



American Planning Association
Making Great Communities Happen

APA's National Centers for Planning conduct applied, policy-relevant research to identify, evaluate, develop, and disseminate best practices that address critical issues for the planning profession.

NATIONAL CENTERS FOR PLANNING

GREEN COMMUNITIES



The Green Communities Center advances practices that improve environmental quality, address climate change, and reduce development impacts on natural resources.

Research Priorities

- Green/blue infrastructure
- Green energy
- Green transportation

Representative Project

Greater Baltimore Wilderness: APA is part of a team led by The Conservation Fund that is developing a plan for a green infrastructure network to increase resilience in the Baltimore-Annapolis region. This project is made possible through funding administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

For more information on the Green Communities Center contact David Rouse, AICP, at drouse@planning.org.

HAZARDS PLANNING



The Hazards Planning Center advances practices that promote resilience by reducing the impacts of natural and human-made disasters on communities and regions.

Research Priorities

- Hazard mitigation
- Post-disaster recovery
- Climate change adaptation

Representative Project

Subdivision Design and Flood Hazard Areas: APA is working in partnership with the Association of State Floodplain Managers to develop guidance for local communities to address flood hazard issues in subdivision and related land development regulations. This project is made possible through funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

For more information on the Hazards Planning Center contact Jim Schwab, AICP, at jschwab@planning.org.

PLANNING AND COMMUNITY HEALTH



The Planning and Community Health Center advances practices that improve human environments to promote public health through active living, healthy eating, and health in all planning policies.

Research Priorities

- Active living
- Food systems
- Health in all planning policies

Representative Project

The Future of Health Impact Assessment (HIA) in Planning: APA is part of a national initiative to promote the use of HIA as integral to planning practice and as a decision-making tool for policymakers. The project builds on APA's previous work in HIA, including a free online training course. This project is made possible through support from the *Health Impact Project*.

For more information on the Planning and Community Health Center contact Anna Ricklin, AICP, at aricklin@planning.org.