CONFERENCE AGENDA
March 13 & 14, 2014

MOVING BEYOND RECESSSION:
WHAT’S NEXT?

HOME STUDY SESSIONS:
ETHICS
MOVING BEYOND RECESSION: WHAT’S NEXT?

As the nation emerges from the Great Recession, the West is poised to lead the way in economic and population growth. Both Colorado and Arizona expect to add a million people each decade until 2050, with other Western states growing at similar rates, if not in equal numbers. Although newcomers will tend to congregate in the region’s metropolitan areas—where the populations will also be older and more diverse—smaller, high-amenity communities will also experience significant growth. This growth will create demand for new housing, transportation and transit options, educational and economic opportunities, as well as water, energy, and other natural resources. These demands will, in turn, increase pressure on our governmental and policy institutions to help support this growth in a way that protects the quality of life that attracts people to the region in the first place.

The 2014 RMLUI Annual Land Use Conference will focus on how we can approach issues of growth as we come out of the Great Recession. What can we learn about the mistakes of the past to make sure that the next boom results in the right kind of growth? How will our master planned communities do things differently this time around? How will we build new communities and retrofit existing neighborhoods while ensuring access to transit, to jobs, to schools, and to outdoor recreation? How do we ensure that our new forms of development are equitable and ecologically responsible? What are the best ideas about how to make the next boom an opportunity to create enduring communities for the future? And how do we ensure that financing is available to support smarter growth?

ABOUT THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN LAND USE INSTITUTE

The Rocky Mountain Land Use Institute seeks to elevate the law, policy and practice of sustainable development in the West to promote nature-friendly, prosperous and equitable communities. Through innovative research, education and professional development programs and its renowned annual conference, the Institute trains and connects students and professionals across disciplines, sectors and regions to build the sustainable development field while creating new possibilities for the future of the West’s landscapes and livelihoods.

ABOUT THE STURM COLLEGE OF LAW

The University of Denver Sturm College of Law is a top 100 law school with nationally ranked programs in environmental and natural resources law, legal writing, clinical training, international law, trial advocacy and tax law. At the heart of the law school’s mission is the integration of skills and professional identity with a balanced curriculum. Our goal is to graduate practice-ready, client-focused students who understand and embrace the responsibilities of legal practice, both as a representative of the client and as a professional committed to improvement of the law and the community.
AICP Ethics Case of the Year: What Would You Do?
1.5 Hours; 1.5 AICP Ethics credits
Not accredited for CLE credits

Join us as we walk through the multi-level AICP Ethics Case of the Year. Enter into the discussion while we examine the ethical dilemmas faced by planners every day. Just as the ethical issues you face on your job are complex, so too are the scenarios present in the Ethics Case of the Year. The Case of the Year scenario unfolds over time, one layer at a time, growing more intricate at each turn. Brush up on the AICP Code of Ethics before the session so you can help inform the discussion.

Panelists:
Moderator:
Mary Kay Peck, FAICP
Founding Principal, MKPeck Associates
Clearwater, FL
Mary Kay Peck, FAICP, founding principal of MKPeck Associates, specializes in management development, facilitation, organizational improvement and land use planning. Peck builds on experience as a city manager and planning director. Her efforts have resulted in national recognition for performance improvement, customer service, organizational excellence and development service center operation. As president of the American Planning Association, Peck led the organization’s first communication plan and membership growth strategy. She has presented nationally and internationally on leadership, management and planning. Peck has managed award-winning projects, including the Southern Nevada Regional Plan, the Downtown Henderson Investment Strategy and the Henderson Visual Interactive Code.

Speakers:
Valerie Hubbard, FAICP, LEED AP
Director of Planning Services, Akerman Senterfitt
Tallahassee, FL
Valerie Hubbard, FAICP, LEED AP provides consulting services to private and public sector clients on comprehensive planning, zoning, permitting, Developments of Regional Impact, land development regulations and other matters. During 30 years of experience, she has held key positions in Orlando, Tallahassee-Leon County, Kissimmee and Gainesville. As Florida's Director of Community Planning (2003–2007), Hubbard oversaw state review of local comprehensive plans and DRIs and led agency efforts in developing and implementing growth management legislation. She is Region III Commissioner for the American Institute of Certified Planners, a past president of the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association, and a LEED® Accredited Professional.
Ethics for Land Use Lawyers
1.5 Hours; 2.0 CLE Ethics credits
Not accredited for AICP credit

In the interwoven and overlapping world of boards, agencies, property owners, developers, and public and private-sector interests it is important for land use lawyers to be clear about who they represent (and who they don’t), and then stay within the limits of that representation. This interactive session will take a look at ethical considerations for attorneys that work in, for, or with the public sector when identifying proper communications, establishing specific rules of conduct, and seeking to balance the legal and the political.

Panelists:
Speakers:
Elizabeth Garvin, Esq., AICP
Of Counsel, Spencer Fane Britt & Brown, LLP
Denver, CO
Elizabeth Garvin brings more than 15 years of public and private sector experience in land development regulations, urban planning and economic development. Garvin has prepared code updates and revision projects for cities and counties across the country; drafted topic-specific code provisions covering topics such as TOD, sustainability, and signs; created plans for redevelopment projects; prepared regional design standards; organized and undertaken public participation processes; and assisted private clients in obtaining development approvals. She is a frequent speaker at regional and national planning conferences, including a presentation for the Western Planner conference in 2012 and AICP workshop presentations on the mechanics of code writing at the national American Planning Association conference for the past ten years.

Lisa Mayers
Partner, Spencer Fane Britt & Brown, LLP
Denver, CO
Lisa Mayers practices in the areas of real estate (with an emphasis on community associations), insurance coverage disputes, employment law, civil and commercial litigation and environmental law. In her practice, she acts as general counsel to a large number of condominium, townhome, single family, resort and mixed-use developments, and she provides counsel to special districts that have been assigned design review and covenant enforcement powers. Mayers also represents insurance policyholders in disputes with their insurance carriers and private parties in a variety of environmental matters. She litigates cases before state and federal courts in Colorado.