



Preliminary Program
2011 Regional Conference May 5 – 6
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THURSDAY, MAY 5

8:00 am Registration Opens – Meet the Exhibitors

8:00 – 10:00 am Light Breakfast

Morning Session

9:45 – 10:00 am Welcome and Opening Remarks – Mayor Brian K. Grim

10:00 – 11:30 am **RLUIPA: What You Don't Know About the Federal Civil Rights Law Can Hurt You**
Speaker: Amanda Stakem Conn, Esq. – Maryland Department of Planning

11:30 – Noon Break - Meet the Exhibitors

Luncheon and Keynote Speaker 12:00 – 1:30

12:30 – 1:30 pm **What's Up With Downtown?**
Speaker: Kennedy Lawson Smith, Community Land Use + Economics Group, LLC

Afternoon Sessions I

1:45 – 3:00 pm **Historic Preservation: Challenges and Tools for Maryland, Pennsylvania and West Virginia**
Speakers: David A Kemnitzer, Architect AIA, Cory Kegerise, Maryland Historical Trust, Lisa Mroszczyk, City of Frederick

The Impacts of Vanpooling in Pennsylvania and Future Opportunities
Speakers: Sabina Deitrick, University of Pittsburgh Center for Social and Urban Research, Chris Briem, University of Pittsburgh Center for Social and Urban Research

A New Era of Protecting the Appalachian National Scenic Trail – Pennsylvania's Act 24
Speaker: Robert Kerns, WRT

3:00 – 3:30 pm Break – Meet the Exhibitors

Afternoon Sessions II

3:30 – 4:45 pm **Neighborhoods for All Ages – An Initiative for Senior Supportive Neighborhoods**
Speakers: Rachel Edds, Edds Consulting, LLC, Beth Harber, Abell Foundation

Planners Building Partnerships: The Nuts and Bolts of Maryland's Sustainable Communities Act 2010 *Speaker: Matthew J. Power, Deputy Secretary, Maryland Department of Planning*

Frederick Maryland's US 40: Reinventing the Commercial Strip
Speakers: Nick Colonna and Joe Adkins, City of Frederick Maryland Planning Department

Town Revitalization Thru Trails: A Trail Town Program Approach
Speaker: William Atkinson, Maryland Department of Planning

Thursday – Optional Tours and Events

5:15 – 6:15 pm **Tour of the "Queen City": An hour long guided tour of Cumberland's historic town centre**
Start and end – Lobby of Holiday Inn

9:15 – 10:00 pm "Star-Gazers Tour of the Spring Heavens" Night sky tour along the Great Allegheny Passage Trail

Dinner on the Town: Join in on the fun! Experience the shopping, dining, arts and entertainment in the heart of Cumberland's charming downtown district.

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FRIDAY, MAY 6

- 7:00 am Registration Opens – Meet the Exhibitors
- 7:00 – 9:00 am Breakfast Buffet
- 8:00 – 8:30 am **Plan Maryland: An Overview of the First Draft**
Speaker: Peter Conrad, AICP, Maryland Department of Planning

Morning Sessions I

- 8:45 – 10:15 am **Environmental Law: Issues in Shale Gas Development and Emerging Alternative Energy Sectors**
Speakers: John W. Ubinger, Jr. and John J. Walliser, Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC)
- Watershed-Based Planning Approach to Sustainability of Our Regional Water Resources**
Speaker: Pamela C. Dodds, PhD
- 9:00 – 10:15 am **ESDs and TMDLs vs. TODs and TNDs**
Speakers: David Ager, Townscape Design LLC, Stuart Sirota, TND Planning Group, Michael Wagner, Loiederman Soltesz Associates
- Joining Forces: Creating Community Advocacy for Brownfield Development**
Speaker: Sean C. Garrigan, Stromberg/Garrigan & Associates, Inc.
- 10:15 – 10:30 am Break – Meet the Exhibitors

Morning Session II

- Renewable Energy: Balancing Opportunities and Challenges in Our Communities**
Moderator: James Potter, AICP
Speakers: David Ager, Townscape Design LLC, Dr. Carlos Fernandez, Potomac Wind Energy, Phil Kelly Millinium 3 Energy, Rebecca Rush, Renewable Energy Stewardship, Inc, Dr. Oguz Soysal, Frostburg State University, Hilkat Soysal, Frostburg State University and Larry Thomas
- 10:30 – 11:45 am **Going Green in the Laurel Highlands: Collaborative, Strategic and Sustainable Planning in Ohio**
Speakers: James A. Segedy, Pennsylvania Environmental Council (PEC), Lisa Hollingsworth-Segedy American Rivers, Lauren Imgrund, Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Higher Ground: Best Practice Language for Floodplain Management Ordinances**
Speakers: Mari Radford, FEMA Region III, Michelle Harel, FEMA Region III, Kevin Wagner, Maryland Department of the Environment
- Local Government Partnering with Downtown Investors in a Down Economy**
Speakers: Kathleen A. Maher, Planning Director, City of Hagerstown, MD

Luncheon Planning Ethics Session 12:00 – 1:45 pm

- 12:15 – 1:45 pm *Anna Breinich – President of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)*

Friday – Optional Tours and Events

- 2:30 – 4:00 pm **C&O Canal Tour: “Cumberland Canal Terminus: Transportation Crossroad and Boat Building Center”**
Guide museum and walking tour of the historic canal basin with stops at the Footer Dye Works, the replica canal boat and the Potomac River overlook.
Starting location: Canal Place