



Michigan Association of Planning Annual Report 2025 - 2026



Dear Michigan Association of Planning Members,

I feel very lucky to be celebrating planning in Michigan with all of you for a second consecutive year in my home city of Kalamazoo. It is particularly special as it allowed me to begin and end my term as MAP President in a location that has shaped much of my planning career. I am also fortunate to have spent the last six years serving on the MAP board with smart and dedicated planners from around the state. Together we strive to advance best planning practices in Michigan.

During this last year, the MAP board continued to explore the idea of a Comprehensive Framework for Michigan's Future – the idea that with greater collaboration across all levels and sectors of planning and government will prepare Michigan to have stronger communities, be more resilient, and see more equitable growth. The MAP board has spent the last three years studying and discussing this idea; the intent of this year's work was to explore how this collaboration could occur and to define our shared values for planning in Michigan.

The MAP board learns through linkage meetings. Linkages are opportunities to meet experts in their fields, ask questions, and gain an understanding of how the information shapes the board's work. This year the board led two types of linkages. The first category allowed us to meet state-wide agencies and organizations to understand how they advance their policy framework. One of these meetings was with Sarah Lucas, who leads the Office of Rural Prosperity.

The second type of learning opportunity undertaken by the board, my favorite type, was direct conversations with MAP members. First at the 2025 MAP conference in Kalamazoo and again in August of 2026, the MAP board engaged its membership on statewide planning coordination and shared values. These conversations gave MAP members the opportunities to come together to discuss both opportunities and challenges facing their communities today and into the future. Looking to next year, the MAP board is planning an increase in direct conversations with membership.

While much was advanced through Board work, this year was not without its challenges. Housing bills introduced into the State legislature divided communities and MAP membership. The need for more housing in Michigan across all price points and types is clear. Looking forward, we will need to come together to create and support a myriad solution to this crisis. MAP looks forward to the opportunity to be at the table for these discussions, both with the legislature and with its membership. Together we can move Michigan forward.



Thank you for giving me the opportunity six years ago to be a member of the MAP board. I am grateful for this experience and the lessons I have learned from you and my fellow board members.

Christina Anderson, AICP
MAP President, 2025-2026

“The Michigan Association of Planning exists to promote quality community planning through education, information and advocacy statewide.”



Our mission is to help members create prosperous, equitable, sustainable, and attractive communities based first and foremost on quality community planning.

We do this through the delivery of information, education and advocacy. As a membership based and mission driven nonprofit, all that we do is in service to professional planners, elected and appointed decision makers, and other municipal staff who compose the teams that create these places, places across Michigan that house our residents, employ our citizens, educate our children, and care for our elderly. You build and activate downtowns as places where people congregate; carefully preserve our farmland so we have food on our tables; restore our vast freshwater resources so that they can be enjoyed for generations to come.

And our members are the people behind the mission. The public servants, professional and volunteer, who do the hard and often thankless local work of serving on boards and commissions, managing the counter at city hall, negotiating with developers and residents alike as you implement the vision of your comprehensive plan and policies.

Back at the MAP office we study trends, presage significant political changes or policy shifts, and we show up always when invited to state and regional initiatives, so we have the intel we need to translate and deliver to our members tools, resources and best practices that you implement back home. We position ourselves as experts in planning and zoning to state agencies and other organizations, which results frequently in partnerships, collaborative grant projects, and opportunities to influence state programs and policies to include the voice of planning.

As a Chapter of the American Planning Association, we avail ourselves of all the resources our parent organization provides, expanding our knowledge about national trends and practices. This is particularly important for our legislative and advocacy work as we are constantly inspired by states who are further along the path of state level regulatory reform than we are.

We have our work cut out for us. Our members are as diverse as the places in Michigan and cross all social, political and ideological lines. But we all want pretty much the same thing: clean water and fresh air, good paying jobs, roads that are maintained, and walkable and bikeable paths that allow for both recreation and active transportation. We want housing we can afford, in a location that suits us. We want our vast water and land resources to be preserved and maintained. We want balanced economic development.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide another year of benefits and service to our members in Michigan communities. Thank you for showing up to do the work.

Andrea Brown FAICP
MAP Executive Director

MEMBERSHIP BY THE NUMBERS

2,455 Group (Community) Members

1,047 Planning Commissioners

757 APA Members

451 Zoning Board of Appeals Members

428 AICP Certified Planners

329 Students

216 MAP Member Communities

176 Elected Officials

132 Individual Members

82 Corporate Members

47 Zoning Administrators

21 FAICP Members

8 Emerging Planning Professionals

6 AICP Candidates

6 MAP Staffers

1 MAP Executive Director





CORPORATE MEMBERS

Beckett & Raeder, Inc.

Carlisle | Wortman Associates, Inc.

CEDAM

Detroit Regional Partnership

DTE Energy

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Fishbeck

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ITC Holdings Corporation

Mannik Smith Group

MEDC

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Skilken Gold

Spalding DeDecker

Wade-Trim

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MAP BOARD

October 2025-September 2026



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MAP BOARD ACTIVITIES TO OUTCOMES | 2025 - 2026

In 2023 the Michigan Association of Planning Board shifted its traditional single topic policy focus (e.g. housing, transportation, infrastructure) to broader study that considers both land use and the governmental hierarchy that drives our built environment. The board looked to develop a more comprehensive, planning centered approach that considers improved coordination, accountability, and support among state, regional, county and local agencies, organizations and municipalities.

Ultimately, MAP seeks to advance ideals that result in better planning and coordination among all levels of decision makers. To that end, our deep explorations over the last two years have yielded a framework that has evolved through member engagement sessions at the 2024 and 2025 MAP Conferences; a “History of Planning in Michigan” conference session with a two-part follow-up webinar in January 2026; and board linkage meetings with myriad stakeholders to inform our work from 2024 through present.

Our findings reveal that while local governments develop their own goals to shape the future through comprehensive planning, state land use goals to help support those efforts are absent. A unified state land use framework is no longer just ideal—it is essential. Without a cohesive statewide vision we will continue with approaches that result in fragmented development, inefficient and unsustainable infrastructure spending, loss of agricultural land and valuable natural resources, and missed economic opportunities.

From July 2025 through June 2026 the Board continued its learning through linkage process and built on the information collected in the prior two years.

MAP Board by the Numbers

August 2025 – Linkage meeting with planners from Tennessee (Jonathan Flynt, AICP, LEED AP, from Looney Ricks Kiss, to discuss the Ford Blue Oval project outside of Memphis), and Georgia (Whitney Shepherd, Principal at Transport Studio LLC, to share about the Hyundai plant north of Savannah) to learn if other states are planning better for Mega Sites than Michigan. They are not. Other states face the same limited planning we know could have improved mega sites in Michigan.

October 2025 – The Board hosted a membership meeting at the annual Planning Michigan Conference to secure input and guidance the framework. The information gathered was summarized, and the board conducted work sessions to integrate feedback into our findings.



December 2025 – Annual training on the John Carver Policy Governance model of organizational management under which MAP operates. Regular training on this model keeps the board focused on their role as a policy making and big thinking body, rather than an implementer, which is effectively left to staff.

January 2026 – At the Annual Retreat, the board focused on the 2026 policy and linkage direction. We asked: What more did we need to learn, and who else did we need to hear from, to continue to press forward with the Framework for Michigan's Future. The board affirmed that coordination, capacity building and cooperation were still critically important, and that planning needed to be at the forefront of any recommendations coming out of MAP

February 2026 – To continue exploration about what a state level planning or coordinating function could look like, we brought in Sarah Lucas, FAICP, Director of the Office of Rural Prosperity. The work from this office is parallel to the work of MAP, and we identified consistent themes for advancing our comparable models. Also in February leads from the Detroit Future City initiative joined us to discuss the Non-Profit Think Tank Model, and how housing a planning and coordination system would work in this scenario.

March 2026 - Lindsey Scalera, from the MSU Center for Regional Food Systems, shared how a strong and vast coalition was built from the ground up, and continues today, more than 10 years in.

April 2026 – At this Work Session, the board synthesized all they had learned from recent linkage meetings, and developed a strategy to advance the comprehensive framework.

May 2026 – At the annual Joint Board, Government Relations and Law Committee meeting we tapped our policy and legislative committees expertise and had conversations about and concluded that we are looking for coordination and support at the state and regional level, because there isn't anything like that happening right now, and the results can be devastating.

June 2026 – The board programmed activities through the rest of the calendar year, including an August Membership meeting in Oakland County, and an interactive session at the fall Annual Planning Michigan Conference.

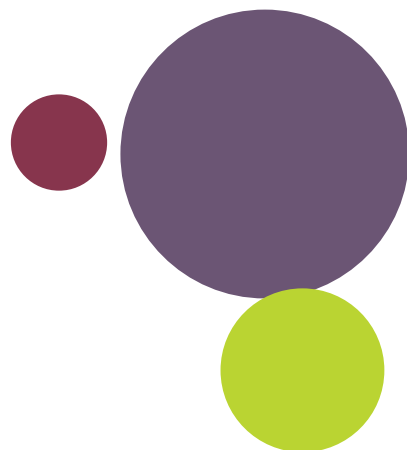
1 Annual Budget approved

1 Election Conducted in August 2025, with one new board member joining the board.

- 2 incumbents reelected to second terms – Scott Kree and Mandy Grewal
- 1 new At Large Board member appointed when Grewal stepped down.

1 New Executive Committee (for 2025 - 2026)

President Christina Anderson, AICP | Vice President Scott Kree | Secretary Treasurer Keith Baker, AICP | Past President Shari Williams | Professional Development Officer Jill Bahm, AICP



EVENT ATTENDANCE BY THE NUMBERS

579	Planning Michigan Conference 2025
474	Regional Workshops
442	Pro-Housing Webinar Series (last two in fiscal year 25-26)
366	Past and Future of Planning in Michigan Webinar
270	Transportation Bonanza
266	Data Center Know How Webinar
223	On Site Workshops
186	Renewable Energy Webinars
132	Student Orientations
110	Student Conference in February 2026
100	Inclusive Design Webinar
81	Emerging Planning Professional Events
43	Summer Gathering
21	Solar Energy Mobile Tour in October 2025





STUDENTS ARE THE FUTURE OF PLANNING

The Michigan Association of Planning takes very seriously its commitment to students studying planning at Michigan universities and makes big investments in initiatives to serve them during their years at university and as they take their first steps into their professional careers. In fact, MAP has a dedicated staffer, Andy Larsen, AICP, who manages student affairs, representing a central connection point between the professional association and the students who will ultimately go on to serve government agencies, nonprofits, and the private sector as they advance their careers.

Student Board Seats

Annually, two students are appointed to the MAP board to serve one-year terms representing the voice of planning students in Michigan. The role rotates among five universities – University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, Eastern Michigan University, and Grand Valley State University. For the 2025–2026 academic year, Eli Flikkema and Ankita Shukla from Michigan State University ably served, attending board meetings, the board retreat, and the annual conference in fall 2025. MAP greatly values the contributions of students to board deliberations, and the role can serve as an important connection between students and industry professionals. The serving students also co-chair the Student MAP conference and convene a committee with representatives from planning schools across the state to plan and execute the annual event.

Student MAP Conference

The Student MAP Conference (SMAP) is conducted annually and hosted by the university that provides the student board members. Michigan State University hosted the event in February 2026, attracting more than 110 students from planning programs across Michigan and the broader Midwest. The conference provides an opportunity for Michigan's planning students to select a theme, identify speakers, and come together to learn and network.

University Visits

Each fall, MAP engages with new planning students across the state's five university planning programs to highlight our role in their careers, connect them to professional planners, and provide a lifetime of education to make them better planners. All five planning schools were visited in the 2025–2026 academic year.



Student Bulletin

This monthly newsletter highlights educational opportunities, the SMAP conference, scholarships, networking events and more. The newsletter puts MAP in front of students every month, reminding them that we are here for them at every step of their professional journey.

Scholarships

MAP has an academic scholarship program that was historically funded through revenues generated by the Annual Scholarship Golf Outing. Now we depend on donations, and our members are more than generous with contributions. The balance is currently \$47,764 and scholarships of up to \$1,500 are paid annually to up to five students.

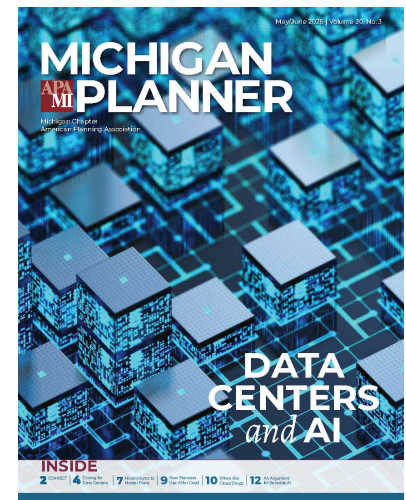
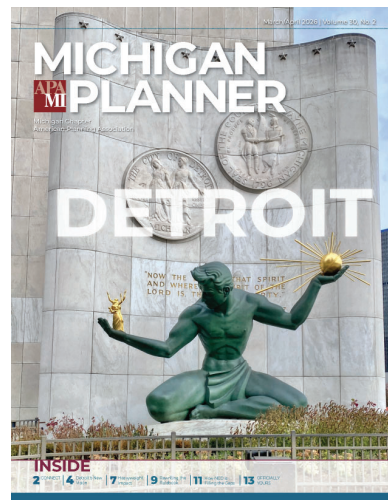
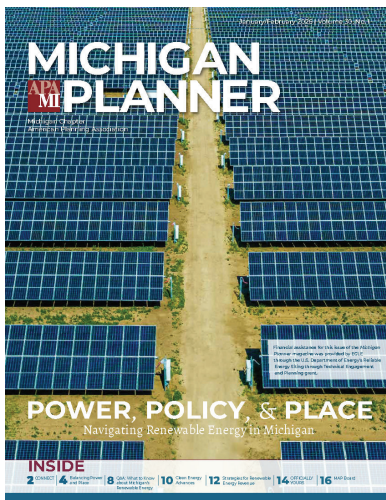
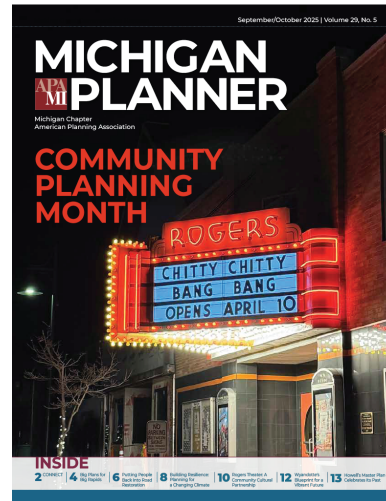
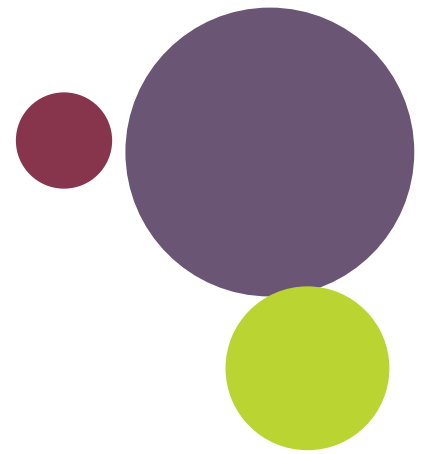
Michigan Black Student Conference Scholarship

Funded entirely through donations from MAP's Planners in Private Practice (PIPP) Section, MAP's consulting planning community, and individuals, the scholarship provides all costs for students to attend the Planning Michigan Conference, including conference registration, two hotel room nights, a gas card, and a luncheon with the Michigan Black Professional Planners (MBPP) Section members. Since establishing the program in 2022, MAP has supported 29 students to attend the conference. Direct benefits achieved include maintained memberships after graduation, internship placements, new jobs, and new MAP committee members. The program advances our goal of diversifying the planning profession and providing meaningful connections to Black students studying planning.



MICHIGAN PLANNER MAGAZINES

from July 2025 to June 2026



2025 – 2026 GRANTS, INITIATIVES AND SPECIAL PROJECTS

MDOT & Safe Routes 2 School (SR2S)

Transportation Bonanza (TB) 18 – Now in its 19th year, TB 2026 was an in person event over two days that attracted 270 participants. TB continues to provide high level content for planners, engineers, transportation policy staff, and health professionals. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has been a programming and financial partner for 6 years expanding the audience even further.

Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)

MSHDA and MAP continue to partner on projects that expand housing supply and increase understanding among municipal leaders, including planners and community development professionals, about why the housing shortage is so acute, and what planners and other municipal professionals and officials can do to increase housing at the local and regional level.

With a 202 – 26 MSHDA investment, MAP provides technical assistance and training to MSHDA's Regional Housing Partnerships. This support ranges from zoning ordinance analysis to identify barriers to housing development, on demand training, and assistance and guidance developing Housing Summits to inform and educate myriad non-planner partners and help make plans and codes housing ready.

Michigan Zoning MAP

After piloting the Michigan Zoning Atlas in 2023 – 2024 in the Grand Rapids Tri County Area and establishing MAP as the State lead for the National Zoning Atlas, the Michigan Association of Planning pivoted last fiscal year and hired a team to develop a more robust Michigan centric platform that will provide more options for analysis. This fiscal year we completed MAP's for Wayne, Oakland and Macomb Counties, and initiated work in Shiawassee, Lapeer, and Kalamazoo Counties. MAP participated in housing summits, delivered zoning analysis, and participated at Regional Housing Partnership meetings to highlight the Michigan Zoning MAP, and to generally elevate housing issues among a variety of stakeholders.



Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and its Coastal Management and its Coastal Management Program (EGLE CMP)

MAP's relationship with the CMP spans nearly two decades, and our most recent initiative, the Coastal Compendium, collected the most relevant best practices, case studies, and solutions for shoreline protection into a single on-line resource. The product culminates years of partner product development into a single web-based resource. The MAP resilience team is also working with the CMP to update the widely recognized and used Filling the Gaps resource.

Renewable Energy Academy

Since 2024, MAP has worked with Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), and partners 5 Lakes, UM Graham Sustainability Institute: Center for EmPowering Communities, and Michigan State University Extension to generate new materials and services to further empower the decision-making capacity of any interested party on the topic of large-scale renewable energy. This year, MAP managed a mobile workshop which included visits to two solar power installations and a battery storage system in southwest Michigan, published a 20-page issue of the Michigan Planner magazine devoted to this topic, distributed the SES Guide to communities throughout Michigan, provided peer review to Balancing the Books: Strategies for Revenue Streams, and managed and promoted a webinar on this topic.

MAP LAND USE AND PLANNING POLICY

MAP's planning and land use policy originates from the MAP Board of Directors, who convene over two days annually each January to deliberate and discuss the most important issues facing planners, planning and communities. A theme is identified to advance, or the board determines that the prior year theme remains a priority. In 2023 the board identified Creating Michigan Communities of the Future as our policy direction, pivoting from single topic policies of the past like housing, transportation, resilience, or infrastructure. They are all connected, and the board would advance this more integrated policy approach from 2023 through present. To learn more about a topic, the board "links" with other industries to inform our policy development.

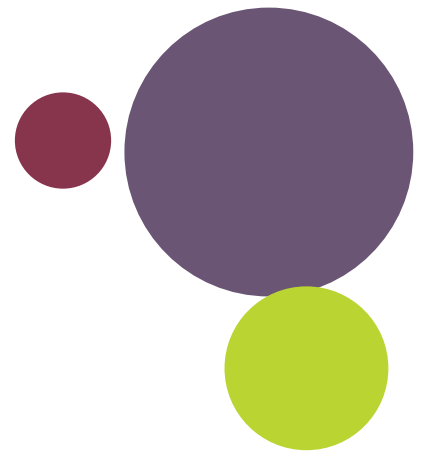
Examples of linkage guests over the last 2 years include the Michigan Association of Regions (twice); planners from Georgia (Hyundai) and Tennessee (Ford Blue Oval) to learn how other states are planning for mega sites (Hint: pretty much like Michigan, reactive rather than planning-based proactive); and a board hosted member session at the 2025 annual conference in Kalamazoo where the board gathered member input on our approach. In early 2026, the board invited leaders from Detroit Future City, the MI Office of Rural Prosperity, and the MI Food Council / Center for Regional Food Systems to share different approaches to coalition building, and to identify lessons learned from these initiatives that MAP might scale to advance our framework.

The theme has evolved over the last three years and is rebranded as A Statewide Framework for Planning and Collaboration. The approach includes establishing statewide shared values and land use goals, strengthening the role of regional agencies, and aligning state policies with local planning. This work continues and will stimulate organizational activities, and the work of the Government Relations and Law Committees.



Meanwhile, the Government Relations Committee, the board committee charged with conducting research, writing white papers, and otherwise developing materials to help the board advance its priorities, developed a series of "stories" that reinforce the board goal of a more integrated approach to planning. The objective of the stories is to identify where good planning resulted in good results, and where a lack of planning demonstrated less desirable outcomes. Ultimately, improved and integrated planning at the state, regional and local levels is the goal.

MAP LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY



MAP's legislative activities in Lansing are guided by adopted policies, including an annually updated MAP Legislative Platform, and topical policies like the Housing Action Agenda and the Housing Platform. The Law Committee both responds to bills introduced in the state legislature and drafts our own bill language from time to time, always in service of advancing our adopted policies. We intentionally position ourselves as a technical expert for planning, zoning and land use bills. We write letters of support and opposition; call on members to reach out to their legislators when a campaign is necessary to either defeat a bad bill or push a good bill towards adoption. MAP believes it is critical that planners be at the table, influencing bill outcomes, as part of our advocacy efforts.

During much of 2025 - 2026, the law committee focused on the housing bills advanced by Representatives Kristian Grant and Joseph Aragona. Four bills were introduced in February 2026. MAP conditionally supported several of the housing bills. They were not the bills we would have drafted, but the housing crisis in Michigan demands solutions across many fronts: legislative, local regulatory reform, mortgage and tax reforms, funding. As of the MAP FY end (June 30, 2026) the bills were not moving in Lansing. We will continue to advocate for changes that will improve the bills and make them more flexible for local government.

MAP's legislative advocacy is always supported by adopted policies. Also, during this 2024 – 2025 fiscal year, the law committee responded to bills or emerging concepts related to sand and gravel, alternative energy siting, land divisions, and others.

MAP AND THE AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION (APA)

The Michigan Association of Planning is the Michigan Chapter of the American Planning Association. Most of MAP's professional planners belong to, and pay their dues through, the APA, and as a part of that membership investment receive Michigan Chapter benefits in addition to those offered by the APA. MAP Chapter Only members do not receive APA benefits and pay their dues directly to MAP.

During the 2025 – 2026 fiscal year, MAP staff were involved in a number of APA initiatives, and it has long been a goal of our organization to have Michigan views represented at the national level.

APA Component Collaboration

Now in its second year, this two-year initiative was launched by APA to help them understand the current state of services provided to its components: The Chapter President's Council (CPC), the Divisions Council (DC), Student Representative Organization (SRO), and Chapter Executives and Administrators (CEA). Executive Director Brown was appointed to represent the CEA's. Launched in early 2025, the components have been meeting monthly – including an in person meeting at APA's Chicago headquarters in October 2025 - to identify gaps and determine a desired future state for APA and its components.

FAICP Committee

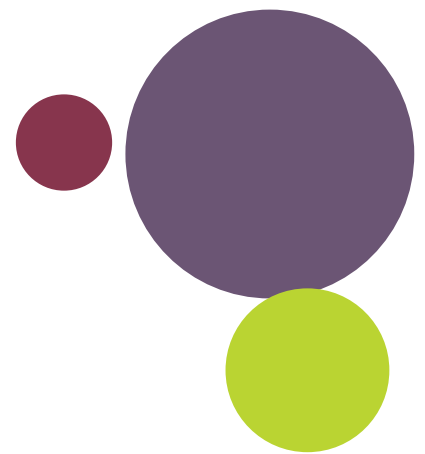
MAP's FAICP Committee is composed of Michigan FAICP's. After months of mentoring and assistance from committee members, 3 nominees were submitted for nomination to the College of Fellows in July 2025. April 2026 two Michigan Chapter members were inducted into the AICP College of Fellows:

MAP Executive Director Andrea Brown, and former board member and director of the Office of Rural Prosperity Sarah Lucas.

Chapter President's Council (CPC) and Professional Development Officer (PDO)

Two members of the MAP Board serve as liaisons to the American Planning Association through their roles as CPC and PDO. The CPC is held by





the board Vice President/President/Past President over a 3-year term. Christina Anderson, AICP, began her term in fall 2024, and will continue through fall 2027.

Responsibilities include attendance at two in-person meetings (one at the National Planning Conference in the spring and a second at a fall leadership meeting). CPC representatives from all 48 APA Chapters inform and influence APA policy, Chapter success, and co-learning. Jill Bahm, AICP, serves as MAP's PDO and is responsible for Chapter professional development activities, working closely with the MAP Deputy Director Amy Jordan and Research and Programs Specialist Andy Larsen, AICP to ensure certification maintenance credits are appropriately programmed. The team also supports candidates seeking the AICP credential. The PDO's meet annually in person at the national planning conference and at virtual meetings regularly throughout the year

Policy and Advocacy Liaison

APA supports a robust policy and advocacy support system which includes monthly calls where chapter legislative liaisons discuss state strategies to advance planning and zoning legislation, problem-solve, and learn from each other. The Liaisons meet annually in person each December for co-learning, training, and collaboration. Executive Director Brown serves this role, with technical advice and guidance from the MAP law Committee, and by MAP's board adopted legislative policies .

National Planning Conference (NPC) | 2026 Detroit

For the first time since 1972 (before APA was APA!), Detroit hosted the NPC from April 25 to 28 at Huntington Place in downtown Detroit. More than 4,000 planners from across the country converged on the area and experienced a Detroit like only a planner can. MAP staff participated on the Host City Committee and helped select members for the 3 subcommittees that planned the Orientation Tour, the mobile workshops, and Fun Events. Many planners from across the state were represented at breakout sessions, and Metro Detroit planners had a strong hand in planning the orientation and more than 40 mobile workshops.

Chapter Executives and Administrators (CEA)

Executive Director Brown established the CEA in 2007, and it continues to meet quarterly nearly 20 years later. Composed of Chapter Administrators and Executives from nearly 20 Chapters, the group convenes to learn from each other, and to improve the quality of Chapter services for our members.

FAICP RECIPIENTS 2026

Induction to the AICP College of Fellows is the highest honor the American Institute of Certified Planners bestows upon a member.

Fellows of AICP are nominated and selected by their peers to recognize and honor their outstanding contributions as a professional planner. The outcomes of their individual efforts left demonstrably significant and transformational improvements to the field of planning and the communities they served. All Fellows are long-time members of AICP and have achieved excellence in professional practice, teaching and mentoring, research, and community service and leadership.

In 2026, two of our planning leaders have received this prestigious recognition from the American Planning Association.

Andrea Brown, FAICP

Andrea's 40-year career is marked by a deep commitment to planning and is reflected in the organization she leaves as her legacy, the Michigan Chapter, APA (MAP). In 20+ years as director, she transformed MAP into a powerhouse organization that is recognized and respected, shapes state policy, and inspires innovative local practice. She amplified the profession and recast its image from a bit player to an influencer; managed reforms unifying Michigan's Planning and Zoning Enabling Acts; and developed the award-winning Zoning Reform Toolkit. She conceived and advanced an equity platform, integrating DEI into organizational initiatives—efforts symbolizing her legacy.

Sarah Lucas, FAICP

Sarah's 25-year planning career has been driven by her authentic love for and deep knowledge of Michigan's people and places. As a community partner and statewide leader, she prioritizes listening, relationship building, and trust to create inclusive, collaborative planning processes and policy solutions to housing and rural development needs. A strong champion for long-term solutions to local, regional, and statewide planning challenges, she has built a legacy of structural change across Michigan, resulting in new housing developments, local and state housing policy reform, and significant new investments in housing and economic development for rural Michigan.

Andrea and Sarah join the ranks of Michigan's 21 other FAICPs.



AWARD RECIPIENTS



Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan

City of Sterling Heights - 2025 Master Plan

City of Sterling Heights and Giffels Webster

Hudsonville Has Charm Community Master Plan

City of Hudsonville and McKenna

Outstanding Planning Project: Implementation

Imagine Muskegon Lake

City of Muskegon, Aligned Planning, Nederveld, Williams & Works

Outstanding Planning Project: Public Outreach

2025 Shoreline Trails and Greenways Plan

West Michigan Shoreline Regional Development Commission

The City of Rochester Hills Master Plan

City of Rochester Hills and Giffels Webster

Outstanding Planning Project: Resilience and Sustainability

Kickstarting the Detroit Zoo Stormwater Resiliency Strategy

Detroit Zoological Society and Spalding DeDecker

Outstanding Planning Project: Transportation Planning

Lansing in Motion Active Transportation Plan

City of Lansing, McKenna, Toole Design

Outstanding Graduate Student Awards

East Village Catalyst Plan: Building Community-Engaged

Resilience in Detroit: *University of Michigan*

East Village Concept Plan: *Michigan State University*

Grand Rapids Bus Stop Inventory and Improvement Project: *Michigan State University*

Honorable Mention for Graduate Student Project

Residential Rainscaping: Analysis of Residents' Participation in Rain Garden Programs and Stormwater Management in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan: *University of Michigan*

Planning Advocate Award

James Bier | City of St. Clair

Dr. Deyanira Nevarez Martinez | City of Lansing

Planning Champion Award

Tammy Girling | Orion Charter Township

Leadership Award for Professional Planner

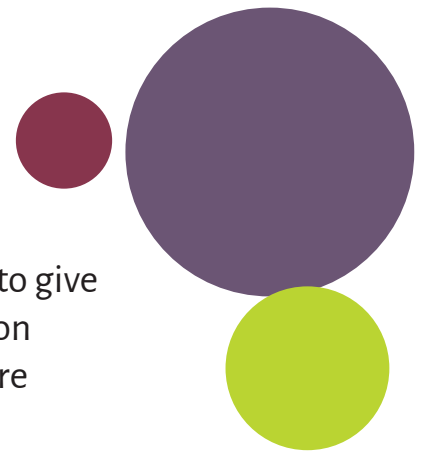
Claire Karner, AICP | East Bay Charter Township

Outstanding Community Administrator's Award

Supervisor Brenda Stumbo | Charter Township of Ypsilanti



MAP COMMITTEES



MAP has a long history of providing members with the opportunity to give back through volunteer work on committees. In fact, the organization could not accomplish a fraction of what it does without a strong cadre of volunteer committee members. MAP Committees are WORKING committees. As a small professional association, MAP counts on the expertise and talent of our many members to expand our capacity. Committee members conduct research, write reports and white papers, contribute to policy development, and work with MAP staff on our advocacy efforts in Lansing. They help program our educational events, present at workshops and conferences, and respond to legislative bills coming out of Lansing. They broker introductions that lead to partnerships, grants, and other collaborations that make us a better organization.

Committee membership is often a springboard for other leadership roles with MAP like serving on the Board, or being appointed to an APA collaboration. MAP committees are the backbone of the organization.

Law

Responsible for authoring new legislation, and amendatory text for new statutes or proposed bills. Members conduct research, analyze bill impacts, provide comparative analysis between bill drafts, meet with legislative appointed stakeholder workgroups, and testify at House and Senate Committee meetings.

Gerald Rowe, Chair | Kevin Christiansen AICP | Brian Connolly, AICP | Kathleen Duffy, AICP | Rebecca Harvey, AICP | Richard K. Norton | Royce Maniko, AICP | Jennifer Morris, AICP | Brad Neumann, AICP | Emily C. Palacios, JD | Justin Sprague | Jacob Witte | Mark Wyckoff, FAICP | Kami Pothukuchi, MAP Board Liaison

Social Equity

Formed in 2008 this committee meets monthly, and members develop and maintain MAP's Social Equity and Planning Fairness policy, program a CM session at the annual

conference to inform about equity in planning and at Spring Institute as appropriate. Initiatives in the work program include recruiting more Planners of Color to the field of planning; policy maintenance; and advancing fairness concepts to planners and decision makers in Michigan. Committee members will contribute to research, and development of MAP products that advance social equity in Michigan communities.

Harmony Gmazel, AICP, Chair | Naomi Bailey | Sarah Behmlander | Danielle Gerlach | Melissa Kalnasy | Tiffany King | Rex L. LaMore, PhD | Carolyn Loh | Grayson Moore | Blake Newman | Christina Nicolaides | Brian Shorkey, AICP

Government Relations

This board appointed policy committee is responsible for development of policy guides, and conducting research to advance the board priorities.

Paul Montagno, AICP, Chair | Dan Commer, AICP | Andrea Hendrick | Adrianna Jordan, AICP | Tyler Klifman, AICP | Laura Mangan, AICP, NCA | Richard Murphy, AICP | David Waligora, AICP | Adrienne Zeigler | Christine M. Zuzga, AICP | Keith Baker, AICP (Board Liaison)

Transportation and Land Use

Created in 2024, this committee meets monthly, and supports 3 subcommittees: Education, Policy and Legislative. The purpose of this committee is to elevate the nexus between land use and transportation, and to create training programs, policies and a legislative platform to advance that priority.

Brad Strader, AICP, Co Chair | Jeromie Winsor, AICP, Co Chair | Jenya Abromovich, AICP | Eric Bettis | Dustin Black | Dave Bulkowski | Noah Bussell, AICP | Tanya DeOliveira, AICP | Jenna Elswick | Suzann Flowers | Laurel Joseph | Sarah Lagpacan, AICP | Amy Lipset, AICP | Carolyn Lusch, AICP | Arthur Mullen, AICP | Melanie Piana | Suzanne Schulz, FAICP



Planning Michigan Conference

The conference committee is responsible for development of the annual conference agenda identifying conference themes, reviewing session proposals and selecting sessions, identifying session topics, securing speakers, identifying

Keynote speakers, and various responsibilities at the conference. These professionals are MAP's conduit to what is going on in municipalities, and they have a keen understanding of topics and courses that should be included on the agenda.

Layla Aslani | Soumi Basu, AICP | Jay Gianotti, AICP | Laurel Joseph, AICP | Pablo Majano, AICP | Nathaniel Mehmed, AICP | Jennifer Neal, AICP | Chelsea Poole | Steve Stepek, AICP

Transportation Bonanza Planning

This committee is responsible for developing the annual Transportation Bonanza agenda, including identifying themes, reviewing and selecting session proposals, identifying session topics, and securing speakers, including keynote speakers. Members include professionals from the planning, public health, and transportation fields.

Amy Bellar | Ashley Bradshaw | Joshua DeBruyn | Sam Jablonowski, PE | Andy Larsen, AICP | John Martin | Caroline Messerschmidt | Brett Schlager, PE | Valerie Shultz | Mike Smith | Colleen Synk | Christine Zuzga, AICP

Sustainability, Resiliency & Adaptation

MAP's newest committee! Formed this summer, its purpose is to advance these principles and practices in planners' everyday work in Michigan communities, and also to increase expertise in this planning specialty through our experiences here in the Great Lakes State.

Alan Bean, AICP | Constance Bodurow, AICP | Rory Bolger, FAICP | Alex Bollin, AICP | Wade Burkholder, AICP | Rachel Bush, AICP | Christopher Doozan, AICP | Cara Eule | Sarah Fleckenstein, AICP | Andy Frantz | Maria Galarza, AICP | Justin Gish | Luke Hefferan | Kaitlyn Hines, AICP | Rebecca Hopp | Julie Howe | Elizabeth Hude, AICP | Ashley Jankowski, AICP | Erin Kelly, AICP | Genevieve Klick | Madeleine Krol | Larissa Larsen | Sarah Lee | Ava Miller | Khalil Mogassabi | Brad Neumann, AICP | Kristen Nyht, AICP | Diane O'Connell | Stephanie Osborn, AICP | Thom Phillips | Andrea Polverento | Hannah Prins | Dennis Randolph | Jennifer Riggs | William SaintAmour | Jeffery Schiffman | Sara Schroeder, AICP | Dave Stensaas | Missy Stults | Maria Suffredini, AICP | Rebeca Villegas | Alexis Weinberg | Annabelle Wilkinson | Jessie Williams, AICP Candidate | Brigitte Smith Wolf, AICP | Sidney Wuycheck

MAP SECTIONS

While MAP's Committees are MAP's working groups — producing research, policy, and advocacy — Sections are MAP's community-building groups. They bring together members who share a career stage or identity offering networking, mentorship, and events tailored to their needs. Sections give members a home base within MAP — a smaller, more personal community where they can build relationships, while still plugging into the larger organization.

Emerging Professional Planner

Emerging Professional Planners are planners who are no longer students, but are in the first few years of their careers. The EPP section plans networking and learning events for new professionals.



Metro Detroit Planners

The MDP section plans Metro Detroit area walking tours, Planners Night Out, Book Groups, and summer and Holiday Gatherings. It has a Career Development subcommittee that advances various initiatives including the Black Student Conference Scholarship, and fundraises to send Black students to the MAP conference all expenses paid, to provide exposure, networking, and career development opportunities.

Michigan Black Professional Planners

The MBPP was formed in 2024 to create a space for networking, learning and service within the MAP organization for Black planners and ancillary professionals. The section meets quarterly and sponsors a conference session, and educational and networking events throughout the year.

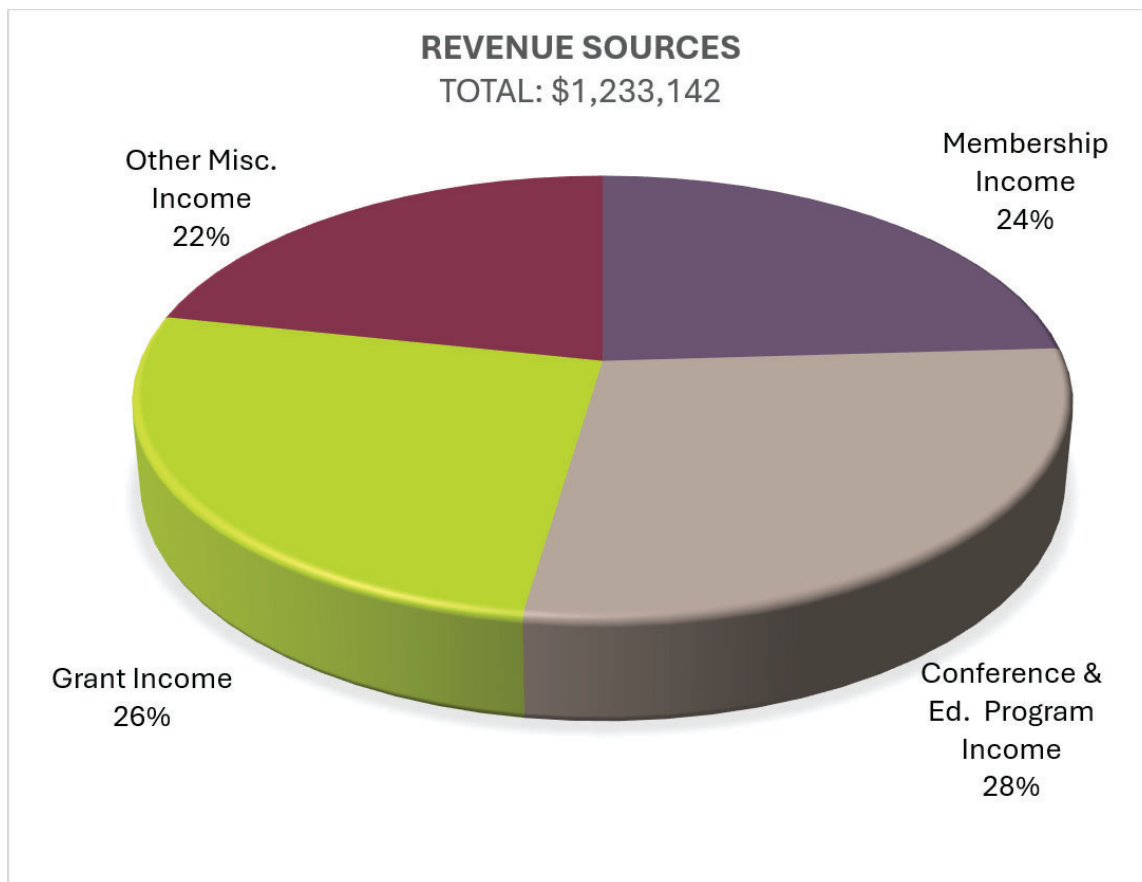


2025 -2026 FINANCIAL REPORT

The Michigan Association of Planning ended fiscal year 2025 – 2026 on solid financial footing, with a “profit” of 54,149. Our budget is divided into 2 components: General Operations and Grants.

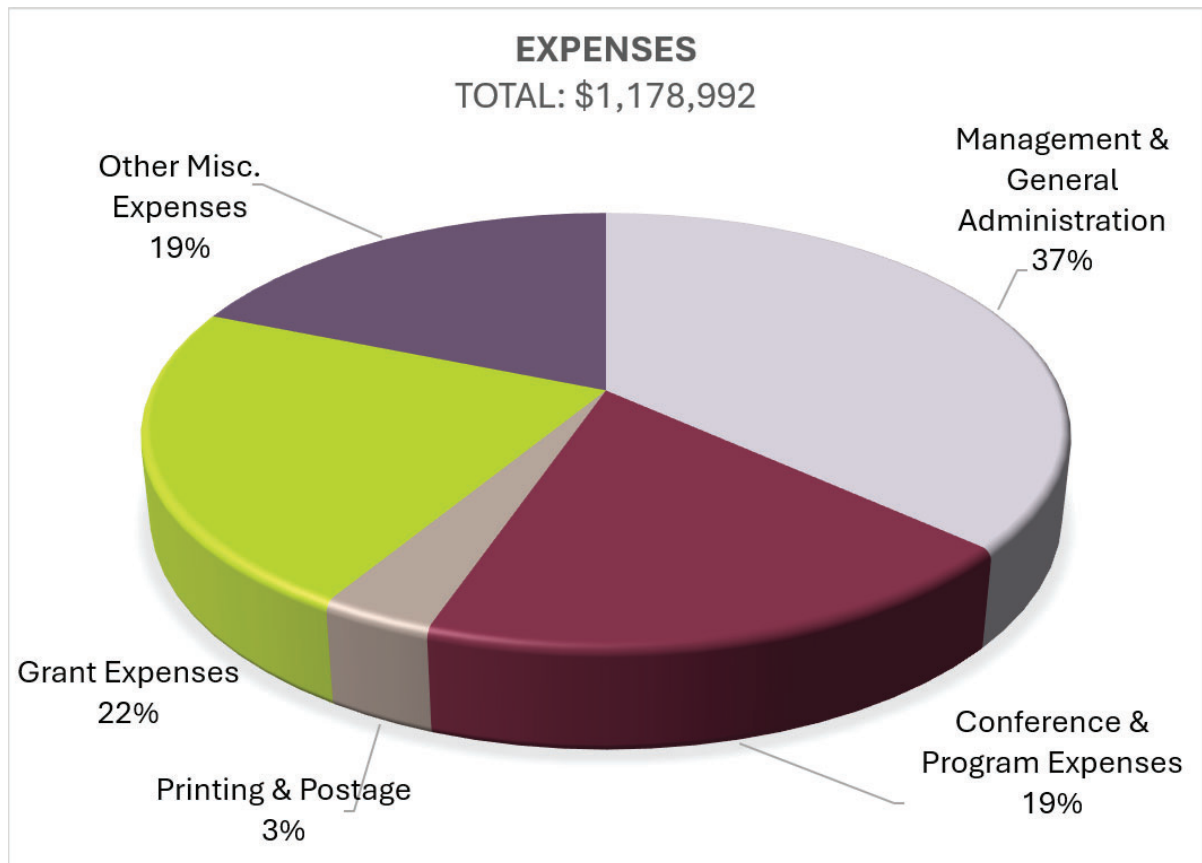
Revenues, including both general operations and grants, totaled \$1,233,142

- About 24% of our revenues are from membership dues, including APA and Chapter Only memberships
- 28% of revenues are from conference and education program income
- Approximately 26% comes from Grants
- And the remaining 22% comes from sponsorships, book and publications sales, Michigan Planner calling cards, and other misc. income sources

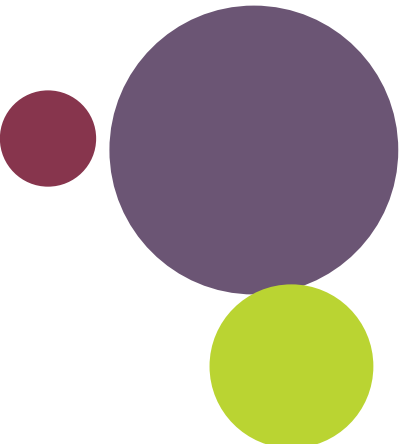


Expenses, including both general operations and grants, totaled \$1,178,922

- 37% of our actual expenses go towards management and general administrative costs like wages, rent, and technical support (our membership data base, events platform, and communications systems).
- 19% of the budget supports conference and education program expenses
- Grant expenses are 22% of total expenses.
- The 22% balance of expense category includes printing, postage, Zoning MAP, APA, and other miscellaneous expenses.



Overall profit across the combined budgets for fiscal year 2025 - 2026 was \$54,149.



A Word About Grants

Grant revenue is 26% of our overall revenues, and allows us to advance our mission, develop relationships with state agencies and other funding organizations, create tools and resources to provide planners and officials with innovative tools and solutions, and stretches your membership investment.

MAP managed the following grants this past fiscal year:

- Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and its Safe Routes to School Program | Transportation Bonanza 18
- MI Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy | Coastal Management Program Coastal Management Program | Coastal Compendium and Filling the Gaps
- University of Michigan & MI Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy | RSTEP | Renewable Energy Academy, bus tours, administrative support for legal services
- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services – Walkability Audits
- MSHDA Inclusive Design (Planning and Zoning Toolkit)
- MSHDA Regional Housing Partnership support

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