-call planning services to counties and municipalities and works on a variety of private planning projects throughout Montana. Forrest has written and administered numerous planning documents, including subdivision regulations, growth policies, trail plans, and zoning codes.

4:00-5:00PM

Session Name: Paving the Way: Street Typology Planning to Support Community Goals

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Ben Weiss

Session Location: Depot Ballroom

Session Description:

The City of Missoula is finalizing a street typology plan to better align street designs to their function within the transportation network and adjacent land uses. Moving beyond the standard functional class system, a street typology plan can help rightsize public and private investments in right-of-way projects, expedite design process, and help communities advance transportation goals. Project manager Ben Weiss will share the plan and the process of its creation.

Presenter Bio(s):

Ben Weiss is Senior Transportation Planner for the City of Missoula. With his hands in many pies - from long range planning to facility design to project development to safety promotion, education and encouragement - Ben helps Missoula maintain its place among the best places to bike and walk in the country. Ben has led several walk audits alongside Meg Traci and is working to incorporate them into the pre-design phase of all city-led transportation projects. Ben is also passionate about music and encourages conference attendees to tune in to 102.5 KBMF, a community radio station he helped co-found in Butte.

Session Name: Element and Sufficiency Under Current Case Law**Credits-** 1**Presenter(s):** Karen Alley, JD**Session Location:** Gypum Room

Session Description: There have been significant court orders over the past 15 years where the court has analyzed what constitutes a sufficient application. This workshop will dive into the court's analysis and provide some guidance into Element & Sufficiency Review.

Presenter Bio(s):

Karen Alley has served as Associate General Counsel for the Montana Association of Counties since October 2021. Her main focus is Land Use and Road Law. Karen joined MACo after 10 years as an attorney in Havre, MT. In that time, she engaged in general private practice, public defense, and as a prosecutor. Prior to her current position, Karen was the Hill County Attorney.

Session Name: A Survivor's Guide to Planning**Credits-** 1**Presenter(s):** Lindsey Romaniello AICP, Lindsey Morgan, Bailey Minnich AICP CFM, Sarah Rosenberg ACIP, Monica Plecker AICP**Session Location:** Mountain Combined Room

Session Description: Are you an emerging planner, new to Montana, or a seasoned professional looking to gain fresh perspectives from fellow planners? This interactive session offers a unique opportunity to engage in round table discussions on a range of key topics in the planning field. Attendees will rotate through tables, spending 10 minutes at each, discussing the following topics with the table host and fellow participants:

- Planning Books and Resources with Lindsey Romaniello, AICP (SE Group, Ph.D Student at University of Utah)
- Project Management with Lindsey Morgan (Lewis and Clark County)
- Zoning Administration with Bailey Minnich (City of Bozeman)
- Community Engagement with Sarah Rosenberg (City of Bozeman)
- Working with Consultants with Monica Plecker (Yellowstone County)

Join us for a dynamic exchange of ideas and insights!

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

MAP Awards & Social at American Prairie National Discovery Center

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8:30 am 9:30 am

Registration and Networking

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Session Name: Legislative Committee Session

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Andrew Hagemeyer, AICP

Session Location: Mountain Combined Room

Session Description: This session is a working meeting of the MAP Legislative Committee preparing for the 2025 Montana Legislative Session. The meeting is open to all interested members and conference attendee. Those attending the session will have opportunities to participate in the meeting.

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RAFT AGENDA

1. Introductions of Legislative Committee Members (5 min)
2. Anticipated legislation (15 min including attendee input)

- a. What general topics do we anticipate being focus areas?
- b. Is there specific legislation we are anticipating?
3. Setting our 2025 strategy (20 min including attendee input)
4. Potential for MAP Bills (20 min including attendee input)
5. Adjourn

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Session Name: Hosting an Urban Land Institute Panel in the Gallatin Valley

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Jason Karp, Erin George AICP, Danielle Garber

Session Location: Depot Ballroom

Session Description: In 2023 Belgrade, Bozeman, and Gallatin County hosted an Urban Land Institute (ULI) Advisory Services Panel related to growth in the Gallatin Valley. We'll share how the three jurisdictions came together to agree on the panel theme, and prepare for and host panel briefings, tour, and stakeholder interviews. The final product, a detailed written report from the panel, includes insightful recommendations that all three jurisdictions can consult in their future planning and policy efforts.

Presenter Bio(s):

Jason Karp is the Director of Community Development for the City of Belgrade. Jason has worked for Belgrade for 29 years in the Planning and Building Department. He has a degree in Political Science from Montana State University. Jason is avid cyclist and is continually seeking out Montana's most quiet highways.

With 19 years of municipal planning experience and an Environmental Studies degree from Carroll College, Erin spent 17 of those years at the City of Kent, WA (population 36K). Working on everything from light rail planning to brownfields to creation of a rental housing inspection program, she brought her varied background to the City of Bozeman almost 2 years ago as Deputy Director of Community Development (now Interim Director). In her free time Erin enjoys traveling and outdoor activities with her husband, and time with nearby Montana family.

With nearly a decade of experience working for the City of Bozeman, Danielle Garber is becoming the go-to guru for all things current planning in Bozeman. She has a BS in Geography from Montana State University and is currently serving as a Senior Planner. When she's not busy reviewing current planning projects, you might find her exploring the great outdoors with her black lab Crockett, or baking killer dinner rolls that will make anyone a fan of carbs!

8:30AM-12:00PM

Session Name: Interdisciplinary Walk Audit Tour

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Ben Weiss

Session Location: Meet at the registraiton booth

Session Description:

Join us for an Inclusive Interdisciplinary Walk Audit (I2WA) to collaboratively assess and enhance walkability in Lewistown. Participants from various fields such as urban planning, architecture, community advocacy, accessibility, and local governance will come together to evaluate the pedestrian experience, infrastructure, and overall accessibility of key areas. The I2WA encourages open dialogue, knowledge sharing, and collaboration among diverse perspectives, fostering an atmosphere where MAP attendees and community members can actively contribute to shaping a more walkable and vibrant Lewistown.

Presenter Bio(s):

Ben Weiss is Senior Transportation Planner for the City of Missoula. With his hands in many pies - from long range planning to facility design to project development to safety promotion, education and encouragement - Ben helps Missoula maintain its place among the best places to bike and walk in the country. Ben has led several walk audits alongside Meg Traci and is working to incorporate them into the pre-design phase of all city-led transportation projects. Ben is also passionate about music and encourages conference attendees to tune in to 102.5 KBMF, a community radio station he helped co-found in Butte.

9:45-10:45AM

Session Name: Ethics Cases- Year in Review

Credits: 1 AICP Required Ethics Credit

Presenter(s): Allison Mouch, AICP

Session Location: Depot Bellroom

Session Description: An overview of APA Ethics cases and outcomes in 2023

Presenter Bio(s): Allison joined Orion Planning + Design in September 2016 and is currently based in Missoula, Montana. Bringing 16 years of professional planning experience to the team, her areas of specialization include comprehensive plans, code development, public engagement, project management, mapping, and analysis, with a focus on collaboration as a means of achieving positive outcomes. Mouch has wide-ranging experience working with private developers and public clients on forward-thinking land use and design solutions, fostering meaningful partnerships that result in sound policy and planning decisions. She is AICP and an active member of the American Planning Association (APA) as the Region V Board Director, past-president of APA's Western Central Chapter, and currently sits on the Montana Association of Planners (MAP) Board of Directors. She holds a bachelor's degree in architecture from Miami University (Ohio), and a master's degree in urban and environmental planning from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Session Name: Corner Farm Village: A Farmland Conservation Development Project

Credits- 1

Presenter(s): Neva Hassanein, PhD, Jamie Erbacher CFM & Dawn Conklin MS

Session Location: Mountain Combined Room

Session Description: Missoula's 10-acre Corner Farm Village is an innovative farmland conservation development, with an eight-acre farm and a two-acre development lot. Trust Montana will create the first community land trust farm in the state, giving a beginning farmer an affordable, secure ground lease. A farm store and café add value to the farm's production and a housing cooperative provides 12 climate-smart homes. Partners will describe tools and explain how to work within physical and regulatory constraints.

Presenter Bio(s):

Neva Hassanein is a Professor of Environmental Studies at the University of Montana, where she has taught since 2000. An engaged scholar, Neva and her students help strengthen Montana's food system through community-based research projects and active partnerships. Neva served on the Missoula City-County Consolidated Planning Board for six years. She has also co-founded and served on the boards of several organizations. Currently, Neva is the sole member and manager of Corner Farm Village LLC.

Jamie is a Senior Land Planner, bringing 15 years of experience in land use planning, regulatory compliance, public engagement, and administration, including 12 years working for Missoula County as a planner. She is skilled in comprehensive planning, rural design, land entitlements, and zoning and subdivision regulations, and recently served on the MAP Legislative Committee. She is passionate about shaping communities and environments for the better.

Dawn Conklin is Executive Director of Trust Montana. Her work has led her overseas to work with nonprofits and USG. She is skilled at working cross-culturally and her passion for attainable housing, stewarding resources and compassion for vulnerable populations shines through at Trust Montana. Dawn holds a MS in Economic & Community Development and a BA in International Business. Dawn serves on various Boards: Madison Co Housing Advisory, MT Housing Coalition, Agrarian Trust and Headwaters RC&D.

11:00-12:00PM

Session Name: Floodplain Management: A community-based effort and a 2024 update**Credits- 1****Presenter(s): Traci Sears, CFM****Session Location: Mountain Combined Room**

Session Description: Floodplain management takes a community-based effort to prevent or reduce the risk of flooding. Wise development can lessen flood impacts and should be the goal of planners, developers, decision-makers, and property owners. This workshop addresses the regulatory process and examples of common compliance and enforcement issues. An update on 2024 changes to Montana's flood hazard regulations and HUD's Federal Flood Risk Management Standards will also be given.

Presenter Bio(s):

Traci Sears has been the State of Montana's National Floodplain Insurance Program (NFIP) coordinator for over 15 years. She is a Certified Floodplain Manager (CFM) and helped Montana develop a premier floodplain program. She works actively with local, state, and federal partners to build resilient communities while addressing floodplain management, and flood mitigation, insurance, policy, and permitting issues. She has a voice in national flood issues while serving on ASFPM and AMFM Boards.

Session Name: Value of APA Leadership**Credits- 1,****Presenter(s): Angela Brooks, FAICP, Jason Jordan, AICP, Allison Mouch, AICP****Session Location: Depot Ballroom**

Session Description: Are you interested in serving your profession? Have you wanted to get more involved in APA but just don't know how? Join us for an inspiring session focused on the leadership opportunities available at the state and national level with the American Planning Association. Current

APA leaders will discuss their own unique paths into organization involvement and discuss how APA members can harness their unique talents to take on leadership roles at all levels. This session will explore the variety of leadership opportunities available within APA through volunteer positions, committees, or by participating in special projects. Participants will also learn about the value and benefits that come with being an APA leader, including mentorship initiatives, networking opportunities, and leadership training programs designed to support your growth as a leader in the planning community. Attendees will leave with practical strategies to enhance their contributions and navigate their leadership journey within the APA and MAP. Don't miss this chance to elevate your impact and connect with like-minded professionals!

Presenter Bio(s):

Angela Brooks is the Director of the Illinois office of the Corporation for Supportive Housing. She currently serves on the Chicago Board of Zoning Appeals, the Illinois Affordable Housing Advisory Commission, and is co-chair of the national Housing Supply Accelerator helping communities meet the housing needs of residents. Brooks is a native of Seattle and a graduate of Jackson State University, where she received her Bachelor of Arts in Urban Studies, and the University of New Orleans, where she received a Master of Urban and Regional Planning. An active member of APA since graduate school, Brooks has held numerous leadership positions in the Housing and Community Development Division, Planning and the Black Community Division, Diversity Task Force, Washington Chapter, and co-chair of the Housing Policy Guide. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and The Links, Incorporated.

Jason Jordan, Director of Policy & Public Affairs at the American Planning Association (APA), brings three decades of strategic planning and outreach to his role. He is also a Partner at the public affairs and government relations firm, Advocacy Associates, LLC. Jason continues advancing the APA's legislative and policy agenda, including policy development, representation of APA, management of advocacy networks and planning campaigns. Jason's resume includes work with U.S. Senator Max Cleland and other policy and management positions. He holds a degree from Emory University.

Allison joined Orion Planning + Design in September 2016 and is currently based in Missoula, Montana. Bringing 16 years of professional planning experience to the team, her areas of specialization include comprehensive plans, code development, public engagement, project management, mapping, and analysis, with a focus on collaboration as a means of achieving positive outcomes. Allison has wide-ranging experience working with private developers and public clients on forward-thinking land use and design solutions, fostering meaningful partnerships that result in sound policy and planning decisions. She is AICP and an active member of the American Planning Association (APA) as the Region V Board Director, past-president of APA's Western Central Chapter, and currently sits on the Montana Association of Planners (MAP) Board of Directors. She holds a bachelor's degree in architecture from Miami University (Ohio), and a master's degree in urban and environmental planning from the University of Virginia in Charlottesville.

Session Name: People, Public Service, and Trust: Building Local Partnerships for Effective Community Engagement

Credits- 1 CM Equity

Presenter(s): Ashley Brittner-Wells & Emily Gluckin

Session Location: Gypsum Room

Session Description: City of Missoula Community Planning, Development, & Innovation (CPDI) partners on community engagement with local broad-based collective Common Good Missoula for the Our Missoula: Growth Policy Update & Code Reform project. Hear more about this innovative strategy, lessons learned, and engage in an interactive activity to explore the ways your city can use community partnerships to strengthen your community engagement! Attendees will learn about CPDI's Community Engagement approach, toolkit, and efforts to build trust

in the community. CPDI's Community Engagement mission is to promote opportunities for residents to engage by building relationships, collaborating, and working to connect residents to the issues that matter to them. Their vision is to base their community engagement work on collaborative education, sharing experiences, and building awareness of key issues.

Presenter Bio(s):

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11:30AM-12:30PM

Lunch & Closing Keynote with APA President Angela Brooks, FAICP
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