

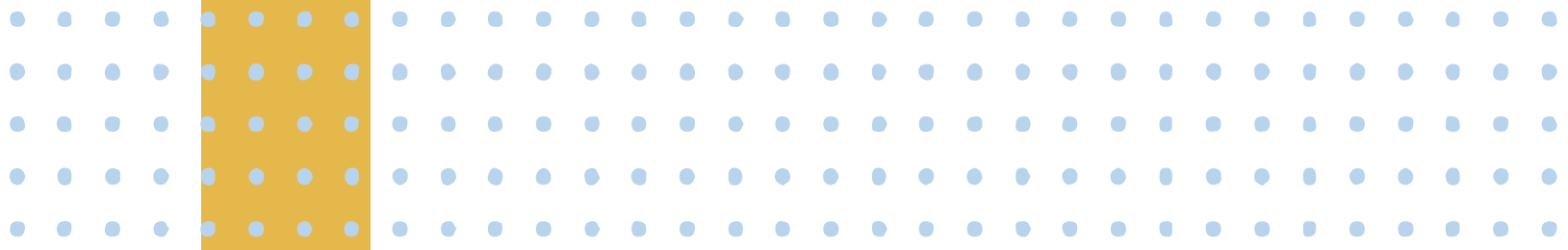
# DEEP SOUTH PLANNING CONFERENCE

HOSTED BY



STARKVILLE, MISSISSIPPI | OCTOBER 18-20, 2023

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# WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR



D. LYNN SPRUILL  
Mayor

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Welcome to Starkville!

As an attendee at the Alabama/Mississippi American Planning Association conference, we are delighted to have you in our community. We pride ourselves on making you feel comfortable and welcome no matter how long your stay in town. It is our goal to make this visit with us a memorable one so that you will be enticed to come back on a regular basis.

Whether you are here for the conference itself or are accompanying an attendee, we have many ways for you to spend your time getting to know Starkville.

Jump on the local transit, SMART, for a free ride around town. Whether it is Proof for pastries or Dolce for bagels or Starkville Café or 929, our coffee shops and restaurants can get your day started right. Depending on your interests we can point you to the University for a tour of the various standing exhibits including the Templeton Music Museum, the Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library Exhibit or the John Grisham library.

Time for lunch? Bluto's for Greek, Taste for Italian, Bulldog Burger or Mugshots for burgers; you name it, we have it.

Your timing couldn't be better. The biggest free concert in the state happens tomorrow night downtown Starkville. Bulldog Bash has Grammy winner, Jason Derulo as the star act for the evening. Please plan to stay over and join our community for the fun.

We have local boutiques and shops; we have trend setting architectural designs by a leading redevelopment expert and former Mayor Dan Camp located in the famous Cotton District. The Mississippi Horse Park, a wildlife refuge and multiple parks throughout town that offer leisure time activities.

All in all, we can show you a good time in Starkville which on any given weekend or day is also known as Starkvegas. We embrace our historic side and our party side. Come plan to have fun with us. We want you to keep coming back.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Spruill", written in a cursive style.

D. Lynn Spruill  
Mayor, City of Starkville

# SESSIONS, MOBILE WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

### 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Registration Desk Opens

Exhibitor & Student Poster Set-Up

### 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Planning Commissioner Training - Part 1 (1 CM - General Credit)  
Judy Daniel, Ben Requet

**ROOM | DELTA**

### 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Planning Commissioner Training - Part 2 (1 CM - General Credit)  
Judy Daniel, Ben Requet

**DELTA**

### 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Special Session 1 - Ethics Case of the Year (1 CM - Ethics)  
Thomas Gregory, Ginger Lowrey

**BALLROOM C**

### 2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

(It's a) Party in the SEC? (1 CM - Law)  
Ashley Crites

**DELTA**

Lemons to Lemonade: How to squeeze the most out of vacant abandoned downtown properties  
(1 CM - Sustainability & Resilience)  
Trey Hess

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AICP Exam Prep Class  
Eric Jefferson

**RIVERS**

### 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Achieving Affordable Housing Goals (General Session) (1CM - Equity)  
Angela Brooks, Stewart Rutledge, Dana Sjostrom, Dennis Masden, Dontrelle Young Foster, Judy Daniel - Moderator

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### 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Welcome Reception at Shorty's Speakeasy in The Mill

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## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

### 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM

Continental Breakfast

### 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

WELCOME AND KEYNOTE PRESENTATION WITH ANGELA BROOKS (1 CM - General Credit)

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### 9:45 AM - 10:45 AM

Walking Tour of the Mill - Restoration Opportunity (MOBILE) (1 CM - Sustainability & Resilience)  
Mark Castleberry

Jackson, MS Museum Trail, Planning from the Private Sector (1 CM - General Credit)  
David Pharr, Clay Hayes, Travis Crabtree

**DELTA**

### 11:00 AM - 11:20 AM

Short Session 1 - ADA (sort of) Compliance (0.5 CM - Equity)  
Adrienne Jones

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Short Session 2 - Be a Goldfish: Leadership Lessons by Ted Lasso (0.5 CM - General Credit)  
Ben Requet

**RIVERS**

### 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

CHAPTER AWARDS CEREMONY & LUNCHEON (2 CM - General Credit)

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### 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM

Let's Get to the Point... Action Oriented Long-Rang Planning (1 CM - Sustainability & Resilience)  
Brandon Bias, Corey Sosebee

**DELTA**

JSU Update Mississippi's Only Urban Planning Graduate Program (1 CM - General Credit)  
Talya Thomas, Markessa Hughes, Carmeletta Guy, Jerome Tinker, Ray Shoemaker, Vick L. Hudson

**FOOTHILLS**

Brownfields Planning - What was it, What is it becoming? (1 CM - Sustainability & Resilience)  
Chris Harell

**RIVERS**

### 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM

Planning and Implementing More Resilient Housing: Foley, Alabama(1 CM - Sustainability & Resilience)  
Jay Estes, Miriam Boone, Kelsey Johnson, Michela Schildts

**DELTA**

Rural Reform and Economic Revitalization in Mound Bayou (1 CM - Equity/Sustainability & Resilience)  
A'ndrea Paxton, Ray Higgins, Hermon Johnson

**FOOTHILLS**

Understanding the Connections Between Local Regulations and Insurance Affordability (1 CM - Sustainability & Resilience)  
Stephen Deal

**RIVERS**

### 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM

The Mill to the Cotton District (General Mobile Session)(1.5 CM - Sustainability & Resilience)  
Robert Camp

### 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Conference Reception at Commodore Bob's in The Cotton District

**Professional Headshot Photography by Rosemary Wright- Availability 10:15 - 11:30 // 2:00- 3:15**

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**7:30 AM - 8:30 AM**

Continental Breakfast

**8:00 AM - 9:00 AM**

MISSISSIPPI CHAPTER ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (1 CM - General Credit)

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**8:00 AM - 9:00 AM**

ALABAMA CHAPTER ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING (1 CM - General Credit)

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**9:25 AM - 10:25 AM**

So, You Want to Modify a Subdivision? 2.0 (1 CM - Law)  
Ben Requet, Robert Baxter

**DELTA**

Planning, Partnerships & Pop-ups (1 CM - Equity)  
Christina Berry

**FOOTHILLS**

Mississippi Brownfield Program (1 CM - Sustainability & Resilience)  
Thomas Wallace

**RIVERS**

**10:45 AM - 11:45 AM**

City Walk: Where Birmingham Connects (1 CM - Equity)  
Kathryn Withers, Paul Darr

**DELTA**

Starkville Hwy 182 Brownfields Planning (1 CM - Sustainability & Resilience)  
Chris Williams

**FOOTHILLS**



# A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



On behalf of the Mississippi Chapter of the American Planning Association, I want to welcome you to Starkville, Mississippi for the 2023 Deep South Planning Conference presented by ICMA! We believe that this year's conference is the best one yet. We have three days full of engaging sessions, including a keynote by APA President Angela Brooks.

Over the past several years, APA Mississippi has benefited from its partnership with the Alabama Chapter in hosting these joint conferences. Our Chapters have a proud history of working together throughout the years, and the joint annual conferences are a wonderful way for us to showcase the great work being done in both of our states.

I want to thank the Conference Committee for their hard work in planning the conference, including Christina Highsmith, Emily Corban, Ginger Lowrey, Judy Daniel, Leah Kemp, and Thomas Gregory, who worked tirelessly to pull together a great conference. As a past Conference Committee chair, I know first-hand the hours of planning and organization it takes to host an annual conference.

This conference would not be possible without the support of all of our sponsors. Thank You! At some point during the conference, please take the time to walk through the exhibitor's space and thank them for their support.

We are excited to be back in a college town for this year's conference, and the first ever in Starkville. While you are here, I hope that you'll get a chance to explore Starkville to see all the wonderful planning efforts underway, or that have recently completed.

Finally, I want to thank you for the important work you do as planners in communities across the Southeast. Whether you work for a local or regional government, are a private consultant, or help educate future planners in an academic role, we all are challenged with the task of serving the public interest and advancing the planning profession. I hope that each of you will leave this year's conference inspired and energized to continue "making great communities happen."

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Benjamin Requet, AICP  
Chapter President



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