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## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2021

### CONFERENCE AGENDA

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- 9:00 am – 9:15 am**      **Welcome and Opening Remarks**  
**2020 Award Announcements**
- 9:15 am – 10:30 am**      **Adaptation Along the Edge: National Best Management Practices in Coastal Resilience (1.25 CM\*)**  
*Tess Howard, Vice President of Community Development and Planning, Alys Beach, FL*  
*Keith Bowers, FASLA, PLA, PWS, President and Landscape Architect/Restoration Ecologist, Biohabitats*  
Growth along our nation’s coastline is continuing to increase and alongside it remains the threat of sea level rise, increased frequency and severity of flooding, hotter summers, an accelerated loss of native flora and fauna, not to mention social equity issues. In this session, you will learn about the development of Alys Beach, a new urbanist community located in northwest Florida, which demonstrates sustainability in all key aspects of the Town’s carefully crafted vision – architecture, building methods, infrastructure design and landscape. You will also learn about efforts to make Charleston a more resilient and sustainable community through a combination of green to grey infrastructure, including two bold ideas that could position the Charleston region as a national leader in nature-based resiliency planning.
- 10:30 am – 10:45 am**      **BREAK**
- 10:45 am – 12:00 pm**      **Technical Guidance for the Development of Wildlife & Pollinator Habitat at Solar Farms (1.25 CM\*)**  
*Lorianne Riggan, SCDNR, Director of the Office of Environmental Programs*  
*Stacey Washington, SC Energy Office, Energy Specialist*  
*Ben Powell, Clemson Baruch Institute, Apiculture and Pollinator Program Coordinator*  
In June 2014, Act 236 was signed into law, requiring the development of renewable energy facilities as a part of South Carolina’s electrical utilities peak demand. This has led to South Carolina’s solar industry boom. The increase in solar generation means a new land use on South Carolina’s landscape competing with the needs of natural resources. In this session, you will learn about the growth of South Carolina’s renewable energy portfolio. Participants will also learn about the SC Solar Habitat Act (§50-4-10) and how solar farms can be sited and designed to create habitat suitable for a wide variety of wildlife. In addition, participants will learn about recommended solar design standards, financial assurances, and reclamation plans.
- 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm**      **LUNCH BREAK**
- 1:00 pm – 2:15 pm**      **The Formation of Sustainability Offices in SC Jurisdictions and the Plans that Drive their Work (1.25 CM\*)**  
*Meg Jamison, Southeast Sustainability Directors Network, Network Director*  
*Mary Pat Baldauf, City of Columbia, Sustainability Coordinator*  
*Katie McKain, City of Charleston, Director of Sustainability*  
Climate change is a global challenge, but there are local solutions to adapt to and mitigate adverse impacts. In this session, you will learn how a number of communities in South Carolina are taking action to address climate change and how these communities are coordinating to learn from one another. Representatives from the City of Columbia and City of Charleston will discuss how their local sustainability offices were established and the development of their climate action plans. Participants will learn how each plan was created, who was involved, and the data behind them, in addition to example projects, policies and programs, and lessons learned.
- 2:15 pm – 2:30 pm**      **BREAK**



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VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

2:30 – 3:45 pm

**Moving Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Forward Through Advocacy (1.25 CM\*)**

*Katie Zimmerman, Charleston Moves, Executive Director*

Bicycle and pedestrian planning is an integral part of meeting climate change and equity goals in many communities; however, prioritizing and funding implementation can be a challenge for planners and elected and appointed officials anywhere. In this session, you will learn how Charleston Moves is moving multi-modalism forward in the Charleston area through their advocacy efforts and partnerships. Katie Zimmerman, Executive Director of Charleston Moves, will discuss a number of planning and advocacy initiatives, including The People Pedal Plan, Bridge the Ashley, and other efforts that support improved bicycle and pedestrian connectivity. You'll also learn how advocacy organizations can further your public input process and garner support for project implementation.

3:45 - 4:00 pm

**Closing Remarks**

## REGISTRATION

Please register online at [www.scapa.org/conferences](http://www.scapa.org/conferences).

The rate is \$35 for all participants.

If you cannot register online, please mail your registration fee along with your name and **email** to:

Shawn Putnam, AICP - Treasurer

PO Box 7002

Camden, SC 29021.

**Online registration is preferred.**

Please register by Monday, February 15<sup>th</sup>. All paper registration forms must be received by this date as well. A unique sign-in link to the conference will be sent by email to each registered participant, so please ensure the email submitted is yours and accurate.

### SC PLANNING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

All SCAPA conference sessions are approved for continuing education (CE) required by SC Code 6-29-1310 et. SEQ., Educational Requirements for Local Government Planning or Zoning Officials and Employees. SCAPA will provide the confirmation in the form of a certificate of attendance within a few weeks of the conference.

### \*AICP CERTIFICATION MAINTENANCE:

As indicated, sessions have been submitted to the American Planning Association and are pending approval for Certification Maintenance (CM) credits at this time. Based on the content of the sessions and the credentials of the presenters, it is anticipated that CM credits will be approved in advance of the conference date.

## UPCOMING CONFERENCES

Due to COVID-19, SCAPA is attempting to remain flexible with the scheduling of its Summer and Fall conferences. We are hopeful to host a hybrid in-person/virtual conference in the Summer and an in-person conference in Hilton Head in the Fall. We look forward to sharing dates and details with you soon!

We will continue our theme of sustainability throughout the year and invite professionals, planning faculty, and students to submit session proposals for future conferences by completing the proposal form available at:

<https://scapa.org/conferences/scapa-conference-session-proposals/>