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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### NPZA ELECTIONS

The Nominating Committee for the Nebraska Planning & Zoning Association is seeking nominations for NPZA board positions, for elections to be held on-line later this year. To nominate an individual for any board position(s), please submit via e-mail to Chad Nabity (Nominating Committee Chair) by Monday, October 31st via e-mail at [ChadN@grand-island.com](mailto:ChadN@grand-island.com).

### MENTORS NEEDED! (& MENTEES WELCOME)

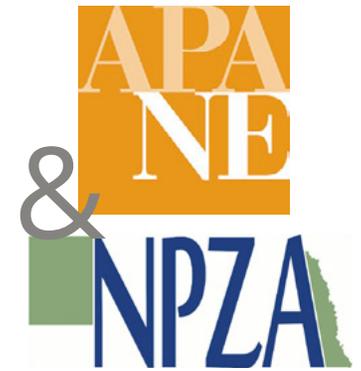
The APA Nebraska Chapter is committed to supporting the profession and practice of planning in Nebraska through professional development and the creation of a robust social network like the Mentor-Mentee Match Program. We are currently searching for mentors for the 2022-2023 year to match with a great group of students and emerging planners. We don't ask for much - just a monthly interaction with your mentee (or mentor) and attendance at beginning and end-of-the-year events. If you are interested, please email Jennifer Hiatt (Mentor Match Coordinator) at [jennifer.hiatt1@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.hiatt1@gmail.com) with your name, phone number, email, organization/employer/university, and professional interests (eg. public sector v. private, urban v. rural planning, urban design, transportation, policy, long-range v. current planning, GIS, etc.) by October 20. For more information visit [this website](#).

### NEXT BIG IDEA CONTEST

Booked on Planning is happy to announce a contest to wrap up our first year of episodes. We want to showcase the up-and-coming ideas in the world of planning and design that will hopefully gain traction and make their way back onto our podcast as a book review episode! Are you going to be the person who comes up with a groundbreaking idea like New Urbanism or Form Based Code?

There are 2 categories, one for students or recent grads and one open to practicing professionals. See the details at [www.bookedonplanning.com/contest](http://www.bookedonplanning.com/contest) for the requirements in each category. The deadline for the practicing professional category is coming up on November 4th with students to follow on December 2nd. Prizes will be awarded to the top three submissions in each category and the winner in each will join us for our final two podcasts of the season to dive deeper into their idea.

To submit, condense your idea to one page of text, plus images and send it to [bookedonplanning@gmail.com](mailto:bookedonplanning@gmail.com).



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# PRESIDENTS' UPDATES

It was another successful Nebraska Planning Conference! This year we had over 230 registrants for the conference. We hope the wide variety of sessions that the Joint Conference Committee and the NPZA and APA NE Boards packed into the conference program covered every subject that piqued your interests.

But as great as this year's conference was, we aren't satisfied. We've been listening and there has been a surge of interest in moving the annual conference back to March. After a series of negotiations with Younes, we are closing in on finalizing the move of the Nebraska Planning Conference to March 2023! Once again, we will be at the beautiful Younes Conference Center North, a state-of-the-art facility that has proven to be a great venue for future planning and zoning training.

Stay tuned for more on the upcoming conference as emails and social media posts will provide additional details as we draw closer to the Nebraska Planning Conference next spring!



Christopher Solberg, AICP - NPZA President



I hope that all of you that attended the Annual Planning Conference felt that it was an enormous success. Congratulations again to all of the award recipients and a huge thank you to the Conference Committee and NPZA for their efforts.

When I returned home, my daughter asked, "why do go to conferences?" I responded with three main reasons although there are many more. First, I went to expand my knowledge. Yes, I have been in planning for thirty years, but there is always something new to learn. Secondly, I went to network. I enjoy conversations with old friends and making new acquaintances at the conference. It is an opportunity to make or strengthen a friendship so you can call later with a question or idea. Third, I told her that I like to attend conferences to reinforce that as a profession we are making peoples lives better across Nebraska. Yes, we make a difference.

Why do you attend conferences? If it some of the same reasons, I encourage to pull out your notes and apply that new knowledge; contact that new planner friend to build your relationship; and celebrate your planning career by making your community better.



Jeff Ray, AICP - APA-NE President



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# 2022 AWARDS SEASON

BY: STEPHANIE ROUSE, AICP

This year's award season recognized the work and dedication of another group of planning professionals and citizen planners as well as the planning documents that guide growth in Nebraska. We gathered as usual at the Nebraska Planning Conference on Thursday evening to celebrate their achievements at the banquet dinner. New this year was a consolidated and refreshed APA Nebraska awards program. The Awards Committee reviewed the long list of categories and requirements and condensed many awards down and tried to streamline the application process. Both APA Nebraska and NPZA are proud to announce the 2022 award winners from each of our organizations. Congratulations to the 2022 NPZA and APA Nebraska award winners!

## APA Nebraska Awards

### Emerging Practicing Planner: Cale Brodersen, AICP

This award recognizes an individual with seven years or less of planning experience who has demonstrated an exceptional commitment and understanding towards the planning profession through distinguished practice, teaching, or writing. A graduate with his Bachelor's in Business Administration and Masters in Community and Regional Planning both from UNL, has worked as Assistant Planner for the City of La Vista since leaving the program in 2019. He has served as Metro District Chair for NPZA and Board Representative and is currently the Nebraska Planner Newsletter co-editor and leader of the APA Nebraska Book Club and Emerging Planners group. During his MCRP program he served as SPAN president and liaison to the APA NE board and transitioned to Mentorship and Student Outreach Committee Chair where he played a vital role in developing the new chapter mentorship program.

### Charleston-Ptak Planning Advocate Award: Karna Loewenstein

This award honors an individual or appointed or elected official who has advanced or promoted the cause of planning in the public arena. Karna has done an immense amount of work working with the profession to promote planning to a larger audience. She came to MAPA after a career in education—bringing a new, outside perspective to the agency. Over the last 7 years, she led the implementation of the Heartland 2050 Regional Vision- leading committees and working groups that brought leaders from all sectors together to tackle some of the region's biggest challenges. Karna is fiercely collaborative, forging strategic partnerships with the AARP and APA Nebraska to deliver statewide technical assistance on Missing Middle Housing and to co-host events to bring community leaders of varying perspectives together. Her work has made a lasting impact on MAPA and the Omaha-Council Bluffs region and developed a new passion for the importance of planning to communities.



Emerging Practicing Planner Award  
Recipient Cale Brodersen



Planning Advocate Award Recipient  
Karna Loewenstein

### **Wozniak-Selander Award for a Planning Pioneer: Dallas McGee, AICP**

This award honors pioneers of the profession who have made personal and direct innovations in planning that have significantly and positively redirected planning practice, education, or theory with long-term results. According to the Lincoln Journal Star “you may not know Dallas McGee, but if you live in Lincoln, you’ve seen his work. His fingerprints are all over downtown Lincoln – the Haymarket, the Marcus Grand Theater, Embassy Suites, the Cornhusker Hotel.” Dallas received his Bachelor’s of Architecture from UNL, served under nine mayor’s and worked on two downtown master plans. Dallas’s impressive career with the City of Lincoln spanned 45 years and left a lasting impact on the built environment of the community.



Planning Pioneer Award Recipient  
Dallas McGee

### **Alden Aust Distinguished Leadership Award for a Professional Planner: Keith Marvin, AICP**

This award recognizes an individual’s sustained contribution to the profession through distinguished practice, teaching, or writing. Keith has been involved professionally in community planning since 1992. His experience includes all facets of community planning, including public participation, land use, historic preservation, and economic development. Keith has been involved with projects in communities and counties ranging from 48 people to over 400,000.

Keith believes the best plans and regulations are those developed through a partnership between the consulting team and the community. Plans must be supported locally by the residents and staff for them to be truly implemented. Implementing the community’s vision is the only way that a plan is ever successful.



Distinguished Leadership Award Recipient  
Keith Marvin

### **Nebraska Chapter President’s Award: Stephanie Rouse, AICP**

This award, new in 2022 recognizes an individual’s significant service and support to the chapter. Stephanie is a transportation planner with the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department and has served as the APA Nebraska Vice President/PDO since January 2020. As a member of the chapter, she took over leadership of the Nebraska Planner Newsletter to revamp it as a joint venture with NPZA published quarterly. She has also led the growth and development of the chapter’s social media channels and website content. As the professional development officer, she assists members with certification maintenance, certifies conference session and workshop events, and provides guidance for exam takers. To aid with exam preparation, Stephanie launched the Booked on Planning Podcast in January 2022, a biweekly show that interviews authors of books on the AICP exam recommended reading list.



President’s Award Recipient  
Stephanie Rouse

### **Daniel Burnham Award for A Comprehensive Plan: PlanForward 2050**

This award is for a comprehensive or general plan that advances the science and art of planning. The award honors America's most famous planner, Daniel Burnham, for his contributions to the planning profession and to a greater awareness of the benefits of good planning. The Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan is a roadmap to “plan forward”, not only in time, but in concept, to envision a community that is Livable, Equitable, Thriving, Resilient, and Innovative. The core promise embedded in PlanForward 2050 is to maintain and enhance the health, safety, and welfare of our community during times of change, to promote our ideals and values as changes occur, and to meet the needs of today without sacrificing the ability of future generations to meet their needs. The Plan included extensive public input over two years with contributions from all facets of the community - from local leaders and topic area experts to residents interested in building a strong vision for Lincoln and Lancaster County. New with this update was the guidance provided by the Equity Subcommittee to promote equity, diversity, and inclusion for all community members as a key component of the final plan.

### **Planning Excellence Award: Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District 2021 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan**

This award recognizes how planning is essential to addressing desires, needs, or challenges within a community, county, region, or specific geographic location. This category emphasizes outcomes and demonstrates how planning helps to create stronger, equitable communities. In January 2020, the Papio-Missouri Natural Resources District (PMRNRD) hired JEO Consulting Group to lead the update of their 2016 Hazard Mitigation Plan. Three months later, the pandemic forced the planning team to reimagine their entire public engagement strategy within a month and a half to fit within the confines of pandemic life.

By partnering with a local media company and two high-profile influencers—the Sarpy County Scanner and Omaha Scanner—planners developed a social media-focused approach to achieve community engagement. By creating a compelling social media game of Would You Rather? that helped spark public conversation and the wide sharing of a hazards survey, over 52,000 people were reached and over 700 people took the survey. The district dramatically increased community buy-in in the planning process: forty-two out of sixty-four eligible jurisdictions participated in the planning process. In addition, more, this plan update has enabled the funding of mitigation projects in all six district counties: Burt, Dakota, Douglas, Sarpy, Thurston, and Washington.



Representatives for the Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan Recipient, the Lincoln-Lancaster County 2050 Comprehensive Plan



Representatives for the Planning Excellence Award Recipient, the Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District's 2021 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

## NPZA Awards

### **Loretta Ludemann Achievement Award for Excellence in Planning by a Woman Award: Cherri Klinginsmith**

The winner of this year's Loretta Ludemann award has shown her strength, knowledge, determination, and very good judgement while conducting the business of planning and zoning. Cherri Klinginsmith has served as the Howard County Planning and Zoning Secretary for four years before becoming the Howard County Planning and Zoning Administrator in 2014. She has been instrumental in working with the Nebraska Department of Ag in getting Howard County to be declared a Livestock Friendly County in 2015.

Cherri's leadership in the planning zoning field stood out when she led the Howard County Planning & Zoning Board through the process of updating the County's Comprehensive Plan & Zoning Regulations. Her efforts over the years have led Cherri, along with the Howard County Planning & Zoning Board to be commended for their professional service in 2020. But her commitment and hard work in the planning and zoning field goes well beyond those accolades.

### **District Appointed Officials Award: Marilyn McGahan**

Marilyn McGahan has served on the City of North Platte Planning Commission since October 2012, Chairing since 2020. Her tenure includes Comprehensive Plan Updates and a North Platte/Lincoln County Housing Update. Marilyn's attitude of promoting development has been an asset. She gives NPZA credit for her knowledge of importance of planning. Being involved with controversial TIF projects and applications where citizens filled the council chambers, Marilyn took control of the meeting, allowing everyone to speak; if testimony lost focus, she brought them back to the issue.

Marilyn has respect from planning commission members, and elected city and county officials. She focuses on small projects as well as large projects and makes applicants feel like they are being heard. She is also a dedicated volunteer and active member of the community and values the importance of education.



Loretta Ludemann  
Achievement Award  
Recipient Cherri  
Klinginsmith



District Appointed Officials  
Award Recipient Marilyn  
McGahan

### **District Elected Officials Award: Brandon A. Kelliher**

Mayor Brandon Kelliher is dedicated to smart and sustainable growth for the City of North Platte. Always focused on issues and events in the community, he keeps the entire region in mind. Thanks to his efforts, the city is changing in positive ways continuing previous projects and initiating efforts to grow a positive and sustainable community. Recent successes include renovations of the North Platte Downtown Canteen District, revitalization and construction of District 177 into a mixed-use housing and retail project, organization of Sustainable Beef, LLC, and pending Industrial Rail Park. He's creating a community more accepting of the use of Tax Increment Financing, annexation of new property and extending services for future developments. Brandon understands the importance of planning efforts in a community and works with the Planning Commission and City Council fostering a pro-development atmosphere.



District Elected Officials Award Recipient  
Brandon A. Kelliher

### **President's Award: LaLene Bates**

This year's president's award goes to the strong, long-term presence that Stanton County has had in office for over 32 years. Since January 1990 LaLene Bates has presided over planning and zoning efforts in this northeast Nebraska county. She has handled a wide range of issues over the years and has helped usher in a new comprehensive plan and regulations.

LaLene also played a pivotal role in recovery efforts after tornadoes ripped through Stanton County and Pilger in 2014. She's been active in NACO as well as NPZA through the years, at times taking leadership roles in the training efforts of both organizations.



President's Award Recipient LaLene Bates

### **Carol Swayne Planning Commissioner Award: Jeff Sinnett**

Although our first awardee for the Carol Swayne Planning Commissioner Award has his main expertise in the building inspection realm, he's always been involved in planning and zoning. In 1974 Jeff Sinnett became a member of the La Vista Planning Commission, the youngest in that position in Nebraska at the time. He has also served on the Ralston Planning Commission since 2013.

Jeff served in the planning and zoning role for the City of Plattsmouth while working there as a Building and Zoning Inspector for 18 years, managing the Planning Commission throughout his time in that position. He's also assisted with planning and zoning as the Chief Building Official for the City of La Vista since 1997.



Planning Commissioner Award Recipient  
Jeff Sinnett

## **Carol Swayne Planning Commissioner Award: Keith Marvin**

The second Carol Swayne award recipient, Keith Marvin, has been a member of the Planning Commission in David City for over 30 years. During half that time, he served as the Vice-Chairperson. According to the City Clerk for David City, his knowledge and background has been invaluable to the Planning Commission. In addition to assisting with updates to the City's comprehensive plan and subdivision regulations, Keith has always been an active part of the community of David City. He's been on the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, a member of the Thorp Foundation, the Industrial and Business Development Corporation President, APA Nebraska President, and a member of APA Small Towns and Rural Planning Division.



Planning Commissioner Award Recipient Keith Marvin

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# UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN MCRP PROGRAM WELCOMES NEW FACULTY, DR. ABIGAIL COCHRAN

BY: STEPHANIE ROUSE, AICP

The Community and Regional Planning Program at the University of Nebraska Lincoln has undergone quite a few changes in the past several years with the retirements of longtime Professors Rodrigo Cantarero and Gordon Scholz, and Dan Piatkowski leaving the program. These changes opened the door for the program's latest professor, Dr. Abigail Cochran, to join the team of inspiring teachers and researchers in the program.

Abby is a Tuscon, Arizona native where she received her undergraduate degree in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, at the University of Arizona (Go Cats!). For her senior thesis project, she studied the urban ecology of a fish, the Gila Topminnow, and [that project](#), along with her Sustainable Built Environments minor, sparker her interest in the interface of human-ecological, built-natural systems. Abby also had a good friend whose father, [Dr. David Plane](#), taught an introductory regional planning course in the Geography Department at UA, which she took her senior year and found inspiring.

These experiences ultimately led her to apply to planning school where she completed a Master of City Planning (MCP) degree at the University of California, Berkeley, specializing in transportation planning and policy, and then went on to complete her Ph.D. in City and Regional Planning at UC Berkeley, as well. As she puts it, her "interest in studying fish in pond ecosystems ended up translating well to studying people navigating transportation systems!" Interestingly enough, she also applied to graduate schools for degrees in Education and Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, and while her passion for those subjects persists today, she ultimately went for her MCP at Berkeley because she thought the campus and greater Bay Area was so beautiful.



Portrait of Dr. Abigail Cochran

"The land of friends and flowers!" is how she described it to Arizona friends shortly after moving. After completing her MCP she pursued a PhD because she felt she had more to learn and really liked reading and writing and teaching, which generally makes academia a good fit. She went through several research ideas before ultimately examining the travel behavior of people with disabilities in the era of ridehailing (i.e., Uber, Lyft) for her [dissertation](#) project. While living in California, she was connected at the end of her Masters/beginning of her PhD to a large blindness advocacy organization—[LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired](#).

Volunteering there really influenced her personal and professional trajectories in terms of moving into disability-focused research, and generally, finding a place among the Bay Area disability community.

Immediately before coming to UNL, Abby was traveling to see family and friends in North Carolina, Tennessee, Florida, New York City, and the [Northern California coast](#). Prior to that, however, she worked for two years (one remotely in California, and one in-person in North Carolina) as a Postdoctoral Research Associate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. There, she did research on non-emergency medical transportation, COVID vaccine-related travel, transportation barriers to health care, and other topics.

Broadly, Abby is interested in transportation and infrastructure planning. Specifically, she's attracted to studying travel behavior, particularly among transportation-disadvantaged groups including people with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with high health care and health care-related transportation burdens. She is also interested in applications of shared mobility technologies to specialized transportation services, including paratransit (for people with disabilities), non-emergency medical transportation, and rural demand-response transit services.

This fall, she is teaching CRPL 840: Planning Methods and Analysis. The students have an exciting opportunity to do some food systems/ security planning work with the Southeast Nebraska Development District ([SEND](#)), so working on that has helped her to know the Nebraska community a little better and engaging students in very practical work. This spring she will be teaching CRPL 400/800: Introduction to Planning and CRPL 991: Capstone Studio. Given her interests, it's likely in the next academic year she will teach transportation course(s), as well.

In her research role, Abby will be collecting preliminary data on the prevalence of transportation barriers to health care affecting Nebraskans through this year's Nebraska Annual Social Indicators

Survey (NASIS). She is also developing projects examining non-emergency medical transportation and rural demand-response transit across the state, as well as studying the effect of transit interventions (i.e., intercity bus service) on health care access. She's looking forward to learning and collaborating on a variety of projects in Nebraska, and, hopefully soon, the opportunity to engage interested students in these and other projects.

As the latest Nebraska transplant Abby is excited to get involved with APA Nebraska and NPZA and was warmly welcomed at her first event in Kearney in September. She welcomes recommendations on what she should do, see, and eat in Nebraska and the Midwest and how to cope with her first real winter!

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# CONGRESS APPROVES \$369 BILLION IN CLIMATE SPENDING, COMMITS TO EXPEDITE ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING

BY: HANNES D. ZETZSCHE & JENNIFER L. HIATT, REPRINTED FROM [THE DIRT ALERT; 8/16/2022, EDITED BY DAVID C. LEVY](#)

On August 16, 2022, President Joe Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (“Act”) into law. The Act makes major changes to prescription-drug pricing, corporate taxes and climate change. (For the Act’s implications to corporate tax, see our [Inflation Reduction Act - Key Tax Provisions](#) article.)

Most new spending under the Act, about \$369 billion, will go to renewable energy, zero-carbon transportation, clean manufacturing and nature-based climate investments. In particular, the Act allocates:

- \$43 billion to expand manufacturing for clean energy, including manufacturers of wind turbines, solar panels, and batteries;
- \$30 billion for states and electric utilities to transition to renewable-energy sources;
- \$32 billion for climate-smart agriculture, forestry and ethanol production;
- \$27 billion for a clean-energy-technology accelerator to support emissions reduction technologies;
- \$20 billion in loans to build new electric-vehicle manufacturing facilities;
- \$10 billion to improve energy efficiency in housing; and
- \$60 billion for environmental-justice investments, which counties, municipalities, and local agencies can apply to receive as grants.

The Act also establishes a series of tax credits to incentivize the above initiatives.

Consumers, for instance, may qualify for a \$7,500 tax credit to buy a new electric vehicle or \$4,000 for a used electric vehicle. Consumers may also qualify for up to 10 years of tax credits to install energy-efficient appliances or fixtures.

To incentivize renewable-energy development, the Act extends and enhances the Investment Tax Credit (“ITC”), the Production Tax Credit (“PTC”), and the Carbon Capture Tax Credit (“CCTC”). The ITC provides a tax benefit for investments in property for certain energy feedstocks. 26 U.S.C. § 48. The PTC, in turn, provides a credit based on the property’s use for generation. § 45. The CCTC provides a credit for carbon capture and underground storage. § 45Q.

The Act extends the ITC and PTC through 2024 and the CCTC through 2033. Beginning in 2025, it converts the ITC and PTC to emissions-based, technology-neutral tax credits that any power generator can utilize so long as it is net zero. While recipients of the ITC or PTC could previously only sell their credits to other co-owners of the facility, the Act permits them to sell the credits to unrelated third parties for cash. The Act also lowers the thresholds at which carbon capture qualifies for credit and decreases the maximum value reduction for the use of section 45Q credits in conjunction with tax-exempt bonds. These changes may drive additional investments into renewable energy and carbon capture, including in states like Nebraska and Iowa.

According to its proponents, the Act will reduce 2030 greenhouse-gas emissions 40 percent below 2005 levels. But the Act is narrower in scope than the Build Back Better plan Congress considered last fall.

Build Back Better would have provided over \$555 billion in climate-related spending. It failed to gain majority support in the Senate.

This time, the Act garnered the support of 220 Representatives and 50 Senators, plus Vice President Kamala Harris as tiebreaker. To secure that support, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer reportedly agreed to support legislation this fall expediting pipeline permits under section 401 of the Clean Water Act. 33 U.S.C. § 1341. (We analyzed that provision in our [Supreme Court Reinstates Trump Rule for State Certifications under the Clean Water Act](#) article.) Section 401 gives states and tribes approval authority over pipeline projects that discharge into waters of the United States. Senator Schumer will reportedly push legislation this fall requiring states and tribes to exercise that approval authority within one year of a request.

The Act has now gone into effect. Attorneys at Baird Holm specialize in all aspects of renewable energy development. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions about the Act or any related matter



# TABLETOP EXERCISES HELP WITH DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

BY: CHRIS SOLBERG; REPRINTED FROM [RURAL RESURRECTION, 9/12/2022](#)

September was [National Preparedness Month](#). Each year National Preparedness Month is recognized to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning. Each year, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) puts out a themed campaign during National Preparedness Month to bring attention to the need to prepare for potential disasters. This year's campaign is called, "A Lasting Legacy".

The [Ready.gov](#) website has a number of resources to help your community conduct disaster and emergency planning. A variety of [handouts](#), [guides](#), [public service announcements](#), and a link to the FEMA app are all available through the website.

FEMA also has a YouTube site with a wide array of videos that your community can watch and learn from. One such video is on [developing and facilitating tabletop exercises](#). No, this is not a community-based version of Dungeons and Dragons. But exercises that take into account different scenarios and helps your community work through how to respond to them.

As per the [FEMA website](#): "Tabletop exercises are discussion-based sessions where team members meet in an informal, classroom setting to discuss their roles during an emergency and their responses to a particular emergency situation. A facilitator guides participants through a discussion of one or more scenarios."

Even if you think your community is prepared, think again. Go through some of the planning exercises offered through the [Ready.gov](#) website to find areas you've missed.

Even if there hasn't been much change in your community since the last disaster and emergency planning exercise, there may be new information and ways to prepare, requiring changes to your plans.

Five years ago representatives in Waco, Texas held a tabletop exercise in McLain Stadium. Interestingly enough, the scenario that the organizers selected was a major winter storm for the subject disaster. The impacts within the exercise included iced down major roads, knocked down power lines, and stifled communication throughout the community. A video summarizing the event can be found [here](#).



Planning exercise in action. Photo courtesy of JEO Consulting Group.

What is really intriguing about this exercise is that this is essentially what happened last winter. Texas was hit with a winter storm that not only impacted the local power grid but the inter-connected grids throughout the Midwest. Hopefully, the exercise discussed in the video above helped Waco representatives take concise, effective, action to remedy the local situation properly and as effectively as possible.

As always, the Ready.gov website is a great resource. Check out their Exercises page for more on tabletop exercises. The website has a wealth of information that can be helpful to your community. As stated on the Exercises page, exercises are a great method to:

- Evaluate the preparedness program
- Identify planning and procedural deficiencies
- Test or validate recently changed procedures or plans
- Clarify roles and responsibilities
- Obtain participant feedback and recommendations for program improvement
- Measure improvement compared to performance objectives
- Improve coordination between internal and external teams, organizations and entities
- Validate training and education
- Increase awareness and understanding of hazards and the potential impacts of hazards.
- Assess the capabilities of existing resources and identify needed resources

Contact your local emergency management office about conducting a tabletop exercise. Though the scenarios are imaginary, the potential to save lives and property in the future is real.

# PLANNERS BOOK CLUB - PUSHED OUT

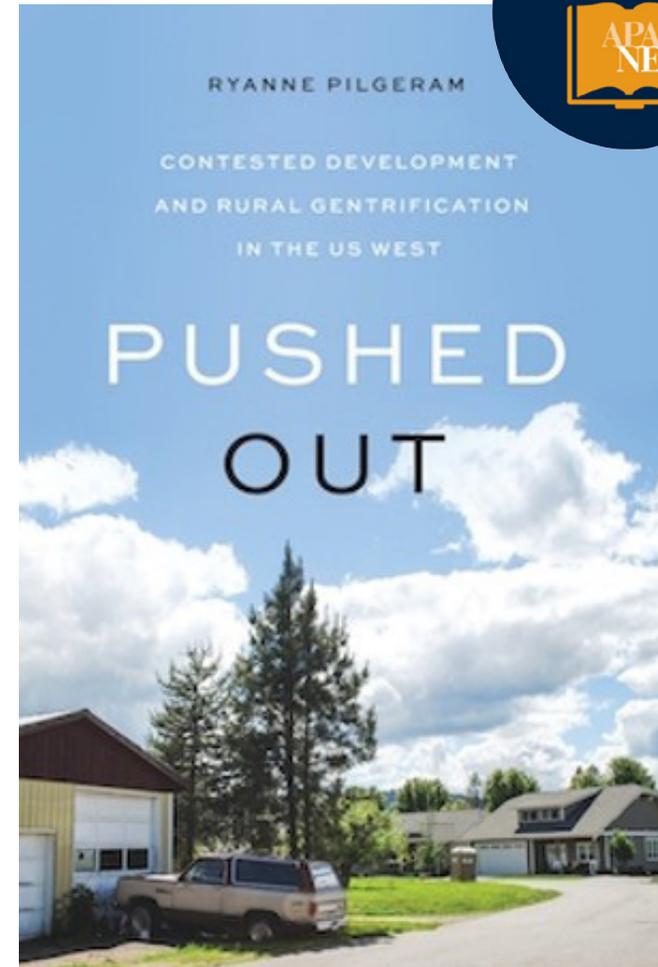
Join your fellow planners and allied professionals in the Winter 2022/2023 Planners Book Club hosted by the APA Nebraska Chapter's Emerging Planners Group. Here is how it works:

1. Register to participate at the following link: <https://forms.gle/onL2yWBud22H5wc79>.
2. Read the book (available in physical and digital formats).
3. Join us for a lively discussion in January. A Doodle poll will be sent out to book club participants several weeks in advance to find a time that works for everyone for the discussion. We typically host more than one discussion over Zoom to accommodate everyone's schedules.
4. Earn CM credit for participating in the discussion.

## **Book Selection: *Pushed Out* - Ryanne Pilgeram**

What happens to rural communities when their traditional economic base collapses? When new money comes in, who gets left behind? *Pushed Out* offers a rich portrait of Dover, Idaho, whose transformation from "thriving timber mill town" to "economically depressed small town" to "trendy second-home location" over the past four decades embodies the story and challenges of many other rural communities.

Sociologist Ryanne Pilgeram explores the structural forces driving rural gentrification and examines how social and environmental inequality are written onto these landscapes. Based on in-depth interviews and archival data, she grounds this highly readable ethnography in a long view of the region that takes account of geological history, settler colonialism, and histories of power and exploitation within capitalism. Pilgeram's analysis reveals the processes and mechanisms that make such communities vulnerable to gentrification and points the way to a radical justice that prioritizes the economic, social, and environmental sustainability necessary to restore these communities.



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# APA NE CHAPTER ANNUAL SPONSORS

The Nebraska Chapter of the APA would like to thank our annual sponsors for supporting our chapter and professional development programs. These sponsorships support Emerging Planners Group events, our Mentor Match Program, and allow us to provide a quality Spring Workshop and other educational and professional development opportunities throughout the year. If you are interested in learning more or to become a sponsor today, please email Stephanie at [rouseplanning@gmail.com](mailto:rouseplanning@gmail.com).

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# JOB POSTINGS

Looking to hire? Visit <https://nebraska.planning.org/career-center/job-announcements/> to post your job description , or find job openings today.

## CITY PLANNER - CITY OF HASTINGS, NE

- Application deadline October 28th by 5:00pm
- For more information and to apply, visit: <https://www.cityofhastings.org/departments/human-resources/job-openings/full-time-positions/city-planner.html>

## COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLANNER - METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING AGENCY (MAPA)

- Application listed September 12, 2022
- For more information and to apply, visit: <https://mapacog.org/calendar/news/now-hiring-community-economic-development-planner-i-planner-ii/>

## FOR MORE JOB POSTINGS VISIT:

- » <https://npza.org/resources/careers>
- » <https://iowa.planning.org/career-center/job-announcements/>
- » <https://www.lonm.org/classifieds/careers.html>

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## OHIO CHAPTER WEBINAR SERIES

1. October 21, 2022: [Zoning for Equity, Resiliency, and a Post-Pandemic World](#) at 12:00 PM CT
2. October 28, 2022 with guest host HMDR Division: [When It Rains, It Pours: a Dialogue on Urban Flooding Across the U.S.](#) at 12:00 PM CT
3. November 4, 2022 with guest host Urban Design & Preservation Division: [The Rise of Urban Placemaking: Shaping Public Spaces Through Collaboration](#) at 12:00 PM CT

## ULI NEBRASKA CHAPTER KICK-OFF

- October 26, 2022 from 5:00pm-7:00pm; Kimpton Cottonwood Hotel - Gold Coast Ballroom (302 S 36th St, Omaha, NE 68131); For more information and to register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/launching-uli-nebraska-where-the-future-is-built-tickets-428682830887>.

## UNL COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE HYDE LECTURE SERIES

1. October 28, 2022: [Christopher Martin](#) (Christopher Martin Furniture) at 4:00pm, Swanson Auditorium
2. November 4, 2022: [Matthew Kreilich](#) (Snow Kreilich Architects) and [Matt Wallace](#) (Lake | Flato) at 4:00pm, Swanson Auditorium
3. November 7, 2022: [Jan Knikker](#) (MVRDV) at 4:00pm, Richards Hall, Room 15
4. November 18, 2022: [Project 2022 Exhibition](#) at 6:00pm at Omaha By Design

## PINTS WITH PLANNERS NETWORKING EVENT

- Wednesday, November 9, 2022; 4:30-6:30; Boiler Brewing Company, 129 N 10th St., #8, Lincoln, NE 68508

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