



2026 GPA Fall Conference

September 23-25, 2026

Augusta Marriott at the Convention Center

Augusta, GA

	Planning Practice Today	Crucial Infrastructure	Inclusive Communities	Resiliency in Action	MOBILE SESSIONS
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Wednesday, September 23					
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM	ONSITE CHECK-IN AND REGISTRATION - Prefunction				
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM (Breakout Sessions)	Whose Place Is It? A Tactile Exercise in Making and Keeping	Building the Digital Backbone: Data Centers, Infrastructure & Policy	Housing That Fits: Using Planning and Design to Create Context-Sensitive Communities	Planning for Resilient Urban Forests - Understanding Tree Surveys, Assessments, and Preservation	
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	NETWORKING BREAK - Prefunction				
2:30 PM - 3:45 PM (Breakout Sessions)	Climate Pollution Reduction Planning in Georgia - Forests, Landfills, Data Centers & More!	Connecting Our Public & Private Realms: Strategies for Transportation & Land Use Alignment	The Neuroscience of Great Urban Places	Growing with Nature: Agrihoods, Conservation Villages,	2:30 PM - 4:30 PM Augusta Canal Heritage Boat Tour
3:45 PM - 4:00 PM	NETWORKING BREAK - Prefunction				
4:00 PM - 5:15 PM (Breakout Sessions)	Internships Don't Make a Cruel Summer	Charting a Path for Atlanta's Rail Hub	Community Centered Design and Engagement		
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	WELCOME RECEPTION AND DINNER with KEYNOTE ADDRESS: 2026 APA Trends Report Oglethorpe DE				
Thursday, September 24					
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - Prefunction				7:30 AM - 11:45 AM Beyond the Green Jacket: Public Investment Meets Community Recreation
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (Breakout Sessions)	Mentorship in Practice	GDOT Context Classification of State Routes and GDOT Rural Active Transportation Plan	Innovative Approaches to Community-Led Implementation in Sustainable Local Food Systems Planning	AICP Exam Prep Overview	
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	NETWORKING BREAK - Prefunction				
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM (Breakout Sessions)		Student Session: A Commercial Commons? Analyzing the Rise of Community-owned Commercial Property	Building Housing Better: Intersecting Programming, Zoning, and Comprehensive Planning	AICP Exam Prep Ethics	10:30 AM - 12:30 PM Revitalizing Laney-Walker
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	AWARDS LUNCH AND ANNUAL MEETING - Oglethorpe DE				
2:00 PM - 3:15 PM (Breakout Sessions)	Energy Ready: Energy in Georgia Communities and Preparing for What's Next	Introducing Meta-Analysis: A Potential Tool for Advancing Transit Studies	From Technical Assistance Panel to Community Action: How Tybee Island Leveraged ULI Expertise to Shape the Future of Memorial Park		2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Adaptive Reuse: Lofts at King Mill
3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	NETWORKING BREAK - Prefunction				
3:30 PM - 4:45 PM (Breakout Sessions)	Military Master Planning- Learning, Teaming and Resourcing in Ever Changing Environments	Presidential Potpourri	Housing is Economic Development: Why Communities Can't Recruit Jobs Without Homes		
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Planning After Hours hosted by Emerging Planners (All Invited) Location: Solé Augusta, 1033 Broad Street				
Friday, September 25					
7:30 AM - 9:00 AM	REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST - Prefunction				
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM (Breakout Sessions)	Ethics of Engagement in the NIMBY Era - What's Our Role? Oglethorpe DE	Inside the 2026 ARC RDP and What It Means for Communities	Who Gets Heard? An Engagement Design Lab for Planning With Communities	Who Serves the Planners? From Disaster to AI-Assisted Plan Review	9:00 AM - 11:30 AM Return of Manufacturing : Augusta Corporatee Park
10:15 AM - 10:30 AM	NETWORKING BREAK - Prefunction				
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM (Breakout Sessions)	A Tale of Two Small Area Plans	Data Center Trends Across Georgia & Community Considerations	Pull the Lever! Proactive Zoning Isn't Hard, and You Should	Fixing the Flashy Flint: An Integrated Approach	
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	GPA BOARD MEETING				

Required CM Credits

Equity	Sustainability and Resilience	Ethics	Law
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**schedule subject to change*

Student Sessions	AICP Exam Prep
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