

2011 North Dakota Planning Conference

September 28-30, 2011 Spirit Lake Casino in Devils Lake, ND

WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Registration/Check-In

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Social Gathering

THURSDAY

7:30 am - 8:45 am Registration/Check-In

7:30 am - 8:30 am BREAKFAST

8:30 am - 8:45 am Welcome

9:00 am - 10:30 am **Understanding FEMA's Role – Dolph Diemont, Fed Disaster Recovery Coordinator**

LEED and Building & Neighborhoods – Rebecca Molldrem, JLG

10:30 am - 10:45 am BREAK

10:45 am - 12:15 pm **Community Emergency Planning & Response - Leon Schlafmann, City of Fargo**

Applying Florida Experience to ND Planning – Scott Pickett, KLJ

12:15 pm - 1:45 pm LUNCH

1:45 pm - 3:15 pm **Infill Housing - Meredith Richards, City of Grand Forks**

Community Land Trusts - Emily Wright, GFCLT

3:15 pm - 3:30 pm BREAK

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm **Mobile Tour: Minnewaukan Relocation - Erik Gilbertson, KLJ**

5:00 pm DINNER

FRIDAY

7:30 am - 8:30 am BREAKFAST

7:30 am - 8:30 am NDPA Board Meeting

8:30 am - 10:00 am **After the Flood: Post-Disaster Planning and Implementation – Tim Gelston and Jeanine Neipert, FEMA Representatives**

Planning Commissioner Training - Jim Hinderaker, City of Fargo

10:00 am - 10:15 am BREAK

10:15 am - 11:45 am **Planning/Zoning Roundtable Discussion**



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Session Descriptions:

THURSDAY:

Understanding FEMA's Role – Dolph Diemont, Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator (Thursday, 9:00 am - 10:30 am)

In 1979 the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was established by executive order, which resulted in the merging of several disaster related responsibilities into a single agency. In 2003 FEMA was made a part of the Department of Homeland Security and has since continued to provide the nation with critical support in many areas:

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| Service to disaster victims | Disaster logistics |
| Integrated preparedness | Hazard mitigation |
| Operation planning and preparedness | Emergency communications |
| Incident management | Public disaster communications |

This session will provide an overview of FEMA's role throughout the nation, ranging from the Federal level down to local communities.

LEED and Buildings & Neighborhoods - Rebecca Molldrem, JLG (Thursday, 9:00 am - 10:30 am)

This presentation will be a brief overview of the LEED rating system as it applies to buildings and neighborhoods. We will touch on LEED for New Construction, Existing Buildings and LEED for Neighborhood Developments, how those systems impact Planning and Design of cities and communities as well as how they can be used as guidelines, and trends across the country involving LEED and green building codes.

Community Emergency Planning & Response - Leon Schlafmann, Fargo (Thursday, 10:45 am - 12:15 pm)

When your community is faced with a major event, emergency or disaster the first question in the minds of your leaders is what next? Through this general discussion we will talk about the "what next" scenario, we will cover different situations, the planning and preparation that should take place before an event, and the response and recovery phase of a disaster. We will discuss supportive roles that need to be in place, talk about the role of a proper Incident Command System (ICS) and the need for an Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Throughout the presentation we will talk about lessons learned and best practices. I hope to have you leave this session with a tool box full of resources a mind swimming in ideas for better a prepared community, and a network of assistance so you're not alone in your time of need.

Applying Florida Experience to North Dakota Planning – Scott Pickett, KLJ (Thursday, 10:45 am - 12:15 pm)

The 2011 Florida State planning laws were significantly scaled back in response to a prolonged recessionary economy and the development community's long-felt frustration over key components of the state planning program. This presentation provides an overview of Florida's planning program and highlights major changes created by recent legislation. Topics discussed include but are not limited to: concurrency, capital improvement plans, urban service areas, school planning, impact fees, evaluation and appraisal of comprehensive plans and the new role of the state planning agency. Throughout the presentation lessons learned from the Florida experience will be discussed and include possible applications of Florida's growth management tools to planning in North Dakota.

Infill Housing - Meredith Richards, City of Grand Forks (Thursday, 1:45 pm - 3:15 pm)

Flood recovery programs can -- and should -- extend well past the emergency response. Policies for demolition of flood-damaged properties and the vacant building sites they leave behind can have significant long-term community impact. Meredith Richards, Grand Forks' Community Development Manager, will talk about that community's post-flood in-fill initiatives in industrial, commercial and residential redevelopment since 1997. (Yes, they're still going on.)

Community Land Trusts - Emily Wright, GFCLT (Thursday, 1:45 pm - 3:15 pm)

In December 2010 Grand Forks Community Land Trust became the first organization of its kind in North Dakota, joining over 250 CLTs nationwide. Community land trusts (CLTs) are nonprofit organizations formed to create perpetually affordable homeownership opportunities by holding title to parcels of land on which affordable homes are built/rehabilitated and sold to income-eligible buyers. This course will provide an overview of how CLTs are structured and governed, benefits of their shared-equity structure, how CLTs operate, why the CLT format is a preferred neighborhood revitalization strategy, and an update on the progress of Grand Forks Community Land Trust.

MOBILE TOUR - Relocation of Minnewaukan, Erik Gilbertson, KLJ (Thursday, 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm)

Erik Gilbertson PE, an engineer in Kadrmas, Lee & Jackson's Valley City office, will be your guide during a mobile tour which explores how rising water levels in Devils Lake have affected the adjacent city of Minnewaukan. Over the last 18 years the lake has risen over 30 feet and tripled in size. During that time period the city has made small improvements to maintain life in the existing community. Over the last three years the increase in the lake levels has forced the city to start plans for relocating to a higher town site. Erik is assisting with town relocation activities, including reconstruction of the Minnewaukan Public School and installation of a new infrastructure network for the city. The tour will begin with an assessment of the town's existing site and aspects of its surroundings that have made it vulnerable to flooding. Erik will provide remarks about how relocation planning has proceeded, with a visit past the considered site and selected location. Features of a new Minnewaukan town site will be discussed, including how different implementation tools will affect the nature and timing of the town's future growth. Finally, Erik will discuss future action steps and a timeline for completing this unique project.

Friday's session descriptions can be found on the next page.

FRIDAY:

After the Flood: Post-Disaster Planning and Implementation – (Friday, 8:30 am - 10:00 am)

Tim Gelston and Jeanine Neipert, FEMA Representatives

Join FEMA's representatives, Tim Gelston, AICP and Jeanine Neipert, for a review of FEMA's Hazard Mitigation and Long Term Community Recovery planning processes and outcomes. The session will look at Spirit Lake Nation's recent Long Term Community Recovery and Hazard Mitigation plan development and implementation and discuss Minot's efforts as they move ahead with their recovery activities.

Planning Commissioner Training - Jim Hinderaker, City of Fargo (Friday, 8:30 am - 10:00 am)

Using a contentious zone change case study as an example, this session will explore the role and responsibility of the Planning Commission before and during a public hearing. We will examine the various elements of a public hearing, including: quasi-judicial proceedings, procedural due process, fairness, the record, and public notice that are all necessary to safe guard members of a Planning Commission from legal challenges and accusations of holding an improper or unfair public hearing.

Planning & Zoning Roundtable Discussion (Friday, 10:15 am - 11:45 am)

Menu:

Wednesday:

Social Gathering, 7pm - 9pm

Fresh Veggie and Dip
Meat and cheese tray with crackers
Chicken Drummies
Barbecued Smokies

Thursday:

Breakfast

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Muffins
Bagels
Fruit Tray

Lunch

12:15 pm - 1:45 pm

Sliced Ham Sandwich
Chicken Rice Soup
Pickle and Chips

Dinner, 5 pm

Dinner on your own.

A bus will be taking those interested, to the Ranch Steakhouse at roughly 6pm and returning to the casino after dinner.

At the Casino: The View, Dakota Buffet or the Snack Bar

In Devils Lake: The Ranch Steakhouse, The Cove, Felix's Restaurant & Lounge, The Pizza Ranch, White House Café, Old Main Street Café, Mr. and Mrs. J's Family Restaurant, Devils Lake Speedway Bar & Grill, Paddlewheel Lounge, Proz End of the Line Sports Bar & Grill, and many other fast food restaurants.

Friday:

Breakfast, 7:30 am - 8:30 am

Scrambled Eggs
Bacon or Sausage
Breakfast Potatoes
Coffee and Water