



# Paul Montagno, AICP

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## Experience

### **Washtenaw County Office of community and Economic Development, MI**

#### **Sustainable Communities Coordinator**

April 2014 – Present

Work on a variety of efforts through the HUD Community Challenge Planning Grant, which requires working with community leaders, stakeholders, the general public, interdepartmental coordination, and coordinating multiple consultants.

Duties include organizing meetings and agendas, facilitate the agreement on measurable community outcomes/objectives, and coordinate the strategic, targeted investments across departments other governmental agencies and community partners.

Coordinates county work with jurisdictions within the county, community partners including the Ann Arbor DDA, local housing commissions, local schools, non-profits, the University of Michigan, and Eastern Michigan University.

### **Pittsfield Charter Township, Washtenaw Co., MI**

#### **Senior Planner**

February 2006 – November 2013

Coordinate Planning Department operations including procedures, workflow, database management, and project specific budgets of up to \$1 million.

Department representative to elected officials, to boards and commissions, to developers, and direct contact for general public, with regard to the interpretation and administration of the Zoning Ordinance and the Master Plan.

Manage or assist in the management of subordinate staff, coordinate consultants, and assign tasks and oversee task completion.

Develop and execute various public and internal projects and initiatives.

Frequently called upon to make decisions regarding problems and situations involving internal operations, as well as high profile public or private development proposals.

Continue to perform or assign to others a number of the tasks included in the following positions.

#### **Associate Planner**

November 2004 – February 2006

Acting Department Head (11/04 – 5/05);

Work closely with applicants on land development proposals throughout the process, from predevelopment to project completion, to include coordination meetings and public meetings, as well as the administration of various procedures such as rezoning, land divisions, site plan approvals, special use approvals, and permitting.

Monitor the acceptance and release of bonds, and the creation of Development Agreements.

Update and maintain The Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan.

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**Assistant Planner**

December 2003 – November 2004

Review various plans and applications, issue approvals, and draft and present reports and recommendations to boards and commissions.

Perform site inspections for new and existing developments; enforce Township Ordinances, including the Zoning, Wetland, and Soil Erosion Ordinances through written and verbal communication.

**Professional Affiliations**

**Michigan Association of Planning**

2004 – Present

Board of Directors - Current President

Adopts policy for the organization and engages with the membership and experts on immersing issues.

Government Relations Committee

Research and develop planning policy for the Board of Directors.

**Washtenaw Area Transportation Study**

2009 – November 2013

Technical Committee representative from Pittsfield Township – Current Chair

This group makes recommendations to the Policy Committee regarding the transportation budget and current projects for the entire county based on the Long-range Transportation Plan and Transportation Implementation Plan.

**RelImagine Washtenaw Joint Technical Committee**

2009 – November 2013

Staff representative from Pittsfield Township

Through various activities and initiatives, this group has been engaged in a multi-jurisdictional effort to redevelop Washtenaw Avenue into a vibrant, walkable, transit oriented, mixed-use corridor.

**American Planning Association**

2001 – Present

Chapters Presidents Council – Current Member

**Education**

**Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana**

Masters of Urban and Regional Planning

December 2003

Bachelor of Science, Major - Natural Resources and Environmental Science

May 2001

**Certification**

Certified Planner - American Institute of Certified Planners

NCI Charrette Systems Training

**Professional Skills**

- Highly motivated, positive attitude, and the ability to interact and work well with others in all environments.
  - Excellent verbal and written communication skills, analytical and problem solving skills, and the ability to work alone or with a team.
  - Extensive experience presenting to diverse audiences, running meetings, and conducting workshop and public events.
  - Experience working with and coordinating diverse groups and committees with membership from multiple agencies and jurisdictions.
  - Experience with project development and management, and the ability to manage multiple projects with multiple deadlines and multiple contributors.
  - Experience drafting policies, master plans, ordinances, reports, and reviews.
  - Strong Computer skills including proficiency with basic office software including Microsoft Office Suite, multiple types of specialized software including GIS and various databases.
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