

Functional Areas of Practice



Areas of Practice

- **Community development**
- **Comprehensive or long range planning**
- **Development regulation or administration**
- **Economic development and revitalization**
- **Economic analysis and forecasting**
- **Education, institutional, or military facilities planning**
- **Energy policy**
- **Food systems planning**
- **Growth management**
- **Hazard mitigation and disaster planning**
- **Historic preservation**
- **Housing**
- **Infrastructure**
- **Labor force and employment**
- **Land use**
- **Natural resources and the environment**
- **Parks, open space, and recreation**
- **Planning law**
- **Policy planning**
- **Public services**
- **Social and health services**
- **Transportation**
- **Urban design**

Community Development

- Administer CDBG
- Economic development
- Community or neighborhood planning
- City oriented
- Housing programs

Comprehensive or Long Range Planning

- Comprehensive plans
- Forecasts
- Transportation planning
- CIPs
- Special planning studies
- Undertake regulatory changes

Development Regulation or Administration

- Site plans
- Rezoning applications and reports
- Variances
- Subdivision plats
- Zoning questions
- Special code administration
- Regulatory changes

Economic Development and Revitalization

- Main street programs
- TADs or CIDs
- Development authorities
- CDBG
- Business parks
- Redevelopment

Economic Analysis and Forecasting

- Fiscal impact analysis
- Cost of service studies
- Forecasts
- Market analysis
- Demographic analysis

Education, Institutional or Military Facilities Planning

- Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)
- University or campus planning
- Hospital planning
- Entertainment venues

Energy Policy

- State or federal energy plans
- Climate Action Plans
- Energy utilities
- Clean technology, fuel or vehicles

Food Systems Planning

- Locally grown food sources
- Organic farms
- Farmers markets
- Food transport
- Farmland protection

Growth Management

- State critical area protection
- Comprehensive planning
- Growth boundaries
- Infrastructure planning and finance
- Focus on managing land supply
- Environmental protection

Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Planning

- Evacuation planning
- Flood Insurance
- Emergency Management Plans
- Local Recovery Plans

Historic Preservation

- Historic district management
- Historic property surveys
- Historic property designations
- Historic property redevelopment
- Adaptive reuse

Housing Planning

- Housing planning
- Housing studies or code changes
- Senior housing
- Jobs/housing match

Infrastructure

- Infrastructure planning
- New project management
- Infrastructure maintenance
- Permitting

Labor Force and Employment

- Job training
- Industry or sector planning
- New business location
- Office or industrial park development

Land Use

- Zoning law
- Zoning management
- Comprehensive planning
- Land use studies
- Rural land protection

Natural Resources and Environment

- Non-governmental advocacy
- Environmental Impact Statements (EIS)
- Floodplain, stream or river corridors
- Coastal area protection

Parks, Open Space and Recreation

- Greenspace Acquisition
- Green Infrastructure Planning
- New Park Design
- Public Health and Fitness
- Active Living

Planning Law

- Zoning Litigation
- Permitting
- Legal Agreements
- Annexations
- Local, State and Federal Rules
- Property Ownership and Due Diligence

Policy Planning

- Non-Governmental Advocacy
- Governmental Policy Studies
- Planning Administration
- Public Issue Analysis

Public Services

- Cost of Services
- Service Area Planning
- New Service Development
- Government Administration or Budgeting

Social and Health Services

- Housing and Homeless
- Job Training
- Public Health
- Senior Services

Transportation Planning

- Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs)
- Modeling
- New transportation facilities
- Transit service planning

Urban Design

- Community design code
- Context Sensitive Design (CSD)
- Smart Code or Form Codes
- New Project Design or Redevelopment

Big Issues for Planners

- **Water availability**
- **Transportation choices and congestion**
- **Funding for everything**
- **Impacts of growth on environment and health**
- **Livable communities/New urbanism**
- **Housing costs, locations and choices**
- **Farmland protection**
- **Energy/Climate Change**
- **Green development**
- **Infill/Redevelopment**