



American Planning Association  
**Connecticut Chapter**

*Making Great Communities Happen*



# Fall Chapter Meeting

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OCTOBER 18, 2019

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# Organizational Structure

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Patrice Carson

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Rob Phillips

Demian Sorrentino

Jonathan Reiner

Don Poland

# Organizational Structure

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## Committees

- Program / CM
- Members Services
- Communications & Media
- Government Relations
- Strategic and Work Plan Committee
- Past President Advisory Committee
- Nominating and Elections Committee
- Scholarship Committee
- Awards Committee
- Planning Education

**VOLUNTEERS  
MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE.**

# Celebrate Planning!



## ART OF PLANNING

**Sept 25, 2019**

Presentations at  
Hooker Brewery



PLAN BOLD • PLAN SMART

**PLAN  
BRIDGEPORT**

**October 4, 2019**

Roundtable  
Discussion



**October 23, 2019**

Annual Meeting and  
Recognition Program



# Start with Planning

## Development Framework

- Creating the Next Generation of Planners
- Facilitating the Digital Transition in Planning
- Establishing a Meaningful Role for Planning in State Governance



### Lack of graduate urban planning programs hurting state



JIM SHANNON :: REPUBLICAN AMERICAN  
Mary Donegan, an urban planner and teacher at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, stands near Alexander Calder's Stegosaurus sculpture in Hartford's Burrill Mall.

**Waterbury—** A dry talent pipeline is contributing to economic stagnation in Connecticut's cities. The state is one of 15 in the country with no accredited, graduate level urban planning programs, which advocates say bring in research dollars, groom qualified professionals and furnish data to inform future investments in development.

(<https://thecitiesproject.news>) Mary Donegan, assistant professor in-residence of urban and community studies at the University of Connecticut, said universities exist primarily to train a state's workforce and serve other purposes as well: community engagement, land development, conducting research.



# APA Initiatives

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**POLICY &  
ADVOCACY  
CONFERENCE**  
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## Topical Areas

- Equity, Diversity & Inclusion
- Planning Home Initiative
- Place-based Infrastructure
- Policy Papers
  - Climate
  - Resiliency
  - **Equitable Economy**
  - Legacy Cities



# Learning with the Future

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## **Six Things APA Leaders Need to Know About Foresight**

**Jeff De Cagna FRSA FASAE**  
**Executive Advisor, Foresight First LLC**



Leadership General Session | Sunday, September 22, 2019 | 9 am–10:30 am

***what makes us human?***  
***what is the extent of our  
commitment to other people?***  
***what we are prepared  
to sacrifice to survive?***

# Membership

## **413 Chapter members (as of Oct. 1, 2019)**

- 192 AICP members (incl. 4 FAICP)
- 119 APA members
- 92 student members
- 7 land use board commissioners
- 3 Chapter-only members

### **Thank you committee members!**

Alan Weiner, Demian Sorrentino and  
Jonathan Reiner.





# Diana Donald Scholarship

## Diana Donald Scholarship *Internship Program*

- \$3,500
  - 90% must go to intern

### Selection Process

- Scholarship Committee Review
- Executive Board Endorsement

### Emphasis on an identifiable project that will:

- Contribute to technical knowledge and skills of intern
- Help prepare intern for planning workforce

### Two grants were awarded this year:

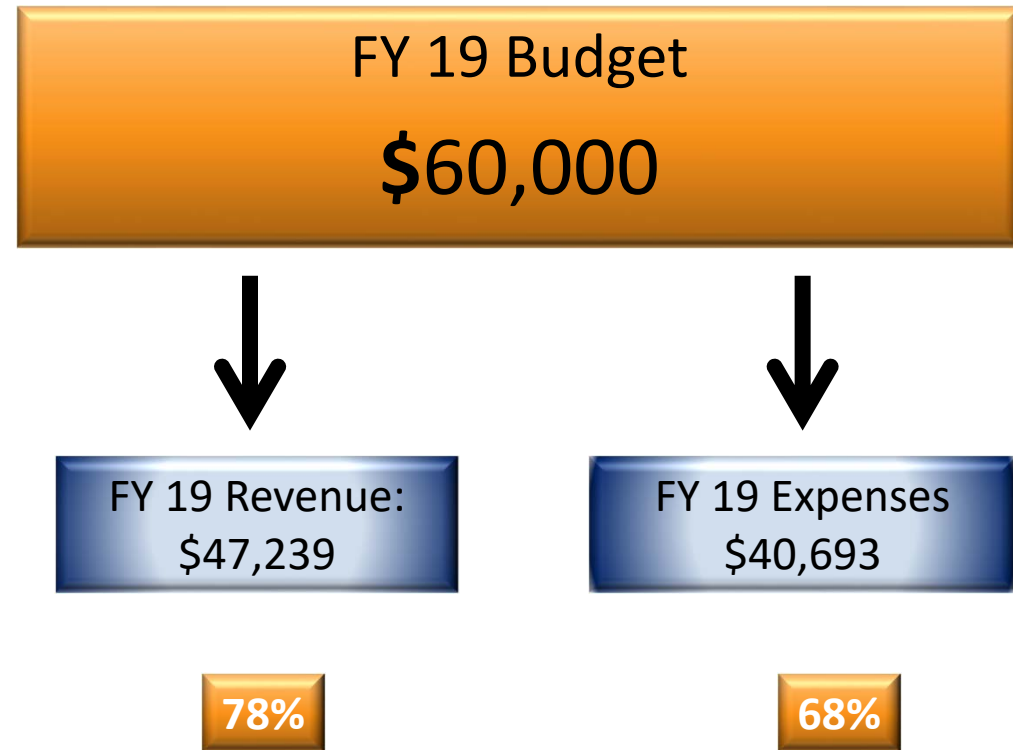
- **Bridgeport:** Comprehensive Zoning Code Rewrite
- **East Hampton:** Adapt land use strategies for the town center near the Air Line Trail entrance

**Next Round: Spring 2020!**



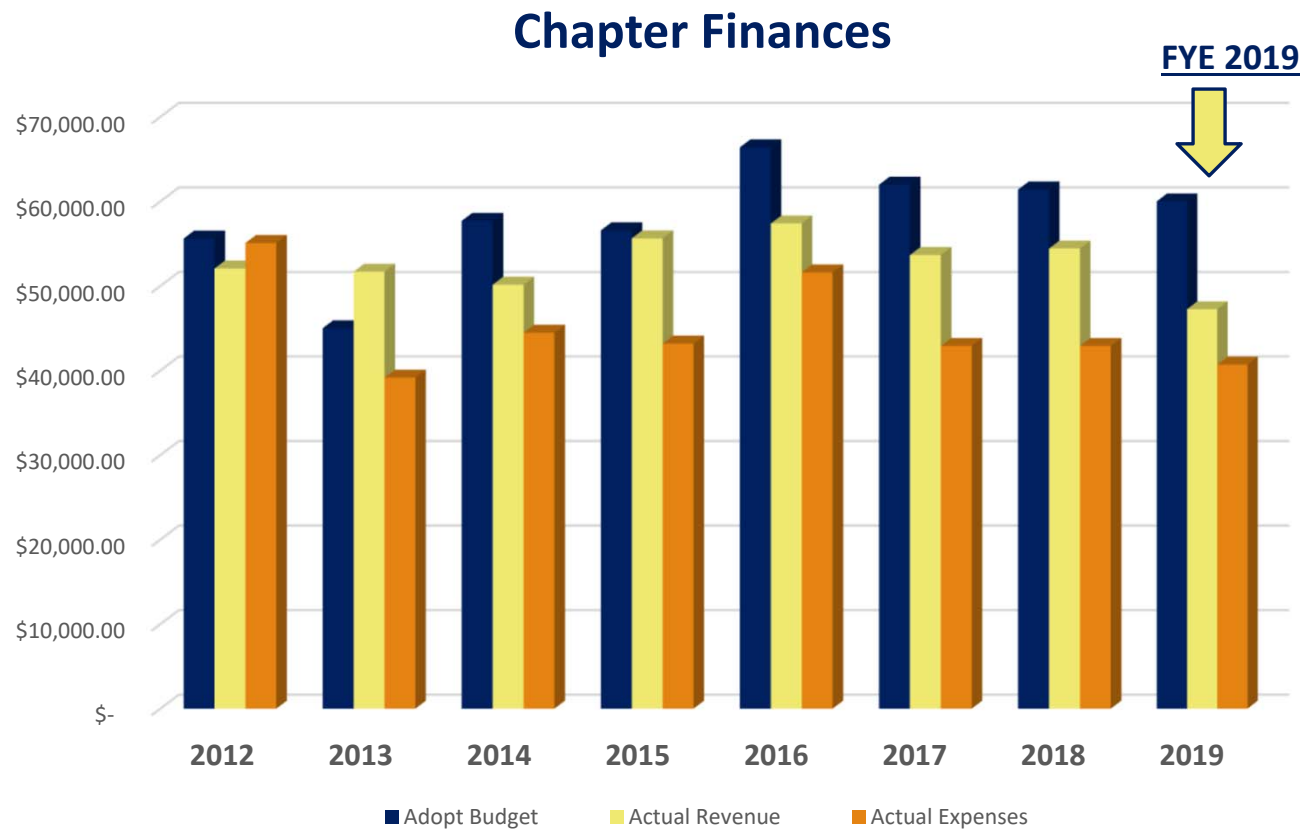
## Treasurer's Report

# FYE 2019 Budget



*Revenue- 96% if accounting for Reserves*

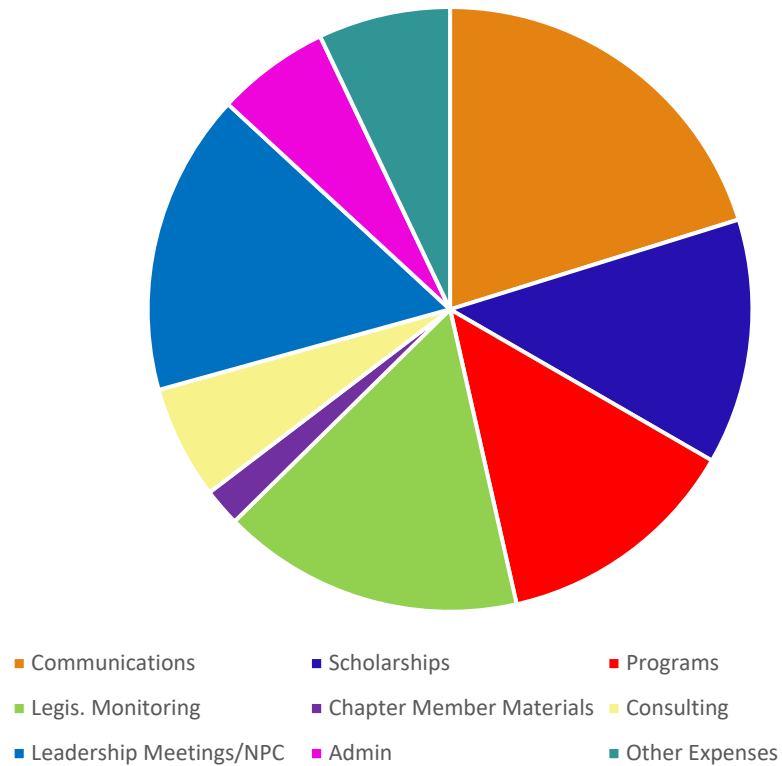
# Treasurer's Report



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## FY 20 Adopted Budget

Chapter Expense Allocation



**\$54,705**



# Chapter Awards



Celebrate The Season and the New Year!

*SAVE THE DATE & RESERVE YOUR SEAT*

**2019 CCAPA**

*Holiday Lunch Program & Awards Ceremony*

Friday, December 6, 2019

The Inn at Middletown

70 Main Street

Middletown, Connecticut

Registration & Socializing 11:15 -11:45AM

Buffet Luncheon Served at 11:45

Luncheon Program 12:30 – 1:30 PM

2019 Awards Presentation 1:30PM

**\$35 per Person**



**1 CM Credit**

Please send in your reservation by November 29, 2019 via mail or online/Eventbrite.

Reservations Questions, Email Jeanne Davies @ [ctriverplanner@gmail.com](mailto:ctriverplanner@gmail.com)

Mailed in checks payable to CCAPA must be postmarked by November 25, 2019

Once you have made your reservation, you may also pay at the door.

# Communications and Media



## Committee

Amanda Kennedy, Chair

Kyle Shiel

YOU!!!

## Responsibilities

- Maintain website and social media
- Member communications (e-mail blasts)
- Coordinate with other committees

-Follow us on Facebook:

@CTPLANNING

and twitter @CT\_APA



# Communications and Media



## Goals

- Highlight value of planners and planning
- Increase member engagement in Chapter
- Harness new website & social media technology

## Strategies

- Promote *and share* CT Planning Magazine
- Publicize activities/work of other CCAPA committees
- Leverage member capacity to produce additional content, i.e.:
  - Videos
  - White papers
- Convert listserv chatter to resource guides

## Programs and Professional Development

**Send Us Your Ideas for Planner Education and Social Events –**  
[jdavies@ctrctd.org](mailto:jdavies@ctrctd.org)

# 2019 Program Committee

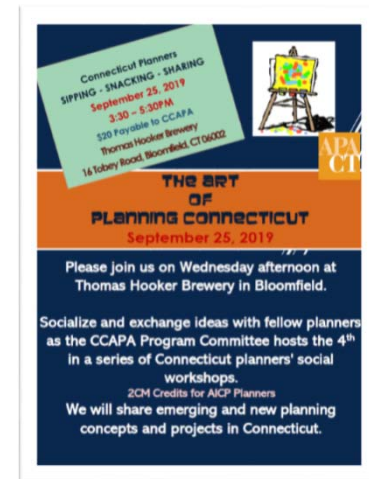
## Committee Members

Chris Smith	Deanna Rhodes	Amy Petrone	Raquel Ocasio
Craig Minor	Emily Hultquist	Bruce Hyde	Jeremy DeCarli
Phil Chester	Chris Canna	Jeanne Davies, Chair	

## Committee Liaisons

Michael Piscitelli/President  
Abigail Kenyon/Communications

Steven Sadlowski/PDO



## Current Program Partners

UConn/ CLEAR	CT Historic Preservation Office
CT Conference of Municipalities	CEDAS
Sustainable CT	CT Bar Association
CT Farm Bureau	CTDEEP
CTDOT	CT RC&D
CT Conference of Municipalities	CT Councils of Government
CT Farmland Trust	Partnership for Strong Communities
Institute for Sustainable Energy	CT Greenways Council
Sign Research Foundation	CT NEMO Program





# Programs and Professional Development

Door is Always Open for Program Ideas & Suggestions for Planner Education and Social Events  
[jdavies@ctracd.org](mailto:jdavies@ctracd.org)

## 2019 Program Committee

### CCAPA Hosted Programs from 10/2018 thru 10/2019

#### 90.5 Credits Offered

Does Not Factor In SNEAPA CM Credits From 2018 or 2019

- CM credits are measured in a quarter hour increment. One CM credit is granted for each contact hour of instruction, so: • One contact hour of instructional time = 1.0 CM credit • 30 minutes of instructional time = 0.5 CM credit. Minimum credit hour – 15 minutes = .25 CM credit.
- Education sessions are led by one or more subject matter experts. An expert is defined by AICP as a professional who has contributed to the profession through practice, teaching, research, or publications or through completed works that proclaim individuality and mastery of the principles of planning and whose work demonstrates outstanding quality and professionalism.
- Education sessions use learning methodologies and formats that are appropriate to the event's educational purpose or objectives
- Education sessions are unbiased and nonpromotional. *Note: An organization's services or products may be discussed prior to or after the completion of the CM credit portion of the event.*



## Government Relations Committee

# The GRC Team

- Co-Chairs: John Guskowski & Jenna Montesano

- **THANK YOU Amanda**

- **Committee Members**

Jana Roberson, Alan Sylvestre, Chris Smith, Christine Nelson, Fred Doneit, Matt Tyksinski, Don Poland, Glenn Chalder, Jason Vincent, Rob Phillips, Phil Chester, Jose Giner, Kyle Shiel, Ken Livingston, Sara Bronin, Marty Connor, Jon Reiner, Evan Seeman, Sam Gold, Todd Dumais, and Mike Piscitelli

- **TCORS: Alan Deckman & John Bailey**



# Relating to the Government, 2019 Session

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New Administration, New Legislative Leaders, New Opportunities... Same Challenges



- 1) Bills That Passed
- 2) Bills That Failed
- 3) 2020 Priorities

# Bills That Passed

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HB [6939](#)- AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MUNICIPAL CULTURAL DISTRICTS

HB [7152](#)- AN ACT ACCELERATING THE DEPLOYMENT OF 5G WIRELESS FACILITIES

HB [7192](#)- AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPAL AND REGIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND EFFICIENCIES

[HB 7209](#) - AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT MUNICIPAL REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (As part of budget)

HB [7277](#)- AN ACT CONCERNING THE CREATION OF LAND BANK AUTHORITIES

# Bills That Passed

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HB [7361](#)- AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF MASTER PLANS BY TAX INCREMENT DISTRICTS

SB [570](#)- AN ACT CONCERNING OPPORTUNITY ZONES

SB [1062](#) AN ACT AUTHORIZING MUNICIPAL CLIMATE CHANGE AND COASTAL RESILIENCY RESERVE FUNDS

SB [1070](#)-- AN ACT CONCERNING ABANDONED AND BLIGHTED PROPERTY CONSERVATORSHIP.

# Bills That Failed

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## [HB 6749](#)-- AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE ZONING ENABLING ACT AND PROMOTE MUNICIPAL COMPLIANCE

- Reorganization/Clarification of 8-2
- Increase Requirement About Zoning “Actively Promoting” Fair/Affordable Housing
- Requiring Commissioner of Housing to Provide Guidance on:
  - Zoning Regulations
  - Affordable Housing Plans (PA 17-170)
- No Financial Liability

# Bills That Failed

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[SB 1107](#)-- AN ACT CONCERNING THE TERMS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CONNECTICUT TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND CONSTRUCTION INVOLVING HISTORIC STRUCTURES

[SB 522](#) – AN ACT CONCERNING ALTERNATE MEMBERS OF PLANNING COMMISSIONS

[HB 5229](#) – AN ACT DEFINING ADVERTISING SIGN FOR THE PURPOSES OF MUNICIPAL ZONING REGULATIONS

[HB 5123](#) - AN ACT PROHIBITING THE USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

[550](#)– AN ACT CONCERNING GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

[6756](#) – AN ACT CONCERNING OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION IN CLUSTER

[5273](#) - AN ACT CONCERNING AS OF RIGHT MULTIFAMILY HOUSING ZONES



# Preliminary 2020 Priorities

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- Pass Successor to HB 6749
  - Guidance on 8-30j process and format
  - Consider ADU inclusion
  - Working with McCarthy-Vahey & Partners
- Package of Minor Fixes
  - Reducing/Eliminating Newspaper Notification
  - Revise 8-25 Family-Transfer Subdivisions
  - Revise 14-54 to refer to Zoning/Staff vs. ZBA
- Time Limits on Special Permits, Non-Conformities
- Revisit SB 550 (Statewide GIS Standards/Clearinghouse)
- Clarify Coastal Area Management Statutes



HEAR YE! HEAR YE!  
IT'S A SHORT  
SESSION, Y'ALL



Questions, Comments, Thinly-Veiled Threats,  
Plainly-Stated Apocalyptic Guarantees

CCAPA Government Relations Committee  
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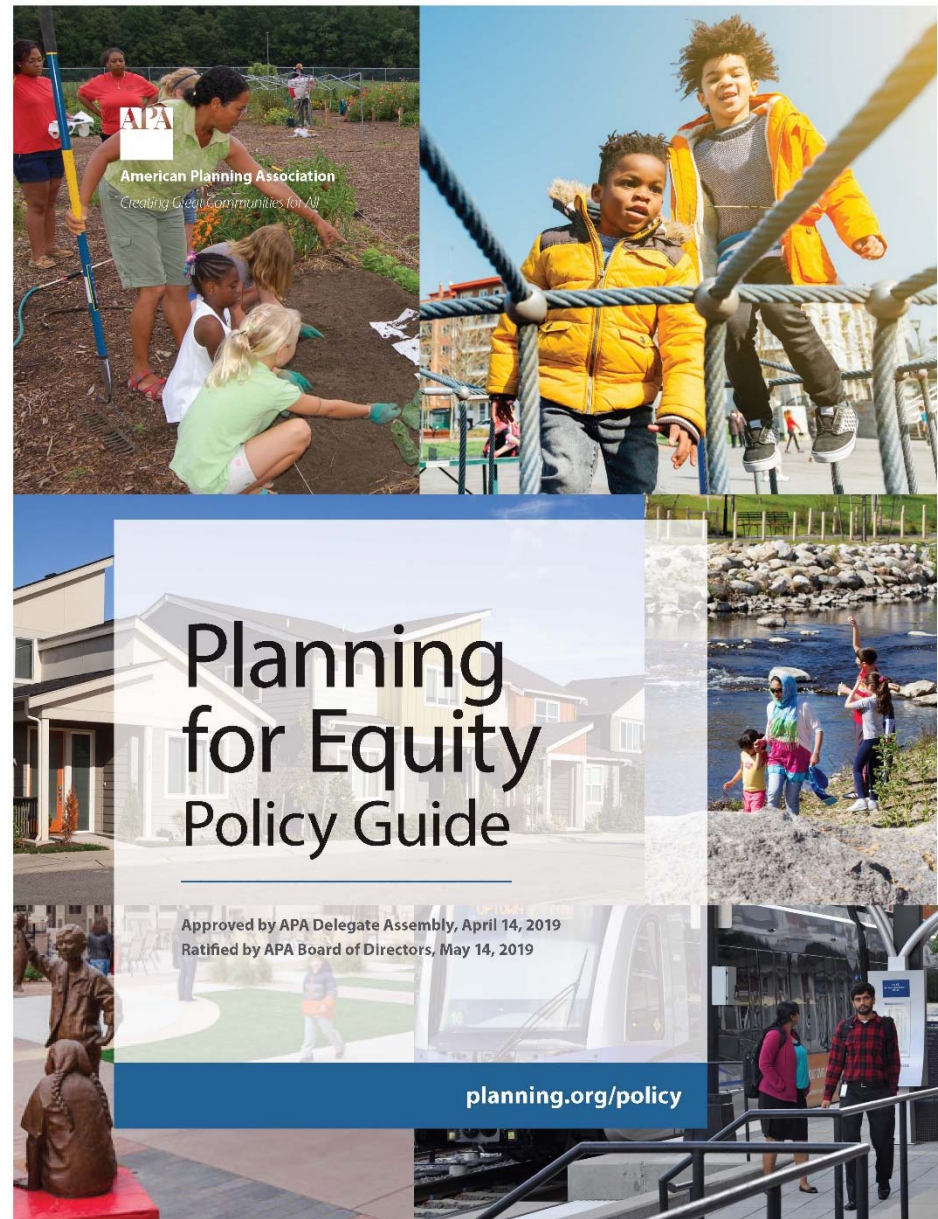
Jenna: 203-946-6920

John: 860-455-8251



# Today's Discussion

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# Discussion: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

- Recent focus at APA
- Other Chapters active

## Five Current D+I Strategies

### PLANNING FOR ALL

How we foster equity, diversity, and inclusion

EXPAND REPRESENTATION

ADDRESS BARRIERS

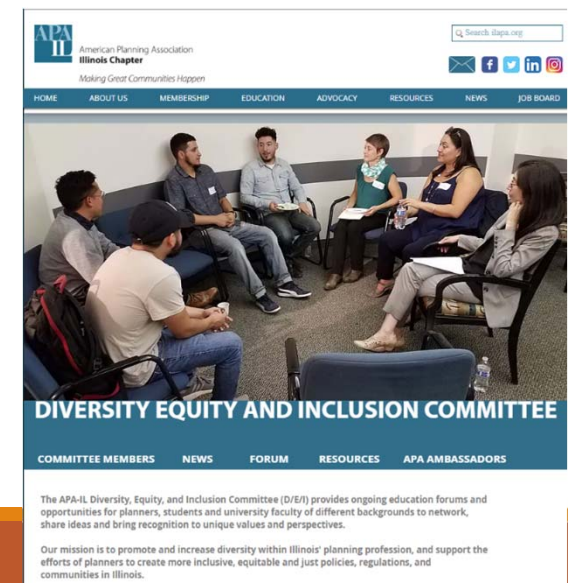
BUILD CAPACITY

SEEK PARTNERSHIPS

BE RESPONSIVE

See how: [planning.org/4all](https://planning.org/4all)

[planning.org](https://planning.org)





# Discussion: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

## The Power and Pain of Zoning Regulations in Connecticut

By SUSAN CAMPBELL • DEC 14, 2015

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The Hartford mansion on Scarborough Street moved in.  
RYAN CARON KING / YWPR

Zoning can codify racism and promote classism – and in Connecticut, that's long been its role.

LOCAL REPORTING NETWORK

Separated by Design: How Some of America's Richest T...



Ashana Cunningham, center, lives with her wife, India Cunningham, and her three children — Ansonya Mitchener, 15; Robert Hallums, 12, right; and Brandon Mitchener, 9 — in a three-bedroom apartment in a Bridgeport shelter. (Cloe Poisson, special to ProPublica)

INVISIBLE WALLS

## Separated by Design: How Some of America's Richest Towns Fight Affordable Housing

In southwest Connecticut, the gap between rich and poor is wider than anywhere else in the country. Invisible walls created by local zoning boards and the state government block affordable housing and, by extension, the people who need it.

by Jacqueline Rabe Thomas, Connecticut Mirror, May 22, 5 a.m. EDT

## NEW HAVEN INDEPENDENT

Valley Independent Sentinel La Voz Hispana

## Gentrification Fears Stall Rezoning Quest

by THOMAS BREEN | Sep 19, 2019 8:03 am  
(31) Comments | Commenting has been closed | E-mail the Author  
Posted to: Business/ Economic Development, City Hall, Dixwell, Mill River, Whalley, Wooster Square

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# Discussion: Equity, Diversity and Inclusion

## Potential Objectives for Diversity and Inclusion Efforts

<b>Improved Community Engagement</b>	How should/do we successfully engage traditionally marginalized groups? How can CCAPA help?
<b>Informed Leadership</b>	How do we cultivate inclusivity amongst local, regional and state agencies? What partnerships do we need?
<b>Improved Public Policy</b>	What can we do to promote equity in local and state policies?
<b>Diversity and Equity in the Planning Profession</b>	How do we ensure that the CT planning community reflects the diversity of our State?
<b>What Else?</b>	



# Thank you members!



We welcome comments and suggestions on the Start with Planning approach  
and new volunteers to serve our membership  
Contact us at [info@ccapa.org](mailto:info@ccapa.org)

