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## Comments from the Chair

The 2010 Federal Planning Division Annual National Training Conference in New Orleans was a huge success due to our fantastic members, interesting speakers and outstanding executive committee as well as your agency representatives and the continued support of the American Planning Association staff. Those who could not join us in New Orleans, please plan on joining us in Boston next year.

Planning for the 2011 FPD Annual National Training Conference is underway. Arrangements with the Boston Marriott Copley Place are being finalized. The hotel is located at 110 Huntington Avenue in Boston's historic Back Bay, four miles from Logan Airport and in close proximity to the Boston T, the city's subway. Parking in the historic section of Boston is very expensive and is limited; however, their mass-transit system is better than most, so please utilize the T. Mark your calendars for April 4-8, 2011.

Boston is a fantastic city to explore, steeped in history and charm, with plenty of things to see and do: follow the Freedom Trail, tour the U.S. Constitution Museum (Old Ironsides), see the Red Sox play at Fenway Park or shop and eat at the Faneuil Hall Marketplace—just to name a few.

As stated in my nomination memo, I am also working to strengthen our relationship with other divisions, state chapters and APA staff by sending out



regular emails and holding teleconferences. Next month, I will meet with the planning directors from the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. National Park Service and APA staff. Additionally, as Chair of the FPD, I am a member of the APA's Divisions Council Communications and Membership Committee, and as such, I am reviewing the APA's Divisions Surveys and will provide my feedback to you in our next newsletter.



Please review our website at <http://www.federalplanning.org>. If you can't find the information you're looking for, email your agency representative or an executive committee member.

Joseph W. Hart, AICP  
Chair, Federal Planning Division  
of the American Planning Association

## Attention 2010 FPD National Training Conference Presenters

We are trying to get digital copies of all presentations from the New Orleans FPD National Training Conference so they can be loaded on the Division web site and shared with those members who were not able to attend.

Please contact David Ziegman ([david.ziegman@woolpert.com](mailto:david.ziegman@woolpert.com)), the Division's Director of Publications, and he will provide instructions on where the files should be sent for uploading.

Thanks for your help in sharing the great information that was presented in New Orleans!

### Not Just Another Plan on the Shelf

by Jennifer Howland, AICP

As a planner, I enjoy developing plans—seeking input from stakeholders, working with colleagues from allied professions and holding the freshly bound, final document in my hands. But, I think the real excitement in planning lies with seeing a plan come to life—through implementation.

Scott Air Force Base, located in southwestern Illinois approximately 20 miles east of St. Louis, is a huge asset to the region, particularly to the communities that immediately surround it (O'Fallon, Mascoutah, Shiloh, Lebanon and St. Clair County). One of the more important things a community can do to support the base's mission and keep it operational is to do what it can to prevent encroachment of incompatible land uses.

Although most of the communities around Scott AFB have measures in place to protect the Base from encroachment, a coordinated approach to land use had not been formalized. In order to protect Scott AFB and adjoining Mid America St. Louis Airport from encroachment, the four municipalities and St. Clair County, in partnership with Scott AFB and Mid America, initiated a Joint Land Use Study in 2007. EDAW (later AECOM) was hired as the consultant. Funding was provided by the Office of Economic Adjustment within the Department of Defense and a local match funded by St. Clair County.

In July 2008, the Scott Air Force Base Mid America St. Louis Airport Joint Land Use Study was finalized with the endorsement of ten recommendations by the mayors of all four municipalities and the County Chairman. The ten recommendations include:

1. Adopt and ratify the regional advisory board.
2. Update zoning codes to include JLUS planning areas with recommended land uses and intensities.
3. Adopt or update outdoor lighting ordinances.
4. Encourage planned developments wherever feasible.
5. Adopt height restrictions.



6. Update and/or adopt noise attenuation standards in building codes.
7. Require avigation and noise easements on major subdivisions and/or rezonings.
8. Adopt real estate disclosure policy for properties in the JLUS planning areas.
9. Build regional capacity.
10. Continue to improve overall communication and coordination.

Rather than stop there and accept that the study itself was enough, the group decided to build on the strong partnership that had been created between the Base, Airport, County and municipalities by continuing with additional implementation steps. This enhanced implementation phase, which began in the spring of 2009, included developing a unified zoning template and creating the Regional Advisory Board. The Regional Advisory Board, which is made up of representatives from each of the municipalities and St. Clair County, will meet only when a project is determined to be incompatible by the Air Force. Their role will be to review the proposed project and issue their own recommendation to the municipality with jurisdiction over the proposed project.

In addition, the group received additional funding from the Office of Economic Adjustment for legal assistance from land use attorney Dan Vogel with Cunningham, Vogel and Rost. Mr. Vogel will review the zoning template to ensure compatibility with Illinois law and work with each

municipality and the County to identify necessary changes to local regulations and assist with adoption language and procedures.

I am excited that O'Fallon, Mascoutah, Shiloh, Lebanon and St. Clair County are on track to adopt compatible land use regulations and work together to review projects that fall within the Planning Influence Area. The relationships we have developed through this JLUS process will most certainly lead to future successful collaborations in our region.

#### FPD on Facebook

Keep up with FPD on Facebook! The Federal Planning Division is now available via Facebook for



members to join and exchange ideas and information. If you are on Facebook, search "APA Federal Planning Division" and join the group. If not, go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com) to sign up. Network and Interact!

## 2009 Federal Planning Division Award Winners

### Category 1 – Outstanding Federal Planning Program

**Winner:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Master Planning Professional Training and Development Program

**Sponsor:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

**Contractor:** N/A

The Master Planning Professional Training and Development Program does an excellent job of educating military planning professionals, the staff of other federal offices and local planning professionals in the concepts of quality urban design, innovative problem solving and collaborative planning processes as they relate to military installation design. This AICP-accredited training program presents the best practices in the planning profession and includes guest lectures from academics and professionals and field trips to learn first hand from cities around the globe. The presentation

book is a well-developed resource describing the full scope of the training program.

**Honorable Mention:** Area Development Guides for POM Projects at 15 Installations (FY 09-13) Huntsville Center USACE, Huntsville, Ala.

**Contractor:** John Gallup & Associates (JG&A), Woolpert, Inc. (sub)

The Area Development Guide Program achieved an honorable mention for the contribution that it makes toward integrating sustainable design concepts into the planning process of high-growth Army installations around the globe. The sustainability concepts included in the guides promote walking, reduced automobile dependency, incorporation of LEED principles and development of context-sensitive design solutions.

### Category 2 – Outstanding Federal Planning Project

**Winner:** Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni Installation Development Plan

**Sponsor:** U.S. Marine Corps, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni

**Contractor:** The Urban Collaborative, LLC

The Installation Development Plan for the Marine Corps Air Station in Iwakuni, Japan, is an outstanding example of a planning project that “rescued” a community from a poorly conceived previous plan. The previous plan for base expansion promoted sprawl and pollution and impacted sites highly valued by the local community. The new plan emphasizes scale, urban design and sustainable practices by concentrating new facilities in the existing core. The higher densities now support transit; walking; and improved access to parks, schools and work places. The new plan has received the

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## FPD Member Profile

**Name:** Andrew Coburn

**Hometown:** Pocatello, Idaho

**Current Residence:** Golden, Colo.

**Education (undergrad/grad /Ph.D):**

B.A., Economics; B.S., Business Administration; Master in Urban and Regional Planning, Concentration in Land Use and Environmental Planning; Master of Public Administration

**Professional Memberships (APA, state chapters, divisions, SAME, etc.):**

APA; Colorado Chapter of APA; Federal Planning Division; International Division; Environment, Natural Resources and Energy Division

**Current Job/Responsibilities:** I have been working as a Community Planner for the National Park Service (NPS), Denver Service Center – Planning Division, since 2008 and have worked on a number of general management plans, program-related initiatives and national heritage area management plans during that time. My role changes from plan to plan, but my day-to-day work involves National Environmental Policy Act compliance in all its forms. I



have worked for national parks and heritage areas across the country, including Big Cypress National Preserve, Everglades National Park, Petrified Forest National Park, Kalaupapa National Historical Park, as well as Katmai National Park and Preserve and Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve in Alaska. I am the current project manager for the Gullah/Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor Management Plan/Environmental Assessment and a team member on the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Management Plan/Environmental Assessment. I also serve as the NPS agency representative to the Federal Planning Division of the American Planning

Association and as the planning representative on the NPS Social Media Workgroup. I have presented at the FPD National Training Conference and the National Planning Conference for the past two years.

**Previous Jobs/Agencies &**

**Responsibilities:** I have a diverse professional background that crosses many fields. I have worked for the federal government as a wild land firefighter with the U.S. Forest Service and have served as assistant financial director for a gubernatorial campaign and as a community organizer for a non-profit. I also owned and operated a small business in Denver, Colo., prior to returning to graduate school. During graduate school, I had the unique opportunity to live and work in China, where I interned with the Nanjing Urban Planning and Research Center in Nanjing.

**Favorite Aspect of Federal Planning:**

My favorite aspect of NPS planning is that I am able to work to preserve, protect and interpret America's most special places for the American people and international visitors. Working for the public good IS GOOD!

**2009 Federal Planning Division Award Winners** *(continued)*

endorsement of the local community and is regarded as a model for the U.S. military, as it looks for ways to accomplish its mission and minimize its impact on host nations and facilities.

**Honorable Mention:** Real Property Master Plan (RPMP)  
Fort Hamilton, N.Y.

**Sponsor:** US Army Engineering Support Center, Huntsville  
**Contractor:** Rexroad APG, Ipa



The Fort Hamilton Real Property Master Plan achieved an honorable mention for its efforts to incorporate the planning scale and framework from the surrounding Brooklyn community into the base design. The plan creates a more mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly environment, stretching from the surrounding community through the front gate of the installation. Components of the plan, including the Capitol Investment Strategy, support the plan's objective.

**Category 3 – Area Development Plan**

**Winner:** Airmen in Training (AIT) Community Zone/Town Center Study  
Sheppard AFB, Tex.

**Sponsor:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District  
**Contractor:** HDR

The Airmen in Training Community Zone/Town Center Study provides a strong vision for the transformation of a 1950s-style, utilitarian grid plan into a campus-like setting for Sheppard AFB, Tex., which houses the largest technical training wing in the Air Force Air Education Training Command. The proposed plan incorporates urban design best practices of place-making, greatly expands opportunities for walking, makes vehicular access and parking less disruptive and creates an overall green and sustainable base environment. The study is notable for

the way in which it defines a clear strategy for implementation by programming small-scale projects that can be phased and are readily allowable under local funding authority.

**Category 4 – Environmental Planning Excellence**

**Winner:** Air Force Sustainable Sites Toolkit

**Sponsor:** Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment  
**Contractor:** Rexroad APG, Ipa

The Sustainable Sites Toolkit was designed to communicate the principles and benefits of sustainable design to professionals working on Air Force installations throughout the world. The toolkit's extensive list and explanations of sustainable practices is a web tool that is easily accessed by designers and planners seeking to apply best practices to Air Force installations. The toolkit should be able to convey the Air Force's commitment to sustainability and help newly constructed facilities meet LEED requirements and applicable federal building and planning laws.

**Honorable Mention:** Assessment Tools for Environmental Compliance

**Sponsor:** Department of Housing and Urban Development  
**Contractor:** Mantech/MBI and HUD WebTeam



HUD has built a comprehensive, web-based database that makes compliance with a variety of federal laws applicable to HUD properties easier and more efficient. Even citizens can access the site and use it to better understand and evaluate HUD decisions. Various calculators, databases and assessment tools are collected in a single location and made accessible to user groups. This creative use of technology should

provide for better environmental decision-making.

**Category 5 – Outstanding Sustainable Planning, Design or Development Initiative**

**Winner:** GSA Sustainable Development Education Initiative – 2009

**Sponsor:** U.S. General Services Administration  
**Contractor:** HOK, Inc., The University of Maryland School of Public Policy



In 2000, the General Services Administration was awarded the APA Federal Planning Division award for its initial Sustainable Development Initiative. A decade later, GSA has achieved an expanded level of educational awareness about the importance of incorporating sustainability practices into all of its operations through the publication of an updated guide, "The New Sustainable Frontier: Principles of Sustainable Development." The new guide introduces groundbreaking concepts, tools and strategies that have evolved over the decade since this initiative began to move all of GSA's operations toward the goal of achieving true sustainability in our closed-world system. A comprehensive educational effort has been implemented, including the preparation of additional publications and videos in an effort to simplify everyday decision-making and steer GSA operations toward the achievement of long-term sustainability goals.

**Category 6 – Outstanding Collaborative Planning Project or Program**

**Winner:** Creating an Integrated Compatible Resource, Land Use and Military Training Strategy for North

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## 2009 Federal Planning Division Award Winners *(continued)*

Carolina: The Eastern North Carolina Land Use Strategy (ENCLUS) Model  
**Sponsor:** United States Marine Corps  
**Contractor:** Marstel-Day, LLC

The Eastern North Carolina Land Use Strategy (ENCLUS) model developed for the Marine Corps Installations East at Camp Lejeune, N.C., represents a pioneering effort to assemble a broad-based coalition of federal and state land management agencies, local governments, private conservation organizations and military leaders to identify shared land use protection goals and to leverage their resources to achieve them. The comprehensive land use planning strategy spans a 25-county region in Eastern North Carolina with the goals of protecting military training sites, maintaining the viability of traditional working farming and forestry lands, preserving water quality and protecting natural habitat. Implementation of this model set a strong tone of interagency cooperation.

### The Rik Wiant Distinguished Service and Leadership Award

The Rik Wiant Distinguished Service and Leadership Award is given to individuals who demonstrate sustained and significant contributions to the federal planning profession and who have demonstrated significant leadership in promoting and encouraging planning at the federal

level. The Award was instituted in 2003 as a means to honor one of the Federal Planning Division's most dedicated members, Fredrik W. Wiant, AICP. This award recognizes effective contributions and leadership within the profession through the distinguished practice, management, consulting and promotion of sound planning within the federal sector.

### The Recipient:

Helen M. Lightle, FAICP

For 40 years, Helen Lightle has developed innovative planning solutions that have guided her clients into the future. Her emphasis on the quality of presentation has won her accolades. Helen has established a notable



reputation in the field of military planning services and is recognized within the military community as a leader in elevating the level of planning services for the Army and Air Force and for establishing prototypes and processes for others to follow.

Helen has also made a significant contribution to the Federal Planning Division with more than 20 years of support and sustained dedication. Her leadership and vision during the Division's formative years contributed directly to the growth and success of the annual federal conference. Helen's deep commitment and tireless support of the Division's early planning conferences enhanced the successful growth of the Division as the preeminent professional forum and networking venue for the federal planning community. She added immeasurably to the Division achieving its goals and objectives for membership recruitment and growth and for providing a successful federal conference year after year. She has set a high standard for conducting each annual federal conference, which the Division endeavors to attain. Helen has brought great credit to herself, the Federal Planning Division and the American Planning Association.

This selection not only honors Helen Lightle but also the memory of Rik Wiant.

## JOB POSTING

### Federal Planner in Colorado Springs, Colo.

HB&A is an architecture, planning and geospatial firm providing consulting services to clients seeking design, analysis and creative planning at all scales from the facility to the regional level. We are a small business offering a stimulating environment, good people, flexible hours and exciting work. HB&A is seeking an experienced military master planner. Candidates should have 5-10 years experience performing master planning tasks and managing projects. We are looking for someone who can perform all aspects of the project life cycle, including field data collection, stakeholder interviews, technical writing, document formatting and editing, task management and project management. Graphic skill and experience with GIS analysis are a plus. Candidate should be familiar with DoD land use, planning and programming standards and processes. Projects will be diverse and may include Facility Utilization Studies; DD1391 development and validation; Area Development Plans; Master Plans; Capital Investment Strategies; Business Case Analyses; Capacity Analysis Plans; Consolidation/Demolition Plans; and other products for Air Force, Army and other federal clients.

#### Requirements:

Desired: AICP, LEED AP, CAD and GIS proficiency, military experience  
 Required: Federal planning experience; Strong verbal, writing and presentation skills; Basic Project Management skills

Preferred Education: Four-year degree

NOTES: U.S. residents only

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- Issues to be run three times a year: winter, summer, and fall
- Business card size (specifications below)
- \$100 covers ad placement for the entire year\*

#### Ad Specifications

- Business card size: 3.5 x 2"
- PDF for the Internet
- Output all objects as RGB
- Embed fonts in document
- E-mail final artwork to:  
[andy.helmick@woolpert.com](mailto:andy.helmick@woolpert.com)

#### Questions should be directed to:

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**All artwork is due by August 15, 2010.**

\*Make check payable to APA FPD and mail to Kristin Worley at the above address. Payment is due at the time of ad submittal.

### Do you have a position open at your organization?

Here's how you can place a job posting in APA FPD's newsletter:

- Provide a brief job description along with the location and organization.
- Make all of the appropriate contact information available.
- Send the job posting to Kristin Worley at [kristin.worley@woolpert.com](mailto:kristin.worley@woolpert.com) for posting in the next newsletter.
- The deadline to have jobs posted in the next newsletter is August 15, 2010.

If you have questions, please contact Kristin Worley at 704.526.3062.

### Are you looking to publish your federal planning article?

Now is your chance to submit an article for consideration to be published in an upcoming issue of *Network!*

All articles should be:

- Geared for the federal planning reader
- Non-marketing and informational in nature
- No longer than 1,000 words
- Provided with graphics of 72 dpi jpgs or higher

The deadline for article submissions for the next issue is August 15, 2010. If you have questions, please contact Kristin Worley at [kristin.worley@woolpert.com](mailto:kristin.worley@woolpert.com) or at 704.526.3062.

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