

SENIOR PLANNER – FUTURE URBAN DEVELOPMENT AREA PLANNING

The Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) serves as the regional planning and area wide water quality management planning entity for the Dane County region, consistent with §66.0309, Wis. Stats. and state Administrative Code NR 121. The Commission is charged with the duty of preparing and adopting a master plan for the physical development of the region, and maintaining a continuing area wide water quality management planning process in order to manage, protect, and enhance the water resources of the region, including consideration of the relationship of water quality to land and water resources and uses.

Position Summary

The Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC) is the lead agency for the Capital Region Sustainable Communities Consortium (CRSCC). The CRSCC received a three-year Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant (SCRPG) from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to refine and execute a “regional plan for sustainable development.” The CARPC will execute one component of this regional plan by coordinating intergovernmental efforts to prepare detailed plans for long-term sustainable development, also called Future Urban Development Area (FUDA) planning, in areas throughout the region. The Senior Planner is a project-term position, funded for up to three years through the SCRPG, to carry out FUDA planning.

The FUDA planning process is part of the agreement that created the CARPC. The intent of FUDA planning is to protect sensitive natural resources, promote efficient development, and preserve farmland through cooperative planning for long-term growth. The first step is an evaluation of the community and environmental capacities and limitations for urban development of areas around and within urban and urbanizing parts of the region. The second step is a collaborative process of developing and evaluating alternative growth scenarios. The Senior Planner position works with a team of professionals and citizens to conduct community assessments, prepare alternative development scenarios, estimate impacts, such as fiscal and environmental, of the growth options, and facilitate a planning and decision-making process to craft a preferred scenario that is achievable, measurable and consistent with adopted local and regional goals. The FUDA process is expected to result in a growth plan for each urban service area, submitted to local communities and the CARPC for review and approval, and updated every five years. Once a FUDA plan has been adopted for an urban service area, all expansions of that urban service area boundary are expected to be consistent with the FUDA plan.

Knowledge & Abilities

The following competencies are needed for the successful employee:

- Skill in participatory and collaborative community planning; preference will be given to candidates with experience in planning and conducting charrettes.

- Ability to work with multiple communities concurrently.
- Ability to translate complex information into concepts understandable to the public.
- Skill in preparing community plans such as comprehensive plans that evaluate alternative development scenarios.
- Ability to work with a diverse group of professionals to gather the necessary information to address community growth issues and environmental impact analysis and mitigation.
- Working familiarity with ArcGIS.
- Preference will be given to candidates with experience using scenario modeling tools and software, and with conducting impact analysis studies, in the context of comprehensive plan preparation.
- Preference for experience in demographic and statistical modeling.

Minimum Education and Experience

The following qualifications and characteristics are needed for the successful employee:

- Graduate degree in urban planning or related field.
- Two years of work experience in participatory community development planning. Additional work experience is desirable.
- AICP certification is strongly desired.
- Ability to attend evening meetings.
- Access to a dependable car, and ability to drive to different municipalities in the region.
- High energy and enthusiasm.

Salary Range:

Range 15

FLSA Exempt

How to Apply

Please email resume in PDF or Microsoft Word, including three references to ChrisG@CapitalAreaRPC.org or mail resume and work samples to:

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