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DNR Dam Safety Program and Construction Near Impoundments

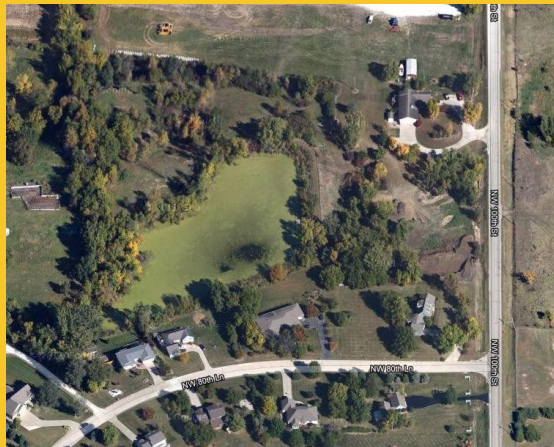
Submitted by Jonathon D. Garton, PE; IDNR

The DNR's dam safety and floodplain program is responsible for regulating not only the construction of dams, but of the structures that are built around the impoundment and downstream of the dam. Structures around the lake and downstream of the dam are at risk of flooding. Upstream flooding can occur if the dam does not have the capacity to pass the flood event resulting in increased flood heights upstream of the impoundment, and structures downstream may flood if the dam should fail. This article will briefly describe the DNR's role in working with local planners to ensure that structures are not constructed in these areas of risk.

DNR Dam Safety Program Overview

The DNR Dam Safety Program is charged with permitting new dam construction or modifications, inspecting dams, and providing education about proper dam maintenance to dam owners. The DNR maintains an inventory of 3900 dams in the state and each year performs about 100 inspections and permits around 50 new dam construction projects.

New Dam Construction Permitting Program



The DNR's jurisdiction for permitting of dams is based on the height and amount of water stored behind them. In review of a permit application, the dam is assigned hazard classification. This is based on the risk that the dam poses to structures downstream. If a dam is situated in an area where a dam failure would only damage agricultural lands or minor county roads, it would be considered a low hazard dam. If the dam would damage isolated homes, commercial buildings, moderately traveled roads or interrupt major utility services, it would be classified as moderate hazard. If failure of the dam would create a serious threat to loss of human life, or other significant damages, it is classified as high hazard. Following is a list of criteria located in Iowa Administrative Code (IAC) 567-71.3 for when a permit is required:

- Any dam designed to provide a sum of permanent and temporary storage exceeding 50 acre-feet at the top of dam elevation, or 25 acre-feet if the dam does not have an emergency spillway, and which has a height of 5 feet or more.
- Any dam designed to provide permanent storage in excess of 18 acre-feet and which has a height of 5 feet or more.
- Any dam across a stream draining more than 10 square miles.
- Any dam located within 1 mile of an incorporated municipality, if the dam has a height of 10 feet or more, stores 10 acre-feet or more at the top of dam elevation, and is situated such that the discharge from the dam will flow through the incorporated area.

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President's Message

Greetings Iowa Planners!

You'll note that I'm using the same greeting that Past-President Dave Wilwerding, AICP used in his messages to you the past two years. This symbolizes my commitment to lead the membership with the same passion and skill that Dave led with. We cannot thank Dave, Rose Brown, AICP and Ben Champ, AICP enough for their contributions to the success of the chapter during their terms in office.

While I'm thanking everyone I would be remiss if I didn't thank all of our board members for their past and future efforts on our behalf. I'd like to specifically mention Carissa Miller, our Newsletter Editor and Seana Perkins, AICP, our Website Editor. We've seen vast improvements in both offerings recently. Keep up the great work Carissa and Seana! Let us know if you have anything additional you'd like to see in either area. I know Carissa is always looking for articles and "Ask the Planner" and "Zoner's Corner" items.

Lastly, thanks to Vice-President Ben Champ, AICP, Treasurer Melissa Edsill Tiedemann, AICP and Secretary Charlie Dissell, AICP for their willingness to serve with me for at least the next two years.

Planning is underway for the chapter's 2012 conference. The conference will be held October 31st through November 2nd in Ames. It's never too early to save those dates on your calendar. If you'd like to help in the preparation for the conference, let Tom Treharne, AICP ttreharne@cityofmarion.org or Steve Osguthorpe, AICP sosguthorpe@city.ames.ia.us know.

The committee is looking for session proposals for the conference. The request went out the 2nd of March. Please give some thought to proposing a session. It's another way you can be more involved in your chapter.

On January 27th, the City of Newton hosted our chapter meeting at their arboretum. Thanks to Erin Chambers, AICP and Bryan Friedman, AICP for their CM-eligible presentation and all of the work that went into making the event possible. We are still looking for volunteers to host future chapter meetings. All you need is a meeting room with conference calling capabilities, a topic to present and a local restaurant willing to cater lunch for us. The next chapter meeting will be May 18, 2012 in Iowa City. The site and topic have yet to be determined. Stay tuned!

APA Iowa is co-sponsoring AIA Iowa's spring conference. The event will be April 10, 2012 at Schemann Auditorium at the Iowa State Center in Ames. Please attend if your schedule permits. Look for more info in the near future.

In closing, please let me know of any way your chapter can provide more benefits to you as a member. Also, please let me know of any way you'd like to be more involved in the chapter.

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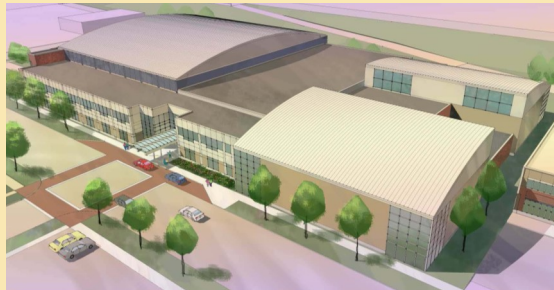
**View From North
Waterloo Center**

Invision 9/16/2009

Waterloo Planning Projects

Submitted by Tim Andera, City of Waterloo

There is a wealth of new things occurring in Waterloo, and downtown is going to get a large sum of new projects this coming year. Recently, a \$50 million plan for Cedar Valley Techworks was announced on the western edge of downtown. The Cedar Valley Techworks is a biotechnology hub that brings to-



gether leaders in the field of biotechnology. It also serves as a center of activity for farmers, researchers, investors and business owners, and works to bring high quality biotech jobs to Waterloo and Iowa.

Plans for Techworks include:

- An upscale 100 room-hotel restaurant complex in former John Deere buildings that is focused on the needs of business travelers and tourists. The new hotel will be run under a major national banner, however, the name has not been released.
- High class showroom and office space will become available for use on the Techworks Campus
- A fully equipped training center for John Deere employees
- A John Deere Tractor Museum that will open in spring of 2013 next to the Techworks Campus, and is expected to attract tourists from all over the globe.
- Techworks will become a "green zone" for industrial and commercial business activity, with development being designed to "Gold" level LEED standards and powered by a wind/solar energy system.

Work is still continuing on attracting a green

energy prospect to the campus that would occupy 25,000 square feet.

Other downtown projects include:

- The Cedar Valley Sportsplex, a \$26 million, 125,000 square foot multipurpose and recreational facility will begin construction this spring at Highways 63 and 218. The complex will house two indoor pools, soccer fields, basketball courts and workout facilities.
- Interest is high in providing new downtown housing opportunities. Beginning in April, development will begin on a \$6 million project that will bring 6, 12-unit riverfront condominium buildings along the north banks of the Cedar River.
- Work will be completed this year on the \$20 million Cedar River Renaissance project, which includes a new riverwalk system, an expo plaza, public market, riverfront amphitheater, a revamped Cedar River dam that will allow for more boatable waters, and a Cedar River marina. The goal of the project is to bring people back to downtown and the river.



**Cedar River Renaissance Project
Public Market**

Elsewhere, the City is experiencing steady growth in the retail, industrial and residential sectors, and Waterloo is currently on track to break the \$100 million mark once again in new construction this year.

Iowa City's "good ideas!" Campaign

Submitted by Sarah Walz, City of Iowa City

Iowa City's "good ideas!" campaign asks the public how to make the city better

If you asked people for their best ideas on how to build a better, stronger, more viable, more vibrant community for the future, what would their responses be?

In Iowa City, planners asked. And what they learned is that Iowa City continues to be a diverse, creative, idea-rich community that's supportive of the arts, culture, health and fitness (biking in particular), the outdoors and open spaces, public transportation, and unique businesses. Planners also heard that a public project currently in the works, the redevelopment of the Riverfront Crossings area south of downtown into a walkable, sustainable neighborhood with workforce housing, small businesses, and a riverfront park, has great support within the community.

Planners, who launched the "good ideas" campaign as an initial step in updating the City's Comprehensive Plan, provided residents with two ways to share their best ideas: via a "good ideas" website on the City website at www.icgov.org/goodideas or in one of two public workshop sessions that were scheduled in early February.

The workshops provided a chance for people from diverse backgrounds and interests to discuss their ideas and build consensus around shared values and goals for the community. Topics of discussion focused on sustainability in relation to natural resources, the economy, and growth and development, as well as local foods/urban farming, energy conservation and recycling, and arts and culture.

The "good ideas" website page, which was promoted with the use of media releases, bus signage, and posters and flyers displayed in public buildings and businesses throughout Iowa City, will continue to accept ideas through the end of February. In March, City planners will provide summaries of the suggestions received from the website and the public meetings and ask for additional input on more focused questions.

The input will eventually be incorporated into the revised Comprehensive Plan, which will help guide the City's growth and development for the next 10 to 20 years.

For more information, contact Urban Planner Sarah Walz at 319.356.5239 or e-mail sarah-walz@iowa-city.org.

AICP EXAM SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABILITY

Submitted by Gary Taylor, AICP; ISU Extension

The APA put the reduced AICP exam fee scholarship program into place to offer assistance to those individuals who may defer taking or are unable to take the AICP exam because of financial hardship. Scholarship recipients pay reduced fees to AICP as follows:

First time AICP applicants: \$125 (combined \$60 application and \$65 exam fee)

Previously approved AICP applicants: \$65 (exam fee only)



If you think you may qualify for a reduced exam fee scholarship please submit to Gary Taylor, Iowa Chapter PDO, a written explanation of financial hardship (including financial hardship caused by a budget cutback in a firm or agency), which necessitates the request, and addresses the following criteria:

The applicant's employer will not subsidize the exam fee.

The applicant will be otherwise unlikely to take the exam without the reduced fee.

Members of ethnic or racial minorities shall be given preference.

The deadline for submitting a scholarship application is the July 1 prior to the November exam for which the applicant intends to sit.

THE ZONER'S CORNER



"The Zoner's Corner" is an ongoing column that consists of zoning articles and correspondence. The column presents issues, initiatives, suggestions, questions or comments specific to zoning. If you have a piece of writing or question which relates to zoning that you would like to share with Iowa Planners, feel free to contact Carissa Miller at cmiller@midascog.net.

Alice's Road Corridor

Submitted by Ben Landhauser and Brad Deets, AICP ; City of Waukee

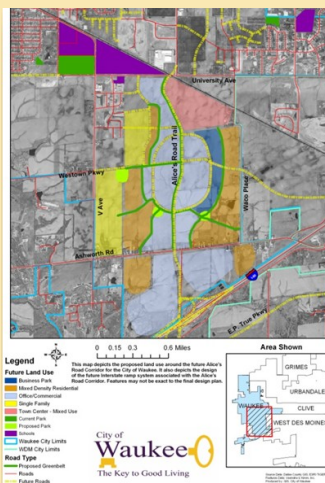
In January 2012, the Cities of Waukee and West Des Moines were excited to announce approval of the Interchange Justification Report for a new Interchange along Interstate 80. The approval of the Alice's Road/105th Street Interchange represents a major milestone in a project that has been contemplated for well over a decade and when fully implemented will create one of the longest north-south Corridors within the Des Moines Metropolitan Area. The new Interchange will also have a major impact on alleviating traffic congestion on other adjacent roadways.

The City of Waukee, which has experienced substantial residential growth over the past ten years has long been planning for an employment district targeted to balance land uses and tax base and provide options for its residents to work and shop closer to home. The desired place for this infusion of business and commerce to occur is Alice's Road, an existing stretch of roadway primarily between Hickman Road (US Highway 6) and University Avenue which is planned to wind through the corn fields of today and merge with the proposed interchange to Interstate 80.

first vision for the Alice's Road Corridor with the completion of a Master Plan which in large part painted a picture of a typical continuous corridor of Class A office users with surrounding support businesses and medium density residential development.



**Picture of completed Alice's Road Overpass
across Interstate 80**



2004 Master Plan

For Waukee, the Alice's Road Corridor holds a potential 1,700 acres of infill development within a largely untapped greenfield; an area wedged between the growth from the original town eastward toward Des Moines and a previously annexed portion of the City that spanned during the late '90s into the '00s with the rest of the Des Moines Area's booming suburbs. In 2004, Waukee formalized its

The vision heightened in 2006, when the City hired RDG Planning and Design to compose intersection and corridor enhancements that would not only signify the Alice's Road Corridor as a unique place amongst its counterparts in the metropolitan area, but also give homage to the coal mining heritage of the City's past. By 2008, Waukee was in need of a comprehensive plan update and did not miss the opportunity to continue its refinement of the vision for the Alice's Road Corridor. Gould Evans, the hired consultant for the comprehensive plan out of Kansas City, pitched the idea of a *Futures Corridor*, a place differentiated from other metro corridors by seeking new employers and development typologies that would be the benchmark of their sector or industry.

By 2010, Waukee's elected officials recognized the need to revisit the vision and plans for the Corridor due to the changing economy and the desire to identify a plan that would meet today's market demand while still allowing property owners (Continued on Page 8)

Connected Promises New Opportunity for Iowa

Submitted by Jeremy Thacker and Amy Kuhlers, Connect Iowa

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Making new opportunities for all Iowans through broadband is the focus of a new program rolling out through Connect Iowa and the Iowa Association of Regional Councils (IARC). IARC is the state-wide association for Iowa's Councils of Governments (COGs). Called simply *Connected*, the certification program is being enacted in at least fifty communities across the state. The goal is to assess each community's current broadband landscape and do smart, collaborative planning for future growth.



Connected addresses the access, adoption, and use of broadband:

Access – Take a look at the current state of local broadband availability and service. Is the infrastructure there?

Adoption – Are locals using the technology?

Use – Are people using the technology to improve both the local economy and their quality of life?

Connected is all about catering to the unique local broadband needs of each community. It begins with forming a local volunteer technology team of community leaders, educators, business owners, technology experts, and anyone else with an interest in the success of the local economy. The team will guide the *Connected* process. The task begins with a detailed community assessment that creates a clear picture of the current broadband landscape. Once the community team knows what they are working with, they can begin to set technology and economic development goals and make a smart, collaborative, efficient plan that will enable local broadband expansion to meet those goals.

If a community is able to meet its broadband goals and ends up attaining a certain measured level of broadband availability through the *Connected* process, it will earn a *Connected* certification from the national Connected Nation organization. The certification is a tool communities can then use to grab attention from businesses looking for new headquarters, locations, or workers. The *Connected* certification can also help draw prospective new residents and visitors to the community.

Connect Iowa is in partnership with the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA). Anyone with an interest in bringing better broadband to local homes and businesses is encouraged to join in the *Connected* community planning effort in Iowa. For more information on how to get involved, please visit www.connectiowa.org, or contact Connect Iowa Program Manager Amy Kuhlers at akuhlers@connectiowa.org or 515-421-2561. You can also keep up with the latest news from Connect Iowa on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ConnectIowa or Twitter at www.twitter.com/connectiowa.



DNR Dam Safety Program and Construction Near Impoundments *(continued)*

Submitted by Jonathon D. Garton, PE; IDNR

Permitting of Buildings Near Dams

The DNR floodplain program also permits the construction of buildings in the floodplain. The following clauses in the Iowa Administrative Code apply to buildings constructed upstream or downstream of dams:

IAC 567-71.7(4) *Buildings and associated fill adjacent to or downstream from impoundments.* Approval is required for new construction, additions, lowering, or reconstruction and associated fill as described in 71.7(1) without regard to the drainage area if the proximity of the building to a dam regulated by the department is as follows:

- a. *Adjacent to impoundment.* Approval is required for a building and associated fill adjacent to an impoundment if the lowest floor level including any basement is lower than the top of the dam.
- b. *Downstream from dam.* Approval is required for a building and associated fill downstream from a dam at any location where flooding can be reasonably anticipated from principal or emergency spillway discharges. If the dam does not substantially comply with high hazard criteria in these rules, approval is required for a building and associated fill at any location where flooding can be reasonably anticipated from overtopping and failure of the dam.

DNR staff are available to help planners determine the locations “where flooding can be reasonably anticipated from overtopping and failure of the dam”. If a residence or business is proposed to be built downstream of a dam, staff can assist local officials in determining what the risk of flooding would be if the dam were to fail. For example, the photo shows a situation in the City of Johnston where a developer was attempting to sell and construct a building in the area downstream of a small pond. DNR staff worked with the City officials to determine the area that would be at risk and subject to DNR jurisdiction. Staff also met with the pond owner to discuss proper maintenance.

DNR is here to help!

Contact us if you have any questions regarding dams or ponds in your area. Staff can also provide GIS mapping of dams in your City or County and pertinent information about them.

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Casey Welty, Dam Safety Engineer, Iowa DNR, 515-281-6930, casey.welty@dnr.iowa.gov

For general DNR floodplain questions call our toll free line: 1-866-849-0321, or visit our website which contains many helpful forms for determining when permits are needed: <http://floodplain.iowadnr.gov/>



ASK THE PLANNER

Do you have a planning-related question for other Iowa Planners? Send your question to cmiller@midascog.net and we'll include feedback in the May edition of Iowa Planning!

Alice's Road Corridor *(continued)*

Submitted by Ben Landhauser and Brad Deets, AICP



to get the best bang for their cornfield buck and aid the City in offsetting the costs associated with developing and maintaining this vast corridor.

To find a solution, the City hired Housington Koepler Group Inc., a planning and landscape architecture firm out of Minneapolis, MN. The firm quickly got to work in August of 2010 and began to devise a plan to get the City, its residents, business and property owners on the same reconfigured page moving forward. Basic Planning 101 topics of sense of place, density, the pedestrian realm, circulation, long term economic viability, and sustainability found their way to the forefront of discussion by an appointed advisory committee comprised of residents, corridor property owners, local business owners, development professionals, and representatives of various boards and committees. HKGI assembled 3 conceptual development plans; one, which largely resembled the previous 2004 planning effort, the second, representing current market forces, and a third, realizing a hybrid of the other two which largely balanced the community's desire to create an employment district within the reality of market conditions.

After presenting the 3 concepts to the public, the ideas and public input were calibrated with specific concepts and molded into a preferred development plan. The result, which was approved by the Waukee City Council in December 2011, is a multi-dimensional corridor of mixed density residential, retail, office, research and development, and park and open spaces integrated and balanced throughout. Not a unique mix of uses proposed for a new corridor as most would read the previous as assumed and necessary to support a higher intensity of uses than the typical suburban shopping center, but the masked intent of the colored land use diagram may prove to be unique among other suburban corridors in the state.

Where the term *unique* may actually begin to find reality in the Alice's Road Corridor is in the planned implementation of the vision. In a community where setbacks, open space, and spot ponding have long been the accepted and even demanded tools for cre-

ating a desired pattern of subtle single-story suburban development, the norm may soon be set aside for build-to's, higher density, multiple floors, and a more urban environment. The goal: to implement form, not on a project by project basis, but a district by district approach. Identify a form that maximizes development potential on a site by site basis, while still respecting creative freedoms to weave a desired place and minimize the potential for underutilized property. Instead of leaving each developer to create their own set of interconnected spot ponds for handling storm water, the City is planning to work with current property owners to create a corridor-wide storm water management circuit looped through the area as a predefined entity to new development. This green circuit would also provide for passive and programmed recreational opportunities connected by a series of trails integrated with the existing community infrastructure. Waukee is currently exploring the use of a SSMID to govern the funding and maintenance of the nearly 40+ acre storm water circuit. As a whole the corridor is targeted now to not only create an employment base, but to



Example 2006 Intersection Enhancement

continue to match the City's motto for providing *the key to good living* in all aspects of life.

Implementation of the Corridor and the Alice's Road Master Plan has begun. The City is currently in negotiations with the Corridor property owners relative to several of the major corridor infrastructure projects including construction of three of the anticipated six lanes of Alice's Road from University Avenue to Interstate 80, construction of a major trunk sewer to service a large portion of the area and development of the storm water management circuit. Construction on these infrastructure improvements is expected to begin in late Spring 2012.

For more information on the Alice's Road Master Plan, please visit www.alicesroad.com or contact Brad Deets, AICP at (515) 987-4522 or bdeets@waukeelake.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS



3/12 - 4/11

2012 Planning & Zoning Workshops

The 2012 Introduction to Planning and Zoning Workshops will take place on the following dates and locations:

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 – Best Western Holiday Lodge, Clear Lake
Wednesday, March 28, 2012 – Comfort Inn, Burlington
Thursday, March 29 – Clarion Hotel, Cedar Rapids
Tuesday, April 3 – Hotel Winneshiek, Decorah
Wednesday, April 4 – Carrollton Inn, Carroll
Tuesday, April 10 – Bev's on the River, Sioux City
Wednesday, April 11 – Red Coach Inn, Red Oak

The registration fee is \$55 per individual, reduced to \$45 per individual if a City or County registers 5 or more officials to attend. The fee covers the workshop instruction, workshop materials, and supper. Registration and meal begins at 5:30pm. The Program will run until approximately 8:45pm.

The registration brochures are posted on the ISU Extension Blog on Land Use and Zoning: <http://blogs.extension.iastate.edu/planningBLUZ>. Go to the 'Intro to Planning and Zoning Workshops' link at the top of the blog home page.

For more information on the workshops contact Gary Taylor, J.D., AICP; (515) 290-0214 or gtaylor@iastate.edu

3/15

Design Professionals Day at the Iowa State Capitol

3/23

APA Iowa Board Meeting - Gateway Center Ames

3/29 - 3/30

Nebraska Annual Planning & Zoning Conference

The 2012 Nebraska Annual Planning and Zoning Conference will be held on March 29-30 at the Grand Island Holiday Inn MidTown.

Special Speakers will include: Mitch Silver, AICP; Sue Schwartz, FAICP; Peter Lowitt, FAICP.

Up to 52 CM Hours being requested. An individual can get up to 12 CM Hours including Legal and Ethics. Topics will include planning commission fundamentals, legal issues, eco-friendly industrial parks, zoning administration, GIS, housing, and more!

Visit www.planningnebraska.org for registration and the schedule of sessions.

4/10

AIA, ASLA, Mainstreet and COSC Joint Conference

More information coming soon!

5/18

APA Iowa Chapter Meeting - Location TBD - CM Credits Available

MEET THE PLANNER - Chad Quick



Occupation: City Planner

Family: I grew up in a small town between Ames and Des Moines. Graduated from ISU with a degree in Community and Regional Planning. Met my wife in college and we've been married for 17 1/2 years. We have four boys ages 15, 13, 9, and 3. My first job out of college was with Upper Explorerland RPC

in Postville. Loved the area and job but needed to move closer to family in the Des Moines area. Hired in Altoona in 2001 and have loved being a part of this community.

What planning tasks do you enjoy? With our small staff in Altoona, it allows me work in all areas. I get to work with developers, citizens, GIS mapping, signage, P&Z, Board of Adjustment and anything else I can. Every day is a new and different opportunity. The things I like most about the job are working with developers laying out subdivisions and commercial projects. I love being part of something that is bigger than me.

What are some challenges you see in planning? Sometimes explaining the big picture is difficult in this time of instant gratification. Planning takes time and effort to see projects come to fruition, they don't just happen overnight.

What do you like to do in your free time? With four sons, I spend a lot of time helping with the things they are involved in like sports, hunting, fishing, and camping. I volunteer with our church, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, coach sports, and help with community events like the campground committee for RAGBRAI this past summer and I get to make mud for mud volleyball at AltoonaPalooza. If I ever do get free time, I like to do woodworking building furniture. I'm building my own kitchen cabinets now - but it's taking longer than my wife would like.

What's the best vacation you've ever taken? I had a blast last summer on a 10-day Boy Scout trip camping in the Smoky Mountains, hiking the Appalachian Trail, and whitewater rafting. But my favorite was when my wife and I went to Mount Desert Island in Maine a few years ago. We loved the scenery, pace of life, and great food - lots of lobster.

If you had a day and could do anything you wanted to do, what would it be? I can think of a lot of things but probably some of my most relaxing, refreshing times have been spent fishing for trout on NE Iowa streams. Quiet, peaceful, and beautiful landscapes.

If you could trade places with any other person for a week, famous or not famous, living or dead, real or fictional, with whom would it be? I'm a pretty content person, but I suppose I'd take a week off to play shortstop for the Yankees. Of course it would have to be during the Billy Martin and Reggie Jackson days.

Submit your articles today!

The next edition of Iowa Planning will be released in May of 2012.

Share your planning news by sending articles to

cmiller@midascog.net.





APA Iowa ANNOUNCEMENTS



All Iowa Reception

Are you a member of APA Iowa, alumnus of the University of Iowa College of Urban and Regional Planning or alumnus of the Iowa State University Community and Regional Planning program who will be attending the National APA Conference in Los Angeles?

If so, don't miss an opportunity to meet and network with your colleagues at the All Iowa Reception being held on:

All Iowa Reception
Sunday, April 13, 2012
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
El Cholo
1037 S. Flower Street, Los Angeles, CA

El Cholo is just a short 2 ½ block walk from the Marriott Conference Hotel. Light appetizers will be provided, with food and beverages also available for purchase. The event is being co-hosted by APA Iowa, Iowa State University CRP Program and University of Iowa College of Urban Planning.

CALL FOR IMAGES

The APA Iowa Chapter is searching for images that represent great planning in Iowa to add to the design of the Chapter website at www.iowa-apa.org. Submitted images need to be 872px wide by 150px tall. Please e-mail images to Seana Perkins at seana@ameschamber.com and reference the photographer, contact information and the location that the photo was taken. If chosen, the image will be included on the APA Iowa Chapter website.

Board Position Available

APA Iowa is searching for volunteers to serve as APA Iowa's Chapter Development Program Area Chair. The opening was created when Melissa Edsill Tiedemann was elected Treasurer.

The job description: "Work to maintain and grow the membership of the Chapter, as well as engage members in order to sustain the viability of the organization and the services it provides."

Please email Rich Russell at russell@cityofdubuque.org by March 12, 2012 if you are interested in serving our chapter in this role.

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