

DAVID L. WECHNER, M.S. AICP

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A proven professional in both private and public sector land use planning and project management, skilled in communication and problem-solving, with a strong interest in cost-effective, sustainable approaches to community development.

LAND USE PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- As Planning / Building Director of Sherwood, one of the fastest growing cities in Oregon, hired and trained an entire department of new staff, supervising an 11-member team to address all aspects of planning and development, and be fully functional in six months.
- Prepared annual budget and revenue forecasts, including an audit of the (privately contracted) Sherwood Building Department. The resulting decision to bring the Department in-house with city employees saved over \$100k in the initial year.
- While serving as lead public official in three municipal jurisdictions, facilitate consensus among stakeholders: developers, neighborhood and environmental groups, and other agencies to develop policies regarding development and natural resource uses.
- In Vancouver and Island County WA, Sherwood and Josephine County, OR authored amendments to Comprehensive Plans and ordinances addressing: Urban Agriculture; Wireless Communications; Signs; Procedures; Old Town Design Standards; Airport Safety; On-Site Density Transfer, Home Occupations and Initiative-502 (WA).
- Active in leading workshops and delivering presentations before Planning Commissions, County Boards and City Councils on a broad range of planning topics. Trained Josephine and Island County staff in public hearing presentations, report-writing and customer service techniques.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT

- As AKS Project Manager, led interdisciplinary teams on residential, commercial, industrial and public land development projects, relaying client directives to staff to produce project deliverables on time and within budget. Team members included: surveyors, civil and traffic engineers, wetland biologists, geotechnical engineers, structural and landscape architects. Implemented the SmartGov permit tracking system in Island County.
- In roles as public-sector Planner and Principal at AKS, provided research and site analysis regarding environmental and zoning regulations, implemented new permit review processes and LEAN management principles.

DOCUMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Author of comprehensive staff reports regarding projects and public policy, with findings and recommendations that withstand legal challenge. Member of discussion panels in presentations at state and regional conferences on environmental, agency administration and development issues.
- In serving private clients, created project Scope of Services, supervised staff in design of development proposals. Reviewed all prepared plan sets, documents, illustrations and photographs, compiling and editing the entire package for submittal to agencies for project approval. Prepared municipal department budgets in concise, clear format.

EMPLOYMENT

DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT Island County, WA (2013-2015)

PLANNING DIRECTOR Josephine County, OR (2011- 13)

PRINCIPAL AKS Engineering and Forestry, LLC Vancouver WA (2005-08)

PLANNING CONSULTANT Wechner Consulting Vancouver, WA / Tigard, OR (1997-00; 2004-05; present)

PLANNING AND BUILDING DIRECTOR City of Sherwood, OR (2000-04)

PRINCIPAL PLANNER Growth Management Division, CDD City of Vancouver, WA (1997-99)

SENIOR, ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER I/II Planning Division, DCD Clark County, WA (1990-97)

EDUCATION

Graduate Degree in Environmental Studies focused on management of natural resources in an interdisciplinary program of: Land Use Planning, Geography and Environmental Law.
Undergraduate Degree in Psychology emphasized scientific research and counseling.

M.S. ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES
University of Oregon Eugene, OR

B.S. PSYCHOLOGY
Washington State University Pullman, WA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS / RECOGNITION

ADVISORY BOARD, COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN AND DRAFTING PROGRAM CLARK COLLEGE, 2006-08

MEMBER, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PLANNERS (INDUCTED 2001)

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER'S 1998 ANNUAL AWARD
Washington State Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

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