

NDPA Call for Sessions

Annual Conference – Sept. 18, 2024

Alerus Center, Grand Forks, ND



The North Dakota Planning Association now accepting proposals for presentations at the North Dakota Planning Association Conference that will be held Wednesday, September 18th, 2024. This one-day conference will be 8-5pm (times subject to change but expecting a full day conference) at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Presentation Format Options

Presentations, panels, roundtable discussions, work sessions and posters are all encouraged. Sessions are to be 60 minutes with minimum of 15 minutes available for questions and answers depending on format purposed. We will have a poster session if enough submissions are received to fill an hour's time slot. Panels should be comprised of multiple agencies with no more than 4 for the session. If you wish to propose an alternative to what is listed, please reach out as we're happy to discuss and see what potential there may be.

Presenters and panelists must appear in person. At this venue, we have no facility for remote participation.

Technology available: Standard projectors and screens provided.

Education Credits for AICP & CFM

Many of our planners throughout the state hold dual, if not multiple, responsibilities within their job duties and jurisdictions. It is NDPA's goal to strive to provide sessions and local training opportunities to help encourage and continue education credits and certifications.

Sessions are encouraged to be tailored to the requirements of the respective certification credits. The conference committee will submit the required documentation on behalf of the presenters to the certifying organization. To see what is required of a session in order to qualify for education credits, click the links below.

[Certified Flood Plain Management – CECs](#)
[American Institute of Certified Planners – AICP](#)

Conference Agenda: Housing

Preference will be given to sessions that have a housing focus, both urban and rural. We encourage presentations with topics of emphasis that include:

- Housing finance affordability
- Development of housing policy at the local level and getting such policy adopted by the local governing body
- Zoning ordinance amendments related to increasing housing accessibility and affordability
- Case studies of how federal, state, or local housing funds or incentives were applied to particular projects, and the results/lessons learned of those projects.
- Recent or upcoming changes to state and local regulations relating to housing and housing funding

Other Topics Presentations addressing any aspect of planning in North Dakota are welcomed. Some ideas include:

- County and Local Government, particularly inter-jurisdictional coordination and cooperation
- Ethics
- Proposed legislation for the 2025 legislative session
- Zoning Enforcement
- Planning Law
- Extra-Territorial Zoning Laws
- Agriculture and Rural Development
- Climate Change
- Community Based Rural Development
- Economic Development
- Micro-finance for Rural Development
- Land Policy and Administration
- Land Resources Management
- Rural Quality of Life-Education, Livelihoods, Recreation
- Water supply
- Flood protection
- Technology and Innovation
- Sustainable Development
- Downtown Development & Economic Impact
- Infill development
- Development Incentives (Renaissance Zone & TIFs)
- Infrastructure challenges

Submittal Deadline is 5:00 p.m. (CDT) Wednesday, May 1st, 2024

Proposals will be reviewed by the conference committee with approved sessions determined and notified by June 28th.

Submit proposals online through [the online form](http://www.ndplanning.org/conference). Link to the submittal form can be found at www.ndplanning.org/conference.

Conference Registration Fees:

All speakers are expected to register to attend the conference. However, if a speaker does not wish to participate in other conference activities outside of their session obligation, the registration fee will be waived. If you anticipate you will have limited availability, please indicate what times of the day typically work best for you. We will try to accommodate your request to the best of our ability.

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