



Michigan Association of Planning's 2021 Spring Institute: Climate Summit

**Member Registration Fee: \$65 | Non-Member Rate: \$85
Student Member Rate: \$15**



Thursday, May 20, 2021 | 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Virtual Event
6 AICP CM | 6 Master Citizen Planner Continuing Education Units

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Climate change is an overarching issue that affects all aspects of the planning profession, and adaptation and mitigation will require an all hands on deck response. We must begin to modify the way we build our communities, and that can - and should - start with planning. Planners must become vocal advocates for the cause. We must equip ourselves with the data, regulatory solutions, and information dissemination and engagement strategies to influence municipal leaders. We must become a trusted source of reliable and science based information. MAP is partnering with the American Society of Adaptation Professionals (ASAP) for our 2021 Climate Summit. The climate summit experience includes national climate experts, state and federal policy updates, municipal success case studies, a deep dive on the recently adopted APA Climate Policy Guide, and the ASAP Living Guide training, which underpins the fundamental principles of climate adaptation and positions participants as the bold, courageous professionals that can lead transformative change.

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. | 1.25 AICP CM

Climate Migration and Government Readiness and Opening Remarks

After years of a stagnate population and a flat-lining economy, is Michigan poised to become the next attractor State? From wildfires in the west, hurricanes hampering the Gulf and East Coasts, and another central US dust-bowl possible in the coming generation, Michigan's ample supply of fresh water, an agriculture friendly climate, and fewer devastating natural disasters uniquely position The Great Lakes State for an economic boon. The science of adaptation is in its infancy, but evolving research will provide government and business with a good sense of who is coming, and how to prepare for their arrival.

Andrea Brown, AICP, Executive Director, MAP | Joyce Coffee, President, Climate Resilience Consulting

Rachel Jacobson, Executive Director, American Society of Adaptation Professionals

Keith Schnieder, New York Times, Circle of Blue

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | 1.5 AICP CM

Introduction to the ASAP Living Guide, the APA Climate Policy Guide, & Introductory Training Activity

During this session, you'll have the opportunity to gain exposure to two sets of resources to help you integrate climate change considerations into your work as a planner. Following those presentations, you'll participate in a small group activity to network with other Institute participants.

American Society of Adaptation Professionals (ASAP) will present on their suite of Professional Guidance Resources, including their Living Guide to the Principles of Climate Change Adaptation. We'll explore what shared values and objectives unite the practitioners work on climate change adaptation and climate resilience and what strategies and actions help ensure effective, equitable, and ethical practice. Following this session, we will return to these frameworks throughout the day as we move through ASAP's Principles of Quality Climate Change Adaptation Training. This training, which will form the backbone of the Spring Institute program, will provide an opportunity for you to consider how to better integrate principles for quality climate change adaptation into your work as a planner. You'll come away with the ability to recognize the presence or absence of field-spanning principles for quality climate change adaptation practice in your own work and the work of your organizations, partners, and stakeholders; a prioritized list of principles most important to you for as you think about how to increase the quality of your work; and a deeper understanding of where/how you have power to make improvements in your work or the work of your organization, partners, and stakeholders to better integrate those principles.

Matt Bucchin, AICP, LEED Green Associate, Past Chair of APA's Sustainable Communities Division

Karla Ebenbach, AICP, LEED Green Associate, Secretary-Treasurer of APA's Sustainable Communities Division

Beth Gibbons and Rachel Jacobson, ASAP | Brian Ross, AICP, LEED Green Associate, Co-Chair of APA's Sustainable Communities Division's Climate Champions Program

11:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. | 1 AICP CM Municipal Adaptation Responses to Climate

Michigan municipalities have been reacting to climate impacts on critical infrastructure nimbly and innovatively. Best practices have evolved in the wake of climate change. Grand Rapids, Detroit and Marquette have each been seriously - and expensively - impacted by severe weather events, and have contemporized their responses to adapt policies and investments that will stand up to stormier weather events. This session, moderated by ASAP Executive Director Beth Gibbons, will illustrate the content of the ASAP Living Guide to the Principles of Climate Change Adaptation through examples of adaptation excellence in a variety of contexts.

**Palencia Mobley, Deputy Director and Chief Engineer, DWSD | Eileen Boekestein, Environmental Education Coordinator, Grand Valley Metropolitan Council, Lower Grand River Organization of Watersheds
Dennis Stachowitz, Planning Director, City of Marquette**

1:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. | 2 AICP CM Assessing Your Adaptation Practice through the lens of the Living Guide, Part One

This interactive small group exercise provides participants with an opportunity to explore sections of the Living Guide to the Principles of Climate Change Adaptation in more depth and apply them to your own work. You'll come away with a personalized tool to help you keep the principles that are most important to you top of mind in conversation and action with co-workers, community members, and other project partners. As embarked on an introspective journey to improve its approach by ensuring that revitalization vision and benefits are open to everyone.

Assessing Your Adaptation Practice through the lens of the Living Guide, Part Two

In this interactive large group discussion, you'll hear insights from other Institute participants about what they're taking away from their exploration of the Living Guide to the Principles of Climate Change Adaptation and come away with commitments to hold yourself and your colleagues accountable for practicing in a way that meaningfully integrates principles of quality climate change adaptation practice.

3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | .5 AICP CM State and Federal Policy Overview

Federal, state and local policies and programs will affect the national climate action direction going forward. At the federal level look for movement on an Infrastructure Bill and US DOT programs and policy that will explicitly integrate climate action, as well as Executive Orders and the April 2021 White House Climate Summit in late April. APA's strong advocacy presence in DC urges better climate policy through lobbying and advocacy, and through grass tops activation of APA Chapters to help out, too. At the state level, climate is also a priority, from the Governor's Catalyst Communities initiative to ..., Michigan is ...

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