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

Member Registration Fee: $85 | Non-Member Rate: $105
Student Member Rate: $15

Thursday, May 20, 2021 | 8:30 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 issue that affects all aspects of the planning profession, and adaptation and mitigation will require an all hands on deck response. We must modify the way we build 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, federal policy updates, municipal 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 adaption and positions participants as the bold, courageous professionals that can lead transformative change.

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m. | .25 AICP CM & 1 AICP CM Ethics
Climate Migration and Government Readiness and Opening Remarks

After years of a stagnate population and a flatlining 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 dustbowl 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.

Opening Remarks: Andrea Brown, AICP, Executive Director, MAP | Rachel Jacobson, Executive Director, American Society of Adaptation Professionals
Keynote: Joyce Coffee, President, Climate Resilience Consulting | Keith Schneider, 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.

The American Planning Association Sustainable Communities Division (SCD) will present on resources they’ve developed to better prepare planners to proactively respond to a changing climate. New tools include climate change policy and data collection guides, development review checklists, a climate ordinance database.
Federal policies and programs will affect 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 updates on the April 2021 White House Climate Summit. APA’s strong advocacy presence in DC urges better climate policy through lobbying and advocacy, and through grass roots activation of APA Chapters to help out, too.

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