

# South Carolina Community Planning Assistance Program



## WHAT IS THE SOUTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY PLANNING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM?

In 2015, the South Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association (SCAPA) developed the South Carolina Community Planning Assistance Program modeled after the national APA program. The program provides a multidisciplinary team of planning professionals from across South Carolina to assist communities in South Carolina with limited access to planning resources and expertise. The Community Planning Assistance Teams (CPAT) work with community leaders, elected officials, stakeholders, and volunteers to address local issues or concerns. Such challenges may include economic development, housing, transportation, energy, recreation, environmental, etc. Team members are selected for specific expertise needed on a project to offer pro-bono assistance in developing a planning approach that fosters sustainable, economically vibrant, healthy, resilient, and livable communities.

## WHY IS SCAPA PROVIDING PRO-BONO ASSISTANCE?

The American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Code of Ethics and Professional Code reminds planners that, "We shall seek social justice by working to expand choice and opportunity for all persons, recognizing a special responsibility to plan for the needs of the disadvantaged and to promote racial and economic integration. We shall urge the alteration of policies, institutions, and decisions that oppose such needs." Conscious of the obligation of planners to serve the public interest, participation in a CPAT provides a unique opportunity to address serious issues affecting communities across South Carolina where planning resources and expertise may otherwise not be available.

## HOW CAN MY COMMUNITY APPLY FOR THE PROGRAM?

SCAPA is currently accepting applications for the program through June 1, 2015. Visit this website for more information: <http://scapa.org/sc-cpat-community-application-submittal/>.

## HOW CAN SC CPAT HELP YOUR COMMUNITY?

The SC CPAT program helps underserved communities across South Carolina address planning issues through direct engagement with the public and the pro-bono skills and experience of professional, certified planners from around South Carolina.

### WHO CAN APPLY?

- All levels of local government
- Nonprofits
- Neighborhood associations
- Other advocacy groups

### EXAMPLES OF EXPERTISE CPATS CAN PROVIDE...

- Urban design
- Economic development
- Transportation
- Consensus building
- Historic preservation
- Downtown revitalization
- Land use
- Parks and open space
- Regional planning
- Implementation strategies

### DEADLINE TO APPLY:

**June 1, 2015**

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