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President's Message



Special points of interest:

- First Recipient of the Debbie Lieu Scholarship
- APA Divisions
- 2008 Legislative Policies and Positions
- 2007 Fall Conference a great success.

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2007 is drawing to a close and it's been a good year for our organization. This message discusses several SCAPA successes and refers to more detailed articles in other locations in this edition of the *Palmetto Planner*.

In 2007 SCAPA sponsored three well-attended and informative conferences. The Fall Conference in Charleston in October was exceptional. An article by Phil Lindler on the conference is included elsewhere in this issue. Our compliments and appreciation to Phil Lindler, Pat Collins and the other members of the conference committee that coordinated that conference. Our thanks and a special note of appreciation to all of the conference sponsors. Phil and Pat are working on the details for the winter, summer and fall conferences in 2008. All three conferences were approved for state-mandated local planning official continuing training. SCAPA provided considerably more than the three hours required by the state. The details of the 2008 conference schedule are included in this newsletter.

In 2007, contrary to many expectations, the General Assembly did not consider any regulatory takings legislation. In preparation for a takings bill, however, SCAPA participated in the Citizens for Community Protection Coalition along with a number of other state associations. The coalition was successful in its communication with the Eminent Domain Study

Committee and no bills were forwarded to the legislature. A new session of the Legislature will commence in January, however, and SCAPA will continue to monitor the work of the study committee. If a bill is introduced SCAPA's Executive and Legislative Policy Committees will monitor its consideration and work to ensure that if anything is passed it will not adversely affect the local or regional planning processes or the ability of communities to determine their futures.

In 2007 the Legislature did, however, pass legislation that will affect the work of planners. The most significant is the Priority Investment Act (PIA) sponsored by Representative Ben Hagood of Mt. Pleasant. The PIA adds requirements to the comprehensive planning process and to the required content of comprehensive plans. The PIA also provides an opportunity for improved utilization of previously authorized planning and implementation tools. Most significantly, it requires an effort to coordinate local and regional planning, possibly the first step in an effective inter-governmental relations element. The PIA should improve the quality of local planning by offering a different perspective on the prioritization of implementation activities.

For the first time in recent history, SCAPA adopted a comprehensive legislative policy statement. The statement was drafted by a legislative policy committee chaired by Chip

Land. Members included Michael Criss, Shawn Kiernan, Harold Lea Mond, Glenn Pace, Cliff Rudd, Wayne Shuler and Skip Grkovic. The policy was approved by the Executive Committee at its meeting on October 24 and by the membership at the Fall Conference business meeting on October 26. The policy will be used to guide the Executive Committee and the Legislative Policy Committee in evaluating proposed legislation during the 2008 legislative session. The full text of the policy is included in this newsletter.

As all AICP planners are now aware, this year the American Institute of Certified Planners adopted mandatory requirements for continuing education for certified planners. The action was taken by the AICP Commission after an extended period of discussion, participation and (sometimes) heated debate. Many of will now need to focus more closely on the quality and content of the training sessions we attend. AICP and APA have been both reasonable and flexible.

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The Palmetto Planner is distributed electronically. It is of utmost importance that your email address in the APA record is up to date. All members can access their APA profiles and make changes online. These changes become effective immediately (mailed or faxed changes requiring manual entry will take longer to appear). To access your APA profile go to www.planning.org/myprofile. Enter your APA ID (from the Planning magazine mailing label or invoice) and password (click on "create new password" if you have forgotten it or do not have one). If you need assistance contact Webmaster@planning.org.

Student Chapter Update

The fall semester has come to an end and the spring semester is beginning. The Clemson Student Chapter of APASC, would first like to thank everyone who participated in our annual Student Auction held at the state conference in Charleston. I would also like to thank all of the students who effortlessly volunteered their time and talents to the 2007 South Carolina Planning Conference.

During the fall semester students had the opportunity to participate in many wonderful studio projects. Several students worked directly with the City of Greenville in updating their Comprehensive Plan. We helped with telephone surveying, conducting focus groups and presenting the information to the public. Many thanks to the City of Greenville Planning Commission for their valuable input and guidance. Under the instruction of Dr. Grant Cunningham, we were able to provide the City of Greenville with assistance in the Plan-it Greenville process. Another studio class, led by Professor Pernille Christensen, created a Design Manual for the Town of Lake Lure in North Carolina. The students worked closely with stakeholders from the town to identify design features that should be encouraged in new developments. The final Design Manual complements the existing town regulations and will help the Town of Lake Lure retain its unique Mountain Lake character.

With the holidays behind us, we can begin to look forward to another semester, and for the second year students that means Thesis/Terminal Project time. It also means that it will be time for the National Conference in Las Vegas. We are especially looking forward to the 2008 National Conference because we will be hosting an alumni banquet on Tuesday April 29th at Bally's Casino Resort. We hope that all Clemson alumni will join us in Las Vegas as we celebrate the APA's Centennial celebration.

Again thank you South Carolina Planning Community for your support. Keep your eyes open because we, the Clemson Student Chapter of APASC, will be coming to a planning office near you!

Sincerely, Tyrone B. Williams

SCAPA 2007 Fall Conference

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE SPONSORS WHO HELPED TO MAKE OUR 2007 FALL CONFERENCE A GREAT SUCCESS.

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SC Planning Community Honors First Recipient of Debbie Lieu Scholarship

In the culmination of an unprecedented effort by the South Carolina planning community, the first Deborah Lieu Scholarship was awarded to Carla Bridges, a second year student in the Urban and Regional Planning Studies Program at Clemson University, at the 2007 SCAPA Fall Conference in Charleston. It would have been very difficult to find a more qualified recipient than Carla, whose passion and enthusiasm for planning and leadership during her first year in the Planning Studies Program made her the unanimous choice of the Debbie Lieu Scholarship Committee.

York County Planning Director Susan Britt, who worked closely with Carla during her internship with Richland County provides a glowing description of Carla, noting that she is honest, kind, generous with her time, and is a person of integrity, with high standards both personally and professionally. She is diligent, creative, independent and competent in the pursuit and community solutions to difficult issues and is a prime example of the kind of organized, methodical, and articulate employee desired by any planning organization. In addition, Carla is extremely dependable and can be counted on to always do what she says she will do. In short, Carla has exhibited many of the qualities that made Debbie Lieu such a wonderful planner, colleague, co-worker and friend and a tremendous asset to her community.

The Scholarship was established to honor our colleague and friend Debbie Lieu after her untimely death in 2004. The qualities that made Debbie a wonderful planner, colleague and friend are reflected in the criteria for the selection of the scholarship recipients and include:

- A passion for planning
- Professionalism
- A positive and enthusiastic attitude
- Works effectively behind the scenes
- Gives back to the community through volunteer efforts.

In just a little more than three years the SC planning community reached one of its primary goals by raising \$10,440 – enabling transfer of management and administration to the Clemson Advancement Foundation (CAF) in the summer of 2007. Donations to the effort have included extensive grass roots support as evidenced by the more than \$5,000 raised in the first year of the Fund and very generous donations by the City of Goose Creek in 2006 and SCAPA in 2006 and 2007. Subsequent to the transfer of funds to the CAF, the Fund is now known as the Deborah M. Lieu Memorial Graduate Assistance Endowment – making it the first endowment made possible through the concerted efforts of the SC planning community.



Carla Bridges

During the estimated three years needed for the funds to accrue the interest required by the CAF to make a substantial award each year, the Scholarship Committee will work with the Clemson Planning Studies Program to solicit applications and select a qualified rising second year student to receive the award each year based on the stringent criteria set by the Scholarship Committee. The process for selecting the next scholarship recipient will begin in early 2008.

Debbie Lieu Scholarship Committee members include Cheryl Matheny (chair), Gloria Burns, Joan Holliday, Barry Nocks (representing the Clemson Planning Studies Program), Tripp Muldrow (SCAPA Executive Committee Liaison), and Philip Slayter. In addition, Phil Lindler, SCAPA Program Chair; Jim London, Chair of the CU Planning Studies Program; and Pat Collins, SCAPA Administrator, have all been instrumental in the organization and administration of the Scholarship effort.

Congratulations to Carla on her selection as the first Scholarship recipient and to the SC planning community on this tremendously successful effort.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Chapter Only Membership

APA is now offering Chapter Only memberships. You can join SCAPA much like the Associate memberships in the past only APA will be billing members annually and forwarding the information and fees to each individual chapter. If you would like to join please go to the APA website under membership.

Benefits of a chapter only membership include:

- Reduced rates to all SCAPA conference
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Training Workshops
- Participation on SCAPA committees

All current Associate Memberships have been transferred to APA and will continue in affect until the expiration date. APA will send a renewal notice.

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South Carolina Education Requirements

The State of South Carolina requires appointed planning and zoning officials and professional employees to receive orientation training on an annual basis. New officials and employees must receive an initial six hours or training with a minimum of three additional hours per year thereafter.

The South Carolina Planning Enabling Education Advisory Committee was established to oversee this program. Additional information including exemption qualifications, training opportunities and programs, meeting information, and committee membership can be obtained from their website:

www.scpeac.org

SC Planning Education Advisory Committee

South Carolina Code requires the formation of a State Advisory Committee on Educational Requirements for Local Government Planning or Zoning Official and Employees (SAC). These five members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate are charged with:

- Compiling and distributing a list of approved orientation and continuing education programs
- Determining categories of persons with advanced degrees, training, or experience that are eligible for exemption from the educational requirements in Section 6-29-1340; and
- Making an annual report to the President Pro Tempore of the Senate and Speaker of the

House of Representative that provides a detailed account of the advisory committee's activities, expenses, collected fees & determinations concerning approved education programs and categories of exemption.

More information provided at: www.scpeac.org

Mark your Calendar

2008 Winter Conference

March 7, 2008 Newberry Firehouse Conference Center
Newberry, SC

2008 Summer Conference

June 27, 2008 North Augusta Community Center
North Augusta, SC

2008 Fall Conference

October 15- 16 Litchfield Beach and Golf Resort
Myrtle Beach, SC

CONGRATULATIONS

Rashida Jeffers has received a \$5,000 APA Fellowship scholarship award for the 2007-2008 academic year.

SCAPA.ORG UPDATE

The SCAPA website has gone through a major change thanks to our webmaster Ernie Boughman, AICP, Senior Project Manager for BP Barber. The website is hosted by the Appalachian COG and they have provided valuable technical support. Please make sure you log on and check out the new design.

WHAT THE HECK ARE APA DIVISIONS, ANYWAY?

By Dale R. Powers, AICP

Chair, Small Town and Rural Planning Division
American Planning Association

According to the odds of probability, approximately 4,000 APA members are in the process of renewing their membership. As you review your dues renewal form, you will see "Division Dues" and may wonder exactly what role Divisions have within the organization and what benefit there is in joining a Division. Unlike Chapters – of which membership is a mandatory requirement of maintaining your APA membership – being a member of a Division is optional.

So why should you join a Division? Is it worth the additional \$25.00 a year to your profession (and, perhaps more importantly, your employer) to join a Division?

The best way to describe the differences between a Chapter and a Division is that while Chapters are generalist in nature in serving the needs of members within a geographically-defined area, Divisions focus on the specializations of our profession, such as transportation planning, economic development, and urban design; creating a forum to discuss areas of interest unique to population-based groups of planners such as women, African-Americans, Latinos/Latinas, gays and lesbians, and Native Americans; and establishing a forum for the setting-based planners working in large cities and counties, as well as small towns and rural areas. While the focus of any one Division may be specialized, the scope is nationwide and global (especially true with the International Division). Division members share experiences with members throughout North America and the world, and the ideas learned are transferable to the situations each of us face on a daily basis.

As you scan the list of the 21 Divisions, you might be wondering what types of issues they are dealing with. Here is a small sample of these issues:

- The **City Planning and Management Division** just completed its 3rd peer consultation. Following up on its success for Atlanta and New Orleans, the Division sent a team of 3 experienced Directors to Jackson, MS to consult with local leaders, staff and clientele, reviewed the City's operations and procedures and made recommendations on improvement.
- The **Economic Development Division** is presenting a ½-day "Economic Development Planning 101" training seminar at next year's APA Conference in Las Vegas, designed for planners interested in this facet of planning or who want a refresher on the topic.
- The **Federal Planning Division** just completed its annual workshop, with 236 attendees, 29 exhibitors, and 28 breakout sessions.
- The **Gays and Lesbians in Planning Division** has addressed such issues as mapping safe neighborhoods, clear and concise planning documents, neighborhood revitalization, retirement housing, and social equity.
- The **Indigenous Planning Division** is currently partnering with the Alaska APA Chapter to hold a joint conference on Indigenous Planning in Anchorage in the fall of 2008.
- The **Planning and Women Division** is in an exceptional position to influence the relationship of planning to women and to highlight outstanding women planners.

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South Carolina Chapter, American Planning Association (SCAPA)

2008 Legislative Policies and Positions

Adopted October 26, 2007

- 1. Planning Practice** SCAPA supports the principles and concepts of community comprehensive planning established in the Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act of 1994 and the promotion, protection and preservation of planned neighborhoods, cities, communities, and cultural & natural resources and areas. SCAPA also supports policies and programs that encourage the development and redevelopment of underutilized and blighted urban land, including programs that facilitate the enhanced and efficient use of existing transportation facilities, utilities, parks, schools and other community infrastructure.

SCAPA supports the authorization of form based or hybrid codes, transferable development rights, and innovative techniques that permit local governments to ensure that the impacts of new development are mitigated concurrently with the impact.

SCAPA supports a full, accurate and fair federal decennial census of each jurisdiction and supports census enhancement efforts that would improve the transfer of technology and information to local government.
- 2. Local Government Authority and Home Rule** SCAPA supports the authority of local governments to fund, develop, and implement sound planning practices and policies, and opposes the preemption or incremental erosion of local planning and regulatory authority that reduce local government ability to apply comprehensive planning, land use regulation and growth management techniques. SCAPA supports the concept of local “home rule”.

SCAPA supports legislation that reforms annexation policies, facilitates the expansion of municipalities into urbanized areas, and provides for coordinated land use planning, the efficient development of infrastructure, and the provision of adequate public services.

SCAPA opposes legislation that would preempt local authority over large scale industrial-agricultural land uses, including corporate agricultural farming operations.

SCAPA supports legislation and policies that require state agencies, authorities and special purpose districts to consider approved local plans in decision-making.
- 3. Private Property Rights and Regulatory Takings** SCAPA supports property rights as guaranteed by the United States and South Carolina Constitutions and public policies that guarantee an economically viable use of private property. SCAPA also supports land use regulations that protect private property rights for the benefit of all property owners.

SCAPA supports the concept that land use and development regulation should be consistent with locally adopted comprehensive plans and approved state and federal plans and programs.

SCAPA supports policies and regulations that require new development to bear a reasonable portion of the cost of mitigating impacts on public facilities and services created by the development. Such policies and regulations must establish a clear relationship to a valid public purpose and reinforce basic common law principles.

SCAPA supports the right and opportunity for an impartial and effective review of hardship situations affecting the use of property by an official quasi-judicial body, the authorization of variances or adjustments where appropriate and warranted due to a hardship, and the use of voluntary mediation to expedite the review process.

SCAPA opposes legislation and regulation that expands the “takings” doctrines established by the Supreme Court to the detriment of the ability of local, state, and federal government to protect their citizens under the police power.
- 4. Intergovernmental Cooperation** SCAPA supports the integration of natural resource, transportation and land use planning at the state, regional and local levels. SCAPA supports policies and planning that integrate both the siting and development of large-scale land uses and improve cooperation, participation, and accountability among public and private entities. SCAPA specifically supports policies and programs that improve the relationship between school planning and siting and local land use planning.

SCAPA supports legislation that improves and integrates local and regional planning processes.

SCAPA supports legislation that provides for the inclusion and coordination of school district, private utility, military base, and large institution development plans in local comprehensive plans and requirements for consistency between the plans.
- 5. Citizen Participation** SCAPA supports an open, collaborative and participatory planning process at all levels of government and the rights of all citizens to participate in the planning process in a meaningful manner. SCAPA supports balanced

representation among public and private interests in state, regional and local planning, policy development and decision-making.

SCAPA opposes any legislation that weakens citizen standing or reduces participation in the planning process.

6. **Housing** SCAPA recognizes that shelter is a basic human need and the backbone of all local neighborhoods and communities. SCAPA supports legislation that assists communities and governments to provide affordable housing opportunities and resources.

SCAPA supports legislation that encourages the establishment and funding of Community Land Trusts as a tool for the development of affordable housing and the revitalization of deteriorating neighborhoods.

SCAPA supports legislation that enables local and regional governments to fund local and regional housing programs with new sources of local revenue for the development of affordable housing and housing for people with special needs. These programs should encourage a fair share distribution of affordable housing, with scattered sites and no concentration in any sector of the community.

SCAPA supports legislation that recognizes the existence of the homeless population of South Carolina and targets special needs housing and supportive services resources from all appropriate departments and agencies of State Government. SCAPA also supports the development of a statewide comprehensive ten year plan to end homelessness in South Carolina in close coordination with the federal government's efforts to end homelessness.

SCAPA recognizes the complexity of the inter-related problems that cause special needs populations including the homeless to be dependent upon public assistance. SCAPA supports the creation of new local and regional facilities that will house, treat, train and care for people with special needs and assist such persons to become productive members of their communities.

SCAPA recognizes that South Carolina has one of the highest prison population ratios in the nation and supports efforts to develop special programs for work release, rehabilitation, education, job training and placement, and housing placement for inmates being released back into society and their communities.

7. **Planning Education** SCAPA supports the improvement of the practice of planning in South Carolina through the education and training of qualified planning professionals, member of planning boards and commissions, citizen volunteers, and elected officials. Training should be mandatory with minimum annual requirements and should be accessible in all parts of the state.

8. **Fiscal Resources** SCAPA supports the authorization and development of additional and diverse revenue sources to adequately fund existing and future infrastructure needs of the state and its political subdivisions. Effective planning and the development of infrastructure require adequate financial resources to accommodate the increasing rate of growth in South Carolina.

SCAPA supports reform of the impact fee legislation that would simplify the application, administration, and utilization of impact fees. Impact fees should allow the inclusion of funding for roads, schools, and other basic local government services.

SCAPA supports legislation that would authorize additional local option revenue sources that can be earmarked for planning, infrastructure development, and other basic services.

9. **Environment** SCAPA supports strengthening the consideration of natural and cultural resources in local comprehensive plans and adequately planning for the preservation, conservation, and sustainable use of natural resources, open space, parklands and scenic view sheds.

SCAPA supports the regulation of air and water quality (both point source and non-point source) based on sound scientific data, analysis, and planning.

SCAPA supports amendments to the Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act to include coastal resources and coastal zone management in local comprehensive plans in those cities and counties located in the State's coastal zone.

10. **Land Use** SCAPA supports policies that encourage the clustering of development and the reduction of low-density, land-consumptive, center-less, and auto-oriented development located on the fringes of suburban areas (sprawl).

SCAPA encourages planning and development policies which emphasize sustainability and encourage a balance between economic development, social equity, the preservation of community character and the development of healthy communities.

SCAPA supports decisions which encourage alternatives to the use of gasoline powered vehicles including public transit, alternative fuel vehicles, the creation of direct bicycle and pedestrian routes and bicycle and pedestrian-friendly development..

- 11. Transportation** SCAPA supports progressive transportation planning that recognizes and correlates existing and future land use plans with transportation improvement plans. SCAPA also supports transportation planning that integrates state, county and city roadway system improvement plans and considers the interrelated impacts of transportation improvement projects.

SCAPA supports an increased emphasis by the local, state, and federal governments on multimodal and transit planning and new mass transit systems including streetcars in urban centers. SCAPA also supports the utilization of context sensitive design in transportation improvement projects, and encourages SCDOT to embrace a “complete streets” approach when designing improvement projects. The “complete streets” approach includes pedestrian crosswalks and signals, walkways and sidewalks, bike lanes, and bus stops and lanes for mass transit vehicles.

SCAPA supports legislation that provides adequate funding for the maintenance of existing street and highway networks, the repair and replacement of deficient bridges and the improvement of critical links in existing networks. Such funding and maintenance should be prioritized to improve safety for the traveling public, reduce congestion and travel time, and preserve existing public investment in transportation infrastructure.

SCAPA supports the development of enhanced access management regulations by SCDOT and a more uniform enforcement of those regulations. Such regulations should specify requirements for interconnectivity of parcels adjacent to state roads.

SCAPA supports increased efforts to plan, design, and build a complete statewide network of major arterial highways to facilitate the evacuation of populations from natural disaster areas that may occur anywhere in the state.

SCAPA supports additional gas taxes to help pay for transportation improvements. SCAPA also supports a gas tax-funding index to compensate for inflationary economic factors that reduce effective gas tax revenue.

SCAPA specifically supports increased funding for road and transportation system maintenance and improvement including state legislation that will provide innovative sources of additional revenue for critical transportation system maintenance and improvements including new roads, bridges and public transit systems.

- 12. Healthy Communities** SCAPA recognizes the need for Primary Health Care that includes early prevention, early detection and early intervention of health problems and provides access to health care services that focus on both treatment and prevention for all members of the community

SCAPA also supports a healthy community; a safe community; the presence of roads, schools, playgrounds, and other services to meet the needs of the people in the community; and a healthy community that has a healthy and safe environment.

SCAPA supports land-use planning and development that enable active living, especially pedestrian and bicycle-friendly elements. Community design significantly influences the ability of residents to engage in routine physical activity.

- 13. Economic and Community Development** SCAPA encourages and supports the development of job creating industries, businesses and economic opportunities producing enhanced social conditions on a sustainable and inclusive basis, particularly for those who are the most disadvantaged.

SCAPA supports the development of community facilities that are essential to the quality of life in any community, including health care clinics, police and fire stations, schools and child care centers.

SCAPA realizes the problems facing communities including unemployment, poverty, job loss and environmental degradation cross jurisdictional boundaries and are beyond the control of individual communities. These problems should be addressed in a collaborative, holistic and participatory manner.

Cont. President's Message

Approved training attended in 2007 (since April 14) can be counted toward the 32 hours required in the first two year period which begins on January 1, 2008. SCAPA plans to achieve AICP CM approval for all eligible training sponsored each year. We hope that South Carolina certified planners will be able, if they so desire, to obtain the required CM credits every two years at training held in South Carolina.

Stephanie Monroe, SCAPA's Professional Development Officer, coordinated the regular annual AICP Exam Preparation course over the summer. Twenty-five planners participated in the program. The AICP exam was held in November. The final exam results and the number of newly certified planners will be available for publication in January. South Carolina has consistently had one of the best AICP exam pass rates in the country. Thanks to Stephanie for all her hard work and congratulations to South Carolina's new AICP certified planners.

Skip Grkovic, AICP

- The **Small Town and Rural Planning Division** is the first APA Chapter or Division to offer subsidies for AICP Division members to partially reimburse for the cost of maintaining the AICP certification.
- The **Transportation Division** is working on a number of initiatives, including the Airports Committee and tracking pending. As well, the Division is developing a mentoring program and revitalizing its Policy Advisory Council that will provide expertise on a range of transportation-related topics.
- The **Urban Design and Preservation Division** hosts a nationwide Design Forum Series to engage planners and allied professionals in design oriented planning.

To conclude, before you complete your membership renewal, take another look at that bottom left corner of the application form directly right of this article and consider joining one or more Divisions. It is a simple task to hand-write the Divisions you want to join on the renewal form – and well worth the time and modest cost to do so.

*To post a job on both
the webpage and in
the newsletter contact
Pat Collins at
jpcol44.bellsouth.net
The fee is \$50.00*

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

TOWN PLANNER-ZONING ADMINISTRATOR

Town of Summerville

The Town of Summerville is accepting applications for the position of Town Planner-Zoning Administrator. This is a high-level management position responsible for all activities pertaining to the Planning and Zoning department. The desired qualifications include a bachelor's degree with major course work in urban or regional planning, landscape architecture or a closely related field. At least 6 years of experience in urban or regional planning, two of which must have been supervisory; or any equivalent combination of training and experience which provides the required knowledge and skills. Salary range: \$43,855 to \$65,782 DOQ plus excellent benefits. Apply on Town of Summerville employment application which may be obtained from Town Hall or from our website www.summerville.sc.us. **EOE**

BUILDING OFFICIAL

Florence County Planning and Building Department

Plans and directs the activities and operations of the department ensuring compliance to standard building codes, electrical codes, S.C. Barrier Free code and various ordinances. Prepares the departmental budget and administers operational expenditures. Reports to the Planning Director.

MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Bachelor's degree in Engineering or Architecture or related field with three to nine years of experience in engineering/architecture; or combination of training and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills, and abilities. Must possess a valid South Carolina driver's license. Must possess valid Certified Building Official Certification from the State of South Carolina or be able to obtain within 12 months of employment.

Send applications to Florence City-County Complex 180 N. Irby Street, MSC-S, Florence, SC 29501. Open until filled.. **Must have a valid SC driver license.**

CIVIL ENGINEER

Florence County Planning and Building Department

Supervises, plans and directs the activities of the Engineering Division of the Planning and Building Inspection Department in order to ensure the proper provision and administration of engineering, water/sewer, subdivision compliance, and drainage for the citizens of the County. Supervises professional technical staff. Position reports to the Planning Director.

MINIMUM TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

Requires a Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering supplemented by five years of experience in civil engineering or equivalent education, training and experience that provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities. **Possession and maintenance of a Professional Engineer's Certification by the State of South Carolina is required.**

Send applications to Florence City-County Complex 180 N. Irby Street, MSC-S, Florence, SC 29501. Open until filled.. **Must have a valid SC driver license.**

Florence County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. M/F/H/V

AICP Certification Maintenance Program

The following is a list of the sessions at the 2007 SCAPA Fall conference that were approved for credit. You may log into APA/AICP to enter your credits.

[2010 Census: How to Succeed at IUCA While Making Your Efforts Count](#) | Thursday, Oct 25 2007 10:30AM

[Community Associations: Bring Community to Your Neighborhood](#) | Friday, Oct 26 2007 9:00AM

[Complete Streets, Access Management and Context Sensitive Design](#) | Friday, Oct 26 2007 9:00AM

[Essentials in Planning for the Community Forest](#) | Friday, Oct 26 2007 9:00AM

[Ethics and the Planning Professional](#) | Friday, Oct 26 2007 10:45AM

[Making Manufactured housing Work in Your Jurisdiction](#) | Thursday, Oct 25 2007 3:30PM

[Planning for Air Quality and Source Water Protection](#) | Thursday, Oct 25 2007 3:30PM

[Power of Partnerships and Stormwater Management](#) | Thursday, Oct 25 2007 1:45PM

[Reform Your Ways: Steps to Streamline Your Permitting Process](#) | Thursday, Oct 25 2007 10:30AM

[The Impact of Masonry Ordinances on Communities](#) | Thursday, Oct 25 2007 3:30PM

[The Next 20 Years of Growth in South Carolina](#) | Thursday, Oct 25 2007 9:00AM

[What You Don't Know About Trees Could Cost Your Community](#) | Friday, Oct 26 2007 9:00AM

[Working on Water: Planning in Coastal Carolina](#) | Thursday, Oct 25 2007 10:30AM

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the SCAPA Professional Development Officer:

Stephanie D Monroe, AICP

City of Spartanburg

Planning Director

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Answers to most commonly asked questions

As many of you know, APA has received a large number of e-mails from AICP members since the October 25, 2007 launch of the online CM logging system.

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