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Creating Great Communities for All

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Welcome to our quarterly email newsletter! In it, you'll find quick updates, training opportunities, and news from other divisions to supplement our long-form magazine. Please feel free to provide feedback or submit news items to the FPD communications team at federalplanning@gmail.com.

FPD HISTORY

Happy 40th Anniversary!

The Federal Planning Division (originally named the Federal Installation Planners Division) was established in September 1986. It was first announced in the division's newsletter called "Federal Planners Network" in the summer of 1986. Col. Dale Scheideman's article highlighted the division purpose as the application of comprehensive planning principles to federal installations with permanent residential and/or employment populations.

The focus of the division was on planning policies, techniques, and procedures that improve the quality of life for the many individuals who live and/or work on such facilities. We think the over 100 charter members would be proud that we still uphold these values today. Congratulations on 40 years of service to the nation, and the impact you've made planning great communities.

We hope to celebrate this milestone with you during the FPD Annual Training Workshop **16-17 June 2026** in Washington! (More on that below.)

FPD PLANNING AWARDS PROGRAM

Submissions for 2025

In case you missed it, the FPD awards window is now open for submissions through 25 April 2026. Find all the information about submitting a project, person, or place for one of these prestigious awards here: https://federal.planning.org/conferences-and-meetings/division-awards/

- Direct link to form: https://form.jotform.com/samedcprograms/2025-APAFPD-AwardsForm
- For questions, contact FPDProgramSubmittals@gmail.com.

If you are interested in being a juror for the awards process, please reach out to Diana De Gonzalez, FPD awards chair.



CONTINUING EDUCATION

Upcoming DoD Master Planning Institute Course

Do you want to elevate your planning practice and achieve needed AICP CM credits? Consider signing up for virtual Master Planning Institute courses, including the upcoming advanced course being offered from 21-23 April. Click here to view a flyer with more details, or find out more about the program here: https://northern.virginia.edu/department-of-defense-master-planning-institute/



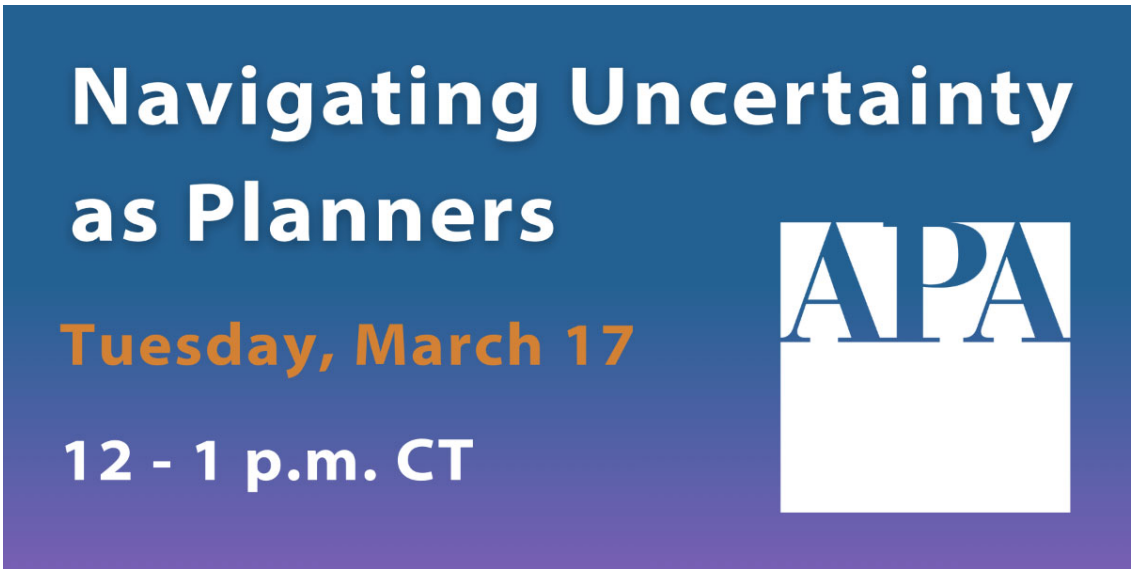
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FPD at NPC

Are you headed to the American Planning Association's National Planning Conference in Detroit? (If you are, let us know here!) Keep a look out for a few Federal Planning Division executive committee members that will also be attending. The Federal Planning Division professional development officers reviewed all of the available sessions and found a few to be applicable and informative to our members involved in federal planning efforts. If you are attending NPC26, don't miss these:

- What's Next for Federal Funding?
- The Future of Federal Housing and Transportation Policy
- Digital Transformation of Policy Planning and Practice
- Creating a Powerful Public-Private Partnership
- From Politics to Points: Data-Driven Capital Planning
- Building Resiliency in Coastal Communities in Macomb County
- The 2026 Trend Report: Emerging Trends and Signals

NPC26 website: https://www.planning.org/conference/



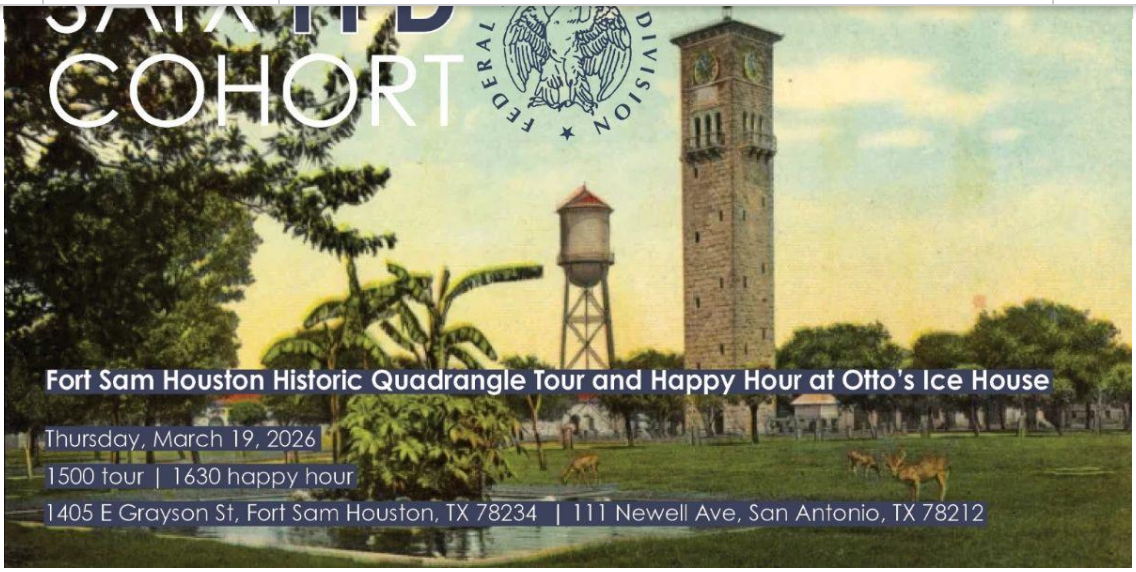


If you can't join the live trend session at NPC26, don't worry: The 2026 Trend Report for Planners is also available to download. Click here to check it out.

FPD IN YOUR TOWN

FPD Regional Cohorts

Cohorts are organizing! See below for upcoming events. Reach out to federalplanning@gmail.com if you're interested in starting a cohort in your local area. If you live in one of our cohort cities, reach out to the leaders to get added to the mailing list.


COHORT
FEDERAL DIVISION
Fort Sam Houston Historic Quadrangle Tour and Happy Hour at Otto's Ice House
Thursday, March 19, 2026
1500 tour | 1630 happy hour
1405 E Grayson St, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234 | 111 Newell Ave, San Antonio, TX 78212


ATLANTA
APA FEDERAL PLANNING
DIVISION COHORT
Inaugural Virtual Happy Hour
March 19, 2026 - 6PM
Sign Up Here:

PITTSBURGH, PA

APA FPD REGIONAL COHORT

NETWORKING MEET-UP!

Join fellow federal planners from across Pittsburgh for a relaxed happy hour meet-up to connect, collaborate, and chat! Come share insight and strengthen our local federal planning community!

Thursday April, 2nd 2026

5:30-7:30 PM

The Finch
559 South 2nd Street
Floor 6
Pittsburgh, PA 15219







ANNUAL TRAINING WORKSHOP

Watch this Space

Planning is well under way for the FPD Annual Training Workshop in partnership with the SAME Washington DC Post. The dates are locked, and you should plan to be at the National Press Club on 16-17 June for engaging

should be launching **VERY SOON**! Workshop space will be at a premium this year, so make sure you stay tuned for details.

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