



2023 APA OHIO PLANNING CONFERENCE

CALL FOR SESSIONS

Foresight. Trending Toward Tomorrow

The ability to anticipate future trends allows us to meet tomorrow's needs, today. As planners we must learn, prepare, and act to foster sustainable and socially just cities. Through innovative zoning, transformative technology, and futuristic mobility we are trending toward tomorrow. Our impact is greater together! Join us September 27-29, 2023 in Columbus, Ohio at the APA Ohio Statewide Planning Conference.

Conference Sessions

All sessions submitted must be eligible for AICP Certification Maintenance credit. Session durations will vary throughout the conference schedule. Therefore, session proposals can be submitted in various increments depending on the maturity of the topic and range of speakers.

Final conference tracks will be identified as the schedule develops. Select what topic(s) you feel your proposal best addresses. The host committee has identified the following topics of particular interest and encourages submissions in these areas.

Sustainability & Resilience. Actions speak louder than plans. Planning for climate change, natural disasters, and human made hazards allows us to act swiftly. How will the latest trends and techniques broaden our impact?

Future Mobility. Explore the rapidly evolving landscape of mobility, with a focus on new modes of transportation such as autonomous vehicles and shared mobility services.

Digital Transformation. Technology is transforming the planning practice from digital collaboration and data analysis to automation and innovation. Leveraging emerging technology for the benefit of our communities is more important than ever before.

Zoning and Development. Remaking our communities requires radical thinking! The future of zoning, housing, and work are all interconnected. Creativity is imperative to meet the needs our changing communities.

A Just Community. Advocacy for just policies and places is vital to ensure prosperity is attainable in every neighborhood. Whether through diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives or federal, state, and local legislation we are change makers and we must be informed.

Want to know the type of information your submission requires?
Check out the **Information Requirements** to better prepare for your submission.

Session Proposals Due 5PM on Friday, April 28, 2023
online submission form provided at www.ohioplanning.org/conference



Mobile Workshops

While there are many aspects of Columbus and Central Ohio that planners from the area know well, attendees at the conference will represent communities from across the state. For Central Ohio, this is our time to shine and show off our achievements.

Mobile workshop proposals can include opportunities for a group to travel beyond the conference facility in time frames between one hour and a half day. Keep in mind travel times and transportation alternatives when submitting ideas.

Session and Workshop Goals

Provide educational, fun and interactive sessions. Proposals will be reviewed based on their ability to engage the audience. We encourage attendee participation, interactive elements or activities that are a different format than a traditional lecture followed by Q&A.

Know your audience. There is a wide array of planners, community board members, allied professionals and others that attend the conference. Highlight if the session is geared toward a professional audience or citizen planners. Also, indicate the content level, whether the material is introductory, or intended to advance the skills of experienced planners.

Represent all of Ohio's cities and regions. Sessions will be selected to ensure a conference program that is representative of a diversity of geographies to include urban, rural and suburban locations from all areas of the state.

Be real! It is great to show off successes and what is worked well. However, there are many lessons that can be learned from what has not been a success. Let us not be shy and share these situational experiences. Also, ensure sessions have applicable take-aways for the audience.

Let's Talk Foresight. Our theme FORESIGHT is the ability to anticipate future trends allowing us to meet tomorrow's needs, today. How can this idea influence where we are today, and where we are going in the future?

Ensure diversity of speaker representation. Proposals should demonstrate the diversity of the planning profession wherever possible through the speakers identified. This may include cultural, racial and gender diversity, as well as diversity of speaker experiences. We intend to have strong AICP representation, though a broad array of viewpoints from other professionals and community members is encouraged.

Submit a Proposal

Session proposals must be received by 5 pm, Friday, April 28, 2023. Proposals will be accepted only through the online form provided at www.ohioplanning.org/conference. Late/incomplete proposals will not be considered. Your proposal *must* include information on all speakers (include bios). All speakers must register for at least the day they are speaking.

Questions

Questions about your session proposal? Email **Nicki Martin**.

Technical questions about submitting your proposal? Email **Christine Davis**.