2011 Memorial Scholarship Recipients
Isaac Gilman
University of Michigan
Angela Gougherty
Wayne State University
Kirstie Sieloff
Michigan State University
Aaron Goodman
University of Michigan

2011 Elected and Appointed Scholarship Recipient
The City of Madison Heights, a community of approximately 29,694 people living within 7.25 square miles located near the southeast corner of Oakland County, is the recipient of a MAP Memorial Scholarship to receive one on-site training program to address the educational needs of local decision makers.

Planning Leadership Award 2011 Jury
Cathie Ballard
Jane Fitzpatrick
Madhu Oberoi, AICP

Helen S. Willis Outstanding Commissioner Award
Bruce C. Ogilvie, Chair, City of Frankfort Planning Commission

Having served on the City of Frankfort Planning Commission since April 2005, and as the chair since 2007, Bruce C. Ogilvie is awarded the distinction of Outstanding Commissioner because of his leadership and oversight helping to create, adopt, and implement a clear vision for the future in the City of Frankfort.

Undertaking a master planning process and detailed implementation plan, Bruce launched this endeavor in 2008, facilitating a series of nine public meetings to identify issues and priorities to be covered in the Master Plan update. He put tremendous time and energy into researching other plans and codes so that he could develop a scope of work and a timeline that would accomplish three goals: create a vision for a more sustainable Frankfort, build public consensus support for the new Master Plan, and create a detailed implementation plan.

Mr. Ogilvie worked tirelessly to explain concepts like Complete Streets, walkability, sustainability, place-making and urbanism. He advocated for a mixed-use downtown, architectural guidelines and form-based zoning provision. He was instrumental in developing new ordinance language pertaining to urban agriculture and building strong community support for the adoption of low impact development regulations.

Mr. Ogilvie currently serves the City of Frankfort as Chair of the City Planning Commission, member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and is a member of the Solid Waste Advisory Council for Benzie County. He attended Monmouth College (IL), Northwestern University (IL), the American College (PA), Northwestern Michigan College, and Michigan State University. He also completed the Master Citizen Planner designation in 2008.

Planning Excellence Project Awards 2011 Jury
Indiana Chapter of the American Planning Association
Rose Scovel, AICP
Deborah Luzier, AICP
Glen Boise, AICP

Outstanding Planning Project for Best Practice
City of Novi Non-Motorized Master Plan
City of Novi and The Greenway Collaborative, Inc.

With more than 225 miles of pathways, sidewalks and bike lanes, the City of Novi has a long-standing interest in providing non-motorized routes to connect neighborhoods with destinations throughout the City and region. In 2006 the Walkable Novi Committee was formed to create a comprehensive and integrated network of non-motorized routes to serve the entire City and connect to regional networks.

After extensive public input sessions, a transparent planning process and support and consensus of the Novi City Council, the Walkable Novi Committee and the Planning Commission, a detailed plan was created.

The plan’s recommended policies include reference to Novi’s adopted Complete Streets resolution and means to build on that support, along with reference to the City’s ADA and transition plan, which was undertaken concurrently. The new transportation options that are being made available through this plan seek to lead residents to healthier lifestyles, an improved quality of life, improved air and water quality, and a more energy-efficient and sustainable transportation system.

Outstanding Planning Project for Innovative Regional Plan
The Grand Vision, Northwest Lower Michigan
The Grand Vision Network

Since its inception, the Grand Vision has been widely recognized by local, state, and national stakeholders as one of the most innovative planning processes ever implemented in a region- much less a rural region, such as the Grand Traverse area. The Grand Vision is creating a citizen-led blueprint for growth that will secure future prosperity and quality...
of life in northwest lower Michigan for generations to come.

The real innovation in regional planning for the Grand Vision comes from cooperation for a diverse group of stakeholders and decision makers with commitment and support from the public and local leaders. More than 15,000 citizens, representing 8.5% of the total regional population, participated in workshops, served on volunteer committees, and engaged in the Grand Vision.

By realizing successful plans, outcomes and now action, the Grand Vision has strengthened the importance of and support for the principles of regional planning, deeming the plan and the broader movement an outstanding and innovative planning project.

Outstanding Planning Project for Implementation

Downtown Grosse Pointe Revitalization Program
City of Grosse Pointe and McKenna Associates

The City of Grosse Pointe is usually a very stable community. When faced with the need to replace a vacant downtown anchor tenant, the City utilized several planning, zoning, and economic development tools to put together an aggressive strategy to reposition the Village for future growth and development.

The planning program was specifically orchestrated so that it could be quickly, efficiently, and effectively implemented. The project began with a market study and public input session and it included the development of a broad-based community supported vision based on sustainable development practices. A comprehensive implementation strategy was a large focus of the plan, consisting of flexible, form-based regulations, a process for entering into public/private development arrangements, a complete overhaul of the public parking system, and a way to provide funding for projects that met the community’s objectives.

The plan has produced significant results. There has been steady progress during the Revitalization Program, and there are a number of private projects in the pipeline for the Village. The City has reviewed the plan and recommitted to the program and there continues to be a buzz in the community about the activity.

Outstanding Student Project

Paving the Way: Linking Southwest Detroit to Infrastructure Jobs

University of Michigan students:
Sarah Beer; Chelsea Burket; Nicholas Ciluffa; Shan Gao; Susan Johnson; Ryan Michael; Fanbu Shen; Jingning Yang; Hang Zhou

Nine master’s students from the University of Michigan’s Urban and Regional Planning Program developed a plan in fall 2009 to connect residents of Southwest Detroit to jobs associated with major infrastructure projects in their neighborhoods—the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) and the Detroit Intermodal Freight Terminal (DIFT).

The plan provides an array of approaches to use in encouraging community economic development through the connection of residents with jobs that major public investments create in their neighborhoods and through the protection of businesses negatively affected by the investment. The students separated the analysis of ways to benefit residents and local businesses into several sections, explained how to implement the recommendations, and provided additional examples of similar cases.

Soon after the students completed the plan, the Southwest Detroit Business Association hired one of the students to work on implementing the plan. In addition, construction union leaders and leaders from Southwest Detroit along with others came together to identify their common interests in jobs associated with major public projects. They have continued to work together through a new alliance, Doing Development Differently in Metro Detroit (D4), a coalition of residents, unions, environmental, faith-based and community organizations who want to strengthen Detroit.

President’s Award

Richard Carlisle, AICP, PCP

Dick Carlisle, AICP, PCP, president of Carlisle/Wortman Associates, is the 2011 recipient of the Michigan Association of Planning President’s Award. Selected by current MAP president Steve Robinson, this award acknowledges and honors an individual who has positively influenced the professional career of the MAP president.

Mr. Carlisle has been a professional planner for more than 30 years, and served as the president of the Michigan Society of Planning Officials (MSPO) during the merger of MSPO and Michigan American Planning Association (MAPA) in 2000. His leadership during this challenging juncture was instrumental in the successful joining of the two associations. MAP has gone on to become one of the strongest and largest APA chapters nationally, in great measure due to Dick’s significant contributions. One of Dick’s greatest characteristics is his ability to outreach to others, and this, coupled with his passion and commitment to advance the art and science of planning resulted in the remarkable friendship between Dick, a planning leader, and Steve Robinson, a vice president for a private development company at the time. Introduced through a development proposal in Independence Township, the two would bridge the often contentious divide between planners and the private development community. Dick persuaded President Robinson to attend his first MAP conference in 1995, resulting in an on-going and unlikely alliance that planted the seeds for many future partnerships between the development community and municipal planners. Ultimately Steve Robinson became MAP’s first president representing the private developer, all thanks to a site plan review process back in Independence Township.
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