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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2005 to 2017 (current)

Disaster Recovery and Hazard Mitigation Consultant

Consultant assisting states and communities to organize post-disaster recovery efforts and to be more resilient in cases of future disasters. Participated with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, as a planning consultant to help guide recovery from major hurricanes and other disasters. Deployed on-site for more than 35 months to assist recovery planning in Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee and New York after hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ike and Sandy, plus severe Tennessee storms. Promoted mitigation strategies as part of recovery, including both stronger structures and safer locations in rural areas, small towns and large cities, especially mitigation of environmental effects, floodplain strategies and preservation of historic resources. Assisted FEMA's coordination with state agencies, including policy and technical support to emergency management, infrastructure repair, mitigation grants and community development funds (CDBG). Served as project lead with community recovery studies, including the use of geographic information systems for mitigation strategies, redevelopment and economic revitalization. In 2017 selected as consultant for recovery planning in North Carolina in response to Hurricane Matthew.

Active in disaster recovery and hazard mitigation programs of the American Planning Association and the Natural Hazard Mitigation Association, including election to the board of NHMA. Participant and invited speaker at Colorado University's Natural Hazards Workshop. Instructor at state emergency management seminars on disaster recovery (Utah, Pennsylvania) and post-Sandy recovery (New York, New Jersey). Presenter at APA sessions on disaster recovery and resilience. One of five authors of the 2014 APA Report, *Planning for Post-Disaster Recovery: Next Generation*. Appointed (2013) to committee of the Institute of Medicine at the National Academies researching health and social service aspects of disaster recovery; contributed extensively to IOM study report published April 2015. Advisor and instructor with the National Disaster Preparedness Training Center at the University of Hawaii (2015 – 2017). Elected chair of APA's Hazard Mitigation and Disaster Recovery Planning Division (2016 – 2017).

2000 to 2005

Urban Planning Consultant Chicago area

Independent planning consultant with legal firm, management firm and private sector. Projects included TIF research, development proposals, permit process review.

1999 to 2000

Director of Planning and Development City of Dallas, Texas

Director of city department, 210 staff of planners, engineers, architects, landscape architects, arborists, and building technicians. Program included urban design, central city revitalization, in-town housing initiative, historic preservation, comprehensive planning, neighborhood planning, building code administration, floodplain management and environmental strategies.

1995 to 1999

Director of Planning and Development Lake County Department of Planning and Development, Waukegan, Illinois

Director of county department, 72 staff of planners, engineers, landscape architects, environmental engineers. Program included planning, community development, economic development, environmental engineering, building code administration and zoning administration. Lake County is in the rapidly growing northern sector of the Chicago metropolitan area; population 700,000; 53 municipalities. Department administered construction standards, life-safety requirements and a wide range of

environmental and stormwater regulations including natural resource protection standards, conservation design concepts and site capacity measures. Department headed a consortium with municipalities for planning and operating the delivery of social, housing and economic programs of CDBG, HOME and ESG. Department operated economic development services via city-county partnership. Program responsibilities covered mitigation efforts for wetlands, drainage, floodplain buyouts, woodland preservation, soil erosion control and water quality. Director's initiatives included modernization of development regulations, joint city-county area plans, integration of development with long-range planning policy and strategic use of grant programs.

1983 to 1995

**Director of Planning
Johnson County Planning Department, Olathe, Kansas**

Director of county planning department, 24 staff of planners, engineers, architects. Johnson County is the southwest quadrant of the Kansas City metropolitan area; 560,000 population; 21 cities. The area is an urban county with many services on county-wide basis: sewers, libraries, airports, parks, transit and emergency services. Department performed research, planning, codes administration and GIS operations; provided professional and technical staffing for planning commission and nine advisory boards plus technical support and policy analysis for infrastructure development, including multi-agency growth plans, capital schedules and design standards. Department completed a five-year implementation of \$6 million geographic information system (GIS) including accurate topographic mapping for improved floodplain designation and stormwater management. Director initiatives included corridor plans, demographic analyses and policy studies, city-county plans for sustainable watershed development.

1980 to 1983

**Program Associate
Institute of Urban and Regional Research, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa**

Research responsibilities in transportation, highway cost allocation, housing, environmental impacts; administrative assistance and project development in diverse research areas including human services, economic development, citizen participation, science education, and public service costs. Also served as a lecturer in the graduate college's school of urban and regional planning.

1979 to 1980

**Executive Director
Johnson County Regional Planning Commission, Iowa City, Iowa**

Staff director for city-county-university planning agency. Program included planning for physical development, human services, transportation, and community assistance. Agency activities: transit grants, transit technical studies, areawide transportation plan, regional airport system plan, development plans, joint budget reviews for human services, countywide human services index, circuit-rider assistant to small communities, HUD Block Grants, subcontract for housing rehabilitation technical assistance, local liaison with state legislature, federal funding reviews, countywide mapping system, socio-economic data forecasts and census coordination.

1971 to 1979

Senior Planner

Special Projects: Project director for Metropolitan Land Use Plan (1974), Urban Transportation Plan (1976), Rural Development Policies (1977), Corridor Development Plan (1979), Airport System Plan (1979).

1966 to 1969

**Associate Planner
City of San Leandro, California**

Assistant to department head, with responsibilities for economic surveys, feasibility studies and planning projects related to three commercial redevelopment projects. Coordinated architectural contracts for rehabilitation projects; assisted with waterfront development program and reviewed private and public

development proposals. Work included preparation and oversight of design studies, collaboration with business organizations and property owners, coordination of architectural awards program; staging of underground utilities and streetscape, liaison to regional transportation studies and projects.

1965 to 1966

Assistant Planner
City of Newark, California

Assistant to the department head; responsible for a wide range of planning projects in a rapidly growing Bay Area city: zoning studies, subdivision design, development proposals, ordinance changes, updating of comprehensive plan. Work included written reports and frequent presentations to city council and commissions.

1963 to 1965

Research Assistant (Part-time)
City of Iowa City, Iowa

Various research assignments in the City Manager's office relating to urban renewal, zoning and general planning. Specific downtown renewal activities included grant applications, cost estimates, surveys and mapping. Assisted Public Works Department with routing and scheduling for solid waste collection routes; organized and implemented pavement condition inventory.

EDUCATION:

M.A.:	Urban and Regional Planning	University of Iowa Graduate Program in Urban and Regional Planning
B.A.:	Business Administration	University of Iowa College of Business Administration

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- American Planning Association
- American Institute of Certified Planners
- Natural Hazard Mitigation Association (elected to governing board, 2011-2014)
- Urban and Regional Information Systems Association

Support APA and other professional organizations, serving in a variety of elected and appointed positions in statewide chapters and metropolitan groups, authoring articles and papers on disaster recovery, planning, GIS, technology and growth management. Leadership role with forming a new APA division for focused on disasters and mitigation; elected chair for 2016-2017. Active in APA's research funded by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to enhance disaster recovery planning and integrate hazard mitigation planning into community comprehensive plans. Assist the Natural Hazard Mitigation Association by serving on the board of directors and developing outreach to other professional groups. Appointed in 2013 to a committee of the Institute of Medicine, National Academies, for "Post-Disaster Recovery of a Community's Public Health, Medical and Social Services."