

FREE FALL OVER — WELCOME TO THE NEW NORMAL

By Dan Reuter

Anyone who has tried to keep up with the news about the national economy and issues of growth in Georgia during the past two years is probably still nursing a headache. The news has been coming fast and most of it fairly negative. On August 26th, 2009, Rajeev Dhawan, Director of the Economic Forecasting Center at Georgia State University's Robinson College of Business provided the most recent assessment of metro Atlanta and Georgia's economy and where we are headed in the short term. The press release is available online at: <http://robinson.gsu.edu/news/09/efc0809.html>



Building implosion in Atlanta on September 30, 2006, making way for new construction.

The full GSU report is very enlightening in many ways but a few points hit the issues home:

- Georgia has experienced 16 bank failures or 25% of total national closings.
- Between 2001 and 2006, metro Atlanta was building 68,000 housing units annually when its annual job growth was only 20,000.
- Expect metro Atlanta building permits around 6,000 total for 2010 and 2011.
- More job losses expected for 2010 and tax revenues will remain very challenged.

So what can local governments and planners expect in the short term? We should brace for more difficult times ahead. A stock market rebound will not necessarily mean our troubles are over in Georgia.

Bruce Gunter, President of Progressive Redevelopment, recently wrote a letter to the Atlanta Business Chronicle providing his views of the "new normal". His opinions and comments follow.

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BY ELLEN HEATH, AICP, PRESIDENT OF THE GA CHAPTER

Hope everyone had a great summer and is ready to jump into GPA activities!

Numerous GPA members attended last month's student welcome reception at Georgia Tech, co-sponsored by GPA. GPA's ties to the state's only accredited planning program continue to grow, assisted in no small measure by our new Young Planners Group, which welcomes planners of all ages and tenures to strengthen ties between experienced professionals and new and student planners. The YPG had its first meeting in August; please see www.georgiaplanning.org for info about the group, its goals, and future activities.



Ellen Heath, AICP, GPA President

Of course the must-attend event of the autumn is our annual conference, which will be held in Athens September 30 - October 2. Conference sessions will be organized in four tracks: Quality Growth and Comprehensive Planning, Environment and Sustainability, Transportation, and Professional Development, plus AICP Prep and the Planning Officials Training Sessions. The sessions will cover a wide variety of topics, including:

- Trucks Are Our Friends
- Reducing The Carbon Footprint Through Land Use And Transportation Planning
- Taking Your Zoning Ordinance To The Next Level
- The Ordinary Iconic Ranch House
- Building Green Infrastructure
- Incentivizing Development
- Form-Based Codes on the Ground
- Growing Older And Growing Smarter
- The City In The Forest: Atlanta's National-Award Winning Proposal For 2108
- A Tale Of Two Counties: Henry and Columbia
- And many more

And as if that weren't enough, we have four mobile workshops as well as sessions for planning officials, AICP prep, ethics, and law, and an assortment of fun-filled activities, including the second annual auction to benefit the Georgia Planning Memorial Foundation. Please go to www.georgiaplanning.org for registration information.

President Jeff Watkins and your new board of directors will take office at the annual chapter business meeting at the conference. Please join me in welcoming them and thanking our departing board members. Elsewhere in this issue you will find your ballot for the board of directors election; please vote.

October is National Planning Month and I encourage you to use some of the tools at www.planning.org/ncpm/ to recognize the event in your location. GPA will mark the month by awarding our first-ever Great Places in Georgia designation. (You'll have to come to the awards luncheon at the conference to learn which Georgia community has been designated. We hope that this will be the first of many awards to recognize great cities, towns, counties, and neighborhoods in Georgia.

I have greatly enjoyed serving as your President for the past two years and encourage all GPA members to become involved. The organization depends entirely on the good will, time and energies of all of you. We have a great future at GPA and I look forward to working with everyone to continue enhancing the quality and visibility of planning in Georgia. ■



FALL CONFERENCE SESSIONS ANNOUNCED

Join your fellow planners, elected officials, and others at the annual GPA Fall Conference in Athens, Georgia. This year's conference is sure to be an educational and fun event with numerous opportunities to learn from and interact with your colleagues.

Highlights of the conference include an opening plenary session, over 40 breakout sessions in 4 tracks, 5 mobile workshops, opening reception with auction to benefit the Georgia Planning Memorial Foundation, awards lunch and the annual GPA Membership Meeting.

Two special tracks will be offered that include the Planning Officials track and the AICP Prep track. The AICP Prep was very successful and offers a limited number of spaces that provide several sessions that review the materials for the AICP exam.

The breakout sessions in each track are listed on the following pages. Additional information is available on GPA's website at: <http://www.georgiaplanning.org/fall-conference>.

HAVE FUN — DO GOOD!

We are going to have our second annual auction for the Planning Foundation during the Fall conference. If you have something fun or valuable or interesting to donate, please contact Marsha Anderson Bomar at either marsha@streetsmarts.us or 770-813-0882 to arrange for pickup. If you want to donate cash, we will do the shopping for you...

A few suggestions include: sports memorabilia, autographed books or other items, artwork, restaurant gift certificates, spa certificates, bottles of wine, electronics

No item is too small – we will make interesting combinations to create captivating auction items.

We need your help now – and we need you to come prepared to **BID, BID, BID...**

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ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

No Adverse Impact - the “Do No Harm” Principle

NAI's strength is that it encourages local decision making to ensure that future development impacts will be identified and mitigated – it is a truly comprehensive strategy for reducing flood losses.

The Greening of the City

The panel will explain how planning and land development strategies, new building construction technologies and innovations, and City workers are conserving energy, saving resources and reducing travel time and costs in Atlanta.

Development of a Conservation Overlay Ordinance: Newton County Blueprints Project

A stakeholder-driven process through which a conservation overlay ordinance was developed as a foundation for a sustainability-based Countywide economic environment.

Adopting a “Triple Bottom Line” Approach to Environmental Sustainability

This session will focus upon the use of a “triple bottom line” approach which recognizes opportunities to enhance environmental and social concerns in the delivery of city services without compromising economic viability.

Planning for Regionally Important Resources

This session explores the Regionally Important Resources process, including how to identify and determine significance of these resources and how to develop maps that are useful in identifying a statewide network.

TDR Workshop

A workshop designed to examine the entire TDR process: sending and receiving areas, the process for accepting and holding TDRs, working with the many different partners involved in a TDR program, and assessing the TDR program.

The Planners Guide to LEED

This session will present an overview of green building and site design principles along with an introduction to the LEED rating system, regardless of whether your jurisdiction is considering a LEED ordinance.

Green Communities

The Green Communities Program is a voluntary certification program for jurisdictions in the 10-county Atlanta region to encourage local governments to become more sustainable.

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING & QUALITY GROWTH

Telecommunications Law and Practice Update

More than 1 in 5 Georgia households now rely entirely on wireless technology for communication needs. Join legal, industry, and local experts to discuss the evolving nature of the law and effective regulation of wireless communication facilities.

Regional Planning: Coastal Style

Coastal Georgia is the first region with a regional plan completed under DCA's new Rules for Regional Planning. The process led to the new rules, and the outcomes were guided by quality growth principles.

Practical, On-Going Public Involvement: An Idea Sharing Session

This session will focus on practical, low-cost methods of keeping citizens informed and involved and the challenges and benefits of this type of involvement. Idea sharing will be encouraged!

Integrating Economic Growth with Livability: Creating a Balance in Our Communities

This presentation will illustrate approaches and strategies to facilitate economic prosperity while retaining its character, protecting its environmentally sensitive lands and fostering community health.

Methods for Estimating Population and Housing of Counties and Cities

Covers methods for estimating population and housing change using administrative records, with an emphasis on the methods used by the Census Bureau. The role local governments can play in improving Census Bureau estimates is also stressed.

Peachtree City: 50 years of lessons learned

Find out how the Peachtree City is working proactively to update its comprehensive plan while faced with outdated and vacant retail centers, aging residential areas and what some fear is an erosion of the village concept.

Community Visioning: A Case Study, Barnesville Georgia

The Community Visioning Process maximizes public participation through a creative, problem solving method. This process is designed to produce strategies and an implementation plan that fosters change resulting in genuine benefits to the community.

— FOR THE GPA FALL 2009 CONFERENCE

TRANSPORTATION

“Pre-wiring” Suburbia: Transportation & Urban Design Solutions for Emerging Suburban Areas

This session will describe case studies and practices from three exurban counties that are proactively dealing with future greenfield suburban growth by linking their land use and transportation plans to support a common vision.

Airport Update and Roadway Development Plan

Airport passenger and vehicular demand growth has outgrown its infrastructure. The session will provide an overview of the \$6+ billion development program that will reconfigure the current system to provide greater efficiency and safety.

Access Management - A Case Study and Panel Discussion

Access Management is an effective way to improve safety and reduce traffic congestion without adding additional travel lanes. This session will present a successful Access Management Plan.

High-Speed Rail: Reality or Myth and What It Could Mean for the SE?

The US is buzzing over the possibility of high-speed trains whisking us between major cities. How real is this vision and what does it mean for Georgia & the Southeast with respect to transportation, land use & planning?

The Roads Less Traveled: Transportation Planning in South Georgia

This session will explore the role of comprehensive transportation planning along with its associated relationships to economic development and quality growth and development in less developed areas of Georgia.

Transportation Planning in a Collegial Environment

The presentation will focus on campus planning at the University of Georgia that can transcend the UGA campus to provide insight to planners working in association with other collegiate environments.

Transportation Funding - Programs, Plans, and Tools

This session will cover current funding sources, ARC's Plan 2040, and the AltaViz alternative visualization tool for managed lanes evaluation which will be used by GDOT in the Atlanta region.

Enhancing Public Involvement Using Innovative Interactive Mapping Software

The presentation demonstrates a new interactive mapping software technology developed for public involvement workshops. Originally used as a tool in assessing potential transit and trails alignments along the BeltLine corridor, the presentation will provide participants with a fascinating public involvement resource they could use for their future planning endeavors.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Planners Progress: Lessons Learned the First Five Years - Sponsored by the Young Planners Group (YPG)

The first five years of a Planner's career are full of lessons learned. This session focuses on several key lessons in hopes of helping those still in planning school or recently graduated learn from fellow planner's 'real world' experiences.

When things don't go as planned

This session will offer some sound professional advice on how to best adapt and deal with unforeseen events with the help of some humorous examples of planning bloopers and mistakes.

What Do Planners Need to Know About Urban Design

The design quality of towns and cities is increasingly important. The question is this: What do planners need to know about urban design to help build better places?

Using New Census Tools to Understand Your Community

The U.S. Census Bureau offers several tools that help planners gain a better understanding of their communities, such as the American Community Survey, and Local Employment Dynamics and Its customized mapping features.

African American Women Planning Directors in Metro Atlanta

APA is committed to improving diversity among persons in the planning profession. It appears that in metropolitan Atlanta, there is a higher concentration of African American planners, especially women.

AICP Ethics Training

This session will provide an overview of the standards of ethical behavior contained in the AICP Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct and a panel will lead a discussion of several scenarios that represent case studies.

Regulating Signs in the Digital Age

Digital signage has burst on the scene along our highways, streets and storefronts. This session will examine the evolving technology behind digital billboards and other digital signs, and regulatory approaches to control such signs.

Student Presentations

Graduate planning students from Savannah State and Georgia Tech will present projects, including the influence of neighborhood characteristics on Savannah High School's dropout rate, sustainable transportation planning, the impact of environmental degradation and economic development opportunities in Brunswick, and employability of residents in a Savannah neighborhood.

MOBILE WORKSHOPS

Athens Gets Around: Pedestrian Oriented Development

Sample Athens' efforts to improve accessibility by foot or by bike. At stops along the way we'll talk about what works and what doesn't, and hear from property owners how this system has impacted their businesses and accessibility.

Watkinsville: Preserving a Small Town's Character While Attracting Residential and Commercial Development

Learn about Watkinsville's 3-year planning initiative to protect the small town character of this vibrant, yet unique community. Presenters will discuss the planning effort that led to the first city-wide form-based code in Georgia and its successes.

Real World Green Developments

Everyone wants more sustainable development, but making it a reality is a more involved, and sometimes frustrating, process. Learn how the local government and private developers are making this trend more feasible in Athens.

Infill Housing in the Classic City

Athens features many rich, in-town neighborhoods. Can they sustain their character with regular pressures for new housing and re-development? Staff will review local infill housing trends and ordinance amendments that address infill compatibility.

Local Food Planning and Farm Tour

Food is an important, but often overlooked, part of a healthy and sustainable community. This workshop will explore the benefits of producing and consuming local food and how planners can support a local food system. The workshop will visit Full Moon Cooperative, a community supported farm and research center offering innovative and community based solutions to food production and distribution.

GPA NEEDS YOUR VOTE

It's election time for GPA.

Every two years, the officers and the other GPA Board members are elected to two-year terms, except for the President. On the "off" years, we elect the President-Elect, who automatically becomes President when the new Board is seated. As always, the new Board and the President will take office during the Annual Meeting at the upcoming Fall Conference.

This year, Jeff Watkins takes over as President and Ellen Heath becomes the Immediate Past President. To seat a new Board, we need your votes NOW.

The Official Ballot for the 2007-2009 Board of Directors is on the facing page. Many of the candidates have filed position statements, which can be found on the GPA web site, georgiaplanning.org.

Please mark your ballot as you see fit – note that several Director categories (like Non-AICP Director) have more than one position on the Board. When you are done, clip the ballot out of the Newsletter, fold it in half so Jeff's address is showing, tape it closed, put a 44-cent stamp on it and mail it.

We DO NOT NEED your name or return address on the ballot.

Please get it into the mail as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, September 25.

If you have any questions you can email Jessica Gibson at executive.director@georgiaplanning.org.

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"What is virtually certain is that demographics, more stringent lending criteria, and changing family composition will spell fewer single-family homes. The home ownership rate peaked four years ago at 69 percent and will almost certainly settle out lower. As subprime loans are gone as a source of mortgage financing, lower-income households most assuredly will find buying a home more difficult. Offsetting these trends to some degree, housing prices may remain at lower levels, with a return to relative affordability a silver lining of the carnage."

"Demographics are a primary driver of housing markets. As has been widely reported, the traditional American household — two parents with children — now constitutes less than half of all households, and that percentage is falling. On the other hand, the aging of the "echo-boomers" should reinvigorate the housing market as they begin to form households. Driving up rental demand are the aging baby boomers as their housing preferences change with their incomes."

"Perhaps the biggest housing challenge facing Atlanta is how to create housing for the workforce, which now accounts for over 65 percent of all households in the core metropolitan region. Workforce households are spending an astonishing 61 percent of their disposable income on housing and commuting. Putting workforce housing where the jobs and transit are located should be a priority of any land-use policy."

The full letter from Bruce Gunter is available at:
<http://atlanta.bizjournals.com/atlanta/stories/2009/07/20/editorial2.html> ■

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Professional Development NEWS

By Gary Cornell, FAICP
GPA Professional Development Officer

Join me in congratulating 13 members of the Georgia Chapter who passed the AICP Exam in May, 2009 and joined 436 other new AICP's nationwide:

- Scott Brown, AICP
- Christopher Carrigan, AICP
- Matthew Dickison, AICP
- Sidney Douse, AICP
- Paige Hatley, AICP
- Thomas Hutchinson, AICP
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The new AICP Exam Review Manuals are here! The Chapter Presidents' Council of APA has updated the study guide to cover all the latest content of the AICP Exam. To purchase a CD-ROM with your copy, contact Gary Cornell and send him your mailing address and a check for \$15 made out to the "Georgia Planning Association".

The next AICP Exam will take place during the period November 9-23, 2009. There will be 3 Exam Preparation Sessions during the GPA Fall Conference in Athens.

The GPA Board is wishes to give its support to five members of the Georgia Chapter of APA who have been nominated to the Class of 2010 of the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners:

- Ken Bleakly, AICP
- Steve Cover, AICP
- Glenn Coyne, AICP
- Cheryl King, AICP
- David Kirk, AICP

Each of these nominees will be preparing their nomination packages for consideration by a national selection committee. The successful candidates will be honored in a special ceremony during the 2010 APA National Conference in New Orleans.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - please visit our website for more events

September 16 – 18, 2009 GEDA Annual Conference	Savannah, GA www.geda.org
September 22 – 24, 2009 Roads and Bridges Live: State of The Industry	Chicago, IL www.roadsbridgeslive.com
September 23 – 25, 2009 APA Tennessee Chapter Fall Conference	Chattanooga, TN www.tnapa.org
September 30 – October 2, 2009 GPA Fall Conference	Athens, GA www.georgiaplanning.org
October 7 – 9, 2009 Int. Conference on Walking And Liveable Communities	New York, NY www.walk21.com
October 13 – 14, 2009 Community Planning Institute	Covington, GA www.dca.state.ga.us
October 14, 2009 Community Planning Academy	Clarkston, GA www.atlantaregional.com
October 14 – 16, 2009 APA South Carolina Fall Conference	Greenville, SC www.scapa.org
October 21 – 23, 2009 NCI Charrette System Certificate Training	Atlanta, GA www.southface.org



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