

All around us, we're seeing changes and unprecedented challenges.

Economic, demographic, social, and technological trends are reshaping what problems we face, how we face them, and who faces them.

As leaders who are planning for the future well-being of the people and communities we serve, now more than ever we need the knowledge, flexibility, and skills to think in new ways and use new tools and technologies. We must be prepared to help our organizations lead and support community progress in the challenging times to come.

On March 2-4, join us as community planning leaders and practitioners from all across the United States gather in Austin. We will spend three days exploring emerging "big picture" issues and the practical implications of change ... exchanging real-life success stories as well as challenges and concerns ... gaining information and insights from national experts ... then seeing latest technological tools in action and learning how we can use them affordably to enhance many aspects of our work.

Past attendees say,

"I come to learn, to be inspired, and to build valuable networks with colleagues in other communities."

"Even in years when budgets are tight and I can only go to one conference, this is the conference I never miss."

Space is limited; register today!



National Association of Planning Councils Annual Conference

March 2-4, 2009, in Austin, Texas

Hyatt Regency Town Lake (please make hotel reservations by February 2nd)

Session topics will include:

- Community Planning 101
- Preparing for the impact of the new Census changes on community planning
- Drivers of change—what they mean for human services and local communities
- The economy—U.S. and global changes; community planning implications
- Using 21st-century tools to address 21st-century problems
- Increasing effectiveness in public policy development, research, and analysis
- Being heard and making a difference—tools that amplify your message
- Community planning in a digital world—new tools for community engagement
- Tapping the mature workforce—baby boomer retirees seeking encore careers in nonprofits

Also, breakfast roundtables on community disaster response ... developing a continuum of services ... funders roundtables ... community engagement for "the perfect storm" of unprecedented changes ... creative responses for organizational survival in bad economic times

Speakers will include: (Visit the website for full agenda and more speakers)

- **Jerry Friedman**, Exec. Director, American Public Human Services Association
- **Heidi Shierholz**, Economist, Economic Policy Institute
- **Susan Schechter**, Chief, American Community Survey Office, Census Bureau
- **Taylor Willingham**, founder, Texas Forums; faculty, University of Illinois

Local host: Community Action Network (CAN)

Please visit NAPC's website for more conference information, registration form, how to make hotel reservations, and visitor information about Austin:

www.communityplanning.org



The National Association of Planning Councils (NAPC) fosters the unique profession of community planning. It is committed to advancing the process of bringing people together to identify needs and work toward solutions.

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