



Michigan Association of Planning **SPRING RESILIENCE SUMMIT | May 8, 2024**

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7:30 - 8:30 am | Registration, Networking and Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 9:30 am | Welcome and Opening Keynote | 1 CM Law

Oday Salim, Director of the University of Michigan Law School's Environmental Law and Sustainability Clinic and Attorney for the National Wildlife Federation, will provide an environmental justice perspective on the history, present, and future of zoning and land use planning.

Opening Remarks: Andrea Brown, AICP, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Planning, and **Ronda Wuycheck**, Water Resources Division, Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy

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9:30 - 10:15 am | State Level Leadership - Impacting Resilience | .75 CM

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) has oversized - and positive - impacts on communities through innovative policies, investments in planning and projects, and best practices to assist municipalities to implement their own policies, plans, and implementation tools. State agency leaders will weave the story of collective strategies that elevate Michigan as a leader in water management.

Emily Finnell, Great Lakes Senior Advisor and Strategist, EGLE | **Melissa Letosky**, Coastal Waters Coordinator, EGLE

Donna Cervelli, PE, CFM, Floodplain Engineer, Voluntary Wetlands Restoration Program, EGLE

Moderator: Adam Arend, Coastal Community Development Coordinator, Michigan Coastal Management Program, EGLE

10:15 - 10:30 am | Networking Break

10:30 - 11:15 am | Planning for Infrastructure Resilience | .75 CM

This session highlights how the City of Marquette, heavily supported by the Superior Watershed Partnership, created a long-term vision and implemented resilience efforts for a one-mile section of heavily damaged shoreline in the City of Marquette. Utilizing multiple NOAA Coastal Zone Management grants, the City was able to have a community-based plan in place that led to funding opportunities from FEMA, the National Fish and Wildlife Federation, USDA Forest Service - Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and the Federal Maritime Administration to accomplish their goal of implementing the first living revetment in the State of Michigan to serve as a model for all coastal communities.

Dennis Stachewicz, Community Development Director, City of Marquette

11:15 - 11:30 am | Networking Break

11:30 am - 12:30 pm | Choose Your Own Adventure | 1 CM

Gallery Walk

The Watershed Game | *Beaumont Room*

This interactive and informal event provides the opportunity for attendees to stroll among stations and ask the experts about grant opportunities and resources to implement resiliency projects. It's YOUR time to network and learn.

Michigan Coastal Management Program

Grant Opportunities

Michigan Economic Development Corporation

Redevelopment Readiness Resilience Toolkit

Michigan Green Communities

Michigan Sea Grant

Michigan Coastal Resilience Resource Hub

The Watershed Game (WSG) is an interactive tool that helps individuals understand the connection between land use, water quality, and resilience to community flooding. Participants learn how a variety of land uses impact water and natural resources, increase their knowledge of best management practices (BMPs), and learn how their choices can prevent adverse impacts (limited to 25 players).

Moderators:

Leah DuMouchel, AICP, Michigan Association of Planning

Wendy Rampson, AICP, Michigan Association of Planning

12:30 - 2:15 pm | Keynote Luncheon: New and Improved All Hazard Mitigation Plans | .75 CM

Hazard Mitigation Plans are typically “owned” and developed by city and/or county emergency management departments, and they typically look at historical hazards to try and determine where to invest dollars today. They often do not take into account climate change, equity, social and ecological justice, or sustainability. These plans provide communities with a fantastic opportunity to integrate sustainability, climate and equity initiatives, and framing into a federally mandated document. This opens up funding opportunities for proactive climate action while also providing support to prioritize action in their most marginalized and disenfranchised communities. It also reduces duplication of vulnerability and risk assessments that are done in resilience and adaptation plans.

Baja, CFM, Director of Direct Support & Innovation, Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN)

2:15 - 2:30 pm | Networking Break

2:30 - 3:30 pm | Flood Management and Green Infrastructure Solutions | 1 CM

Flooding is the most damaging natural disaster in the world, and the impacts will continue to increase due to population growth in flood prone areas, more intense storms, and aging infrastructure. Green infrastructure can provide long-term and cost effective solutions to flooding and can help communities adapt to climate change. Michigan municipalities, counties and regions are implementing a range of solutions to mitigate the impacts.

Andrew Niedzinski, City Manager, City of Vassar | **Marcy Hamilton**, SW MI Planning Commission

Ricky Ackerman, Chief Sustainability Officer, Eastside Community Network

Moderator: Ceara O’Leary, AIA, Professor of Practice, University of Detroit Mercy

3:30 - 3:45 pm | Networking Break

3:45 - 4:30 pm | Closing Plenary | Experience Session | .75 CM

This facilitated, general closing session will provide participants with the opportunity to exchange thoughts about the day’s sessions, network and engage with peers, ask questions of the presenters who are able to stay to the end, and share personal experiences and anecdotes that relate to the day’s topics. This “experience session” is back by popular demand and closes the day on an intimate note. A rare opportunity to informally discuss and dig deeper into the institute’s themes.

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