

## Stephen D. Villavaso, FAICP

**Forty years of concentrated and innovative application of the skills of professional urban and regional planning as required by local, regional and national issues and projects, including innovative approaches to land use, zoning, Smart Growth planning techniques, brownfields and grantwriting for professional planners.**

**CEO of Villavaso & Associates, LLC, a Louisiana Professional planning consulting firm since 1992. Currently composed of six professional planners working on dozens of zoning and planning projects across the state of Louisiana. Also an Adjunct Professor of Land Use and Zoning Law at the University of New Orleans for the past twenty years. And currently serving as advisor to the Board of Directors of the American Planning Association in the capacity as Chairman of all of the forty-six state chapters that make up the American Planning Association.**

### **Specific Experience and Projects include:**

#### **1. Land Use Planning**

**Master Planner** for the following towns and cities in Louisiana:

Land Use Plan and Master Plan adopted: Monroe, Louisiana (2013)

Land Use Plan and Master Plan adopted: Sulphur, Louisiana (2012)

Land Use Plan (under review): Thibodaux (2012)

Land Use Plan and Master Plan adopted: Scott, Louisiana (2012)

Land use Plan and the 2011 Master Plan for the City of Covington, Louisiana.

Land Use Plan and Annexation Expert Witness assistance to the Town of New Llano, Louisiana (2009-2012).

Land Use Plan and Master Pan for the City of Harahan, Louisiana (2009-present).

Land Use Plan and Master Plan for the Town of Sulphur, Louisiana (2009 – present).

Land Use Plan and Master Plan for the Village of Folsom, Louisiana (2009-2011).

Land Use Plan and Master Plan for the City of Slidell, Louisiana (2007-2010).

Land Use Plan for Cameron Parish. **Master Planner** for the Parish for a complete re-writes of the zoning and subdivision regulations as part of a long term recovery strategy. Created the first GIS-shape file based Land Use plan for the Parish. (2007-2008),

Disaster Recovery Planning for the City Of New Orleans: **Master Planner** for the team selected to develop the Citywide Infrastructure Recovery Plan in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Funded by a grant package of over \$5 million led by the Rockefeller Foundation, this project is tasked with developing the master recovery plan to rebuild New Orleans and to serve as the plan/program to seek resources long term to implement the plan (2006-present).

Recovery Planning Program for the City of Lafayette: **Master Planner** for the Recovery Plan for the City of Lafayette in order to plan, mitigate and utilize the scarce resources available in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita in 2005. Hired by the City to develop a short-range plan for implementation and blending with the long range needs of the area. (2005- present)

Transportation and Community and System Preservation (TCSP) Program with US DOT for the New Orleans Region which linked transportation solutions to land use planning strategies: **Land Use Planner and Zoning Manager** on the team: To investigate and address the relationship between transportation and community and system preservation. Model plan based on a national grant competition award. (**Principal Grant writer** for the Regional Planning Commission also.) (2000-2002)

New Orleans- City of New Orleans 1999 Land Use Plan – **Senior Land Use Planner and Zoning Manager** on the first update of the Land Use Plan of the City of New Orleans since 1970. Responsible for the design of the methodology of the project with particular emphasis on the citizen participation aspects of the project – through a series of almost 100 neighborhood “charrettes” (workshops) to empower each neighborhood in the development of the new plan. This Land Use Plan was adopted in 1999 and will lead to the new Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance and a Master Plan Update for the City. (1996 –2000)

Assistant City Attorney: **Counsel for Planning and Development** - the City of New Orleans (reporting directly to the Mayor - Ernest N. Morial) (1983-1984). A new position created in Mayor’s office to provide the link between planning policy and legal issues. Project included: major public-private partnerships in the City, including New Orleans Centre (Edward J. DeBartolo project), Louis Armstrong Park Mixed Use Development, the City's Foreign Trade Zone and the 1984 World's Fair (Rivercenter/Rouse Company project).

Mayor’s Office of Analysis and Planning- **Director of the Mayor’s Office of Analysis and Planning** - Mayor's Office, City of New Orleans (1978-1981). Managed and directed this new and innovative tool for Mayor’s offices, included the entire Mayor's staff of policy planners (over sixty planning professionals) in the areas of transportation, environmental, recreation, data management/analysis, neighborhood planning and grants management. Projects included City's First Recreation Recovery Plan, the first planning analysis of the seventy-three neighborhood profiles, the City's First Environmental Strategy, a major multi-modal transportation alternatives analysis.

The Louisiana Statewide Transit Plan –**Project Manager and Author** of the first Comprehensive Statewide Transit Plan. The methodology of the plan included a city-by-city inventory of assets and a needs inventory of all transit systems. This approach was the first system approach to transit planning on a statewide basis. (1998) Adopted by the Louisiana DOTD in 1989.

The Southeast Louisiana Regional Magnetic Levitation Feasibility Team (MAGLEV team): **Principal Land Use Planner** and Community Participation Team Responsible for land use and citizen participation components of the feasibility study. This study was a national competition for a \$1 billion demo grant to build a test track. Traveled to Germany as part of the technical team to investigate land use impacts. (2000-2002) Follow-up Project: **Principal Planner**: Land Use Analysis on the one-mile preferred corridor using the latest GIS planning tools. This was a first application effort. (2003)

## 2. Zoning

**Project Director** for the following Zoning Ordinance updates for cities and towns in Louisiana:

Zoning Ordinance and Map update: Sulphur, Louisiana (under review) (2014)

Zoning ordinance and Map: Scott, Louisiana (under review) (2014)

Zoning Ordinance and Map: Central, Louisiana (text: 2013; map 2014) (under review)

Zoning Ordinance and map: Monroe, Louisiana adopted (2013)

Zoning Ordinance and Map adopted: St. Francisville, Louisiana (2013)

Zoning Ordinance and Map update for the City of Covington, Louisiana (2006-2001).

Zoning Ordinance and Map Update for the Town of Livingston, Louisiana (2009-2012).

Zoning Ordinance and Map update for the Town of St. Francisville, Louisiana (2009-present).

Town Center Code Development and Pattern Book for the City of Central, Louisiana (2011-present).

Zoning Code and Map update for the City of Thibodaux (2012-present).

Zoning Ordinance and Map update for the City of New Orleans (2010 – present).

Bossier City, Louisiana: **Land Use and Zoning Legal Manager** for a new Municipal Development Code for the City of Bossier City, Louisiana. First update and re-write of the Code in twenty years. (2001-2003)

Harahan, Louisiana: **Project Director** for the continuing six-year effort to write, adopt and implement a new Comprehensive Plan for the City of Harahan, Louisiana. Following the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan in 2001, directed a lot-by-lot “Land Based Classification System” application of every lot in the city. This first effort led to an award winning result of a picture-based database for use in future land use planning and zoning decisions. A new Zoning Map and Ordinance followed this. Award winning project with the Louisiana APA Chapter (1998-present)

New Orleans, Louisiana: **Project Director /Zoning Technical Advisor** for the City’s proposed (first in thirty years) zoning ordinance (including maps and text). Participated in every public meeting and hearing regarding the public process of adopting a new zoning map and ordinance. On behalf of numerous private and public clients and the past three Planning Directors of the City and their staffs have participated in the resolution of hundreds of technical map and text issues to make this a model ordinance. (1997-present)

Jefferson Parish Planning and Zoning Studies: **Senior Research Associate** - College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of New Orleans. Managed numerous environmental and planning research projects. Projects include zoning, planning, land use studies, environmental regulations analysis and various research projects regarding the analysis, management and redevelopment of Brownfield sites. Major publications are listed in other sections of this resume. (1997-2002). Several major projects award nominees and winners: the Airline Drive Commercial Parkway Overlay Zone Feasibility Study won a Louisiana APA award.

Non Profit clients: Volunteer of America and Gulf Coast Teaching, Inc: **Project Director** on numerous land use and zoning projects, including: group home permitting, Federal Sanction Centers and Single Room Occupancy (SRO) projects. In each of these projects major land use and zoning decisions resulted from zoning/planning dispute resolution. This tool was a first approach for these groups in establishing the right of use and the correct solution for neighborhoods. The Federal Sanction Center was a national first for this land use as a tool for returning federal felons into community life. The “single room occupancy” project pioneered this innovative housing technique for homeless persons. (1997-2003)

**Project Director** for local public bodies and sheriffs in the establishment of the proper role of correctional facilities in the context of zoning controls. Pioneered the use of voluntary “conditional use” permitting as a method of intergovernmental cooperation in a model ordinance developed in New Orleans. (1995-2002)

**Project Director:** Cell Towers Ordinance: Authored and assisted in the implementation of the major Cell Tower Ordinance tools in the implementation of the congressional laws regarding cell towers in Jefferson Parish and New Orleans, Louisiana. (1999-2001)

**Project Director:** Bed and Breakfasts/Historic Home Zoning in New Orleans: Authored and pioneered this new approach for B&B uses in historically significant structures; worked with neighborhood groups regarding the conversion of historic residential and industrial buildings into controlled bed and breakfast uses as a means of neighborhood stability and historic preservation. (2002-present)

### 3. Comprehensive Planning/Master Plans

City of New Orleans: **Master Planner** and Lead local planning firm on the national team that wrote and coordinated the adoption of the first master Plan in the history of the City of New Orleans (January 26, 2010). The plan was recognized with a national planning award in 2011 by the American Planning Association at their National Conference in Boston.

City of Covington: Comprehensive Plan (Update): **Master Planner**. Directed a multi-year, citizen participation-based methodology to update the City's comprehensive plan. Held over twenty neighborhood meeting and almost fifty individual meetings with major stakeholders in the city of about 9,000 to develop a long term, smart growth approach to long range planning. (2005- present).

City of Slidell: Master Plan (Phase I): **Master Land Use Planner**. Directed this first update of the Master Plan in over twenty years to develop a new land use plan for this growing city of over 25,000. (2002-2004)

City of Kenner: Major Street Plan. **Project Director and Author** of the first Major Street Plan for the City. This effort led to and was part of the first Comprehensive Plan (Master Plan) for the City. (1978-1980)

City of Harahan: **Project Director and Author:** First Comprehensive Plan for the City (1997-2001) and new Zoning Ordinance and map (2001-present). Award winning project: Louisiana APA.

City of New Orleans: **Principal Land Use Planner**. Land Use Plan (adopted 1999) Louisiana APA award winning project; Master Plan Elements (first efforts): Environmental, Infrastructure and Community Facilities (1999-present): responsible for land use and zoning implications of each element. These new elements are first-ever efforts for the City.

Armstrong Park: **Project Director/Mayor's Office**. Public Private Partnership of a major urban park area near the French Quarter: Economic Development and Community Redevelopment: Project Director (1979-1983)

Piazza D'Italia Public Park and Plaza: **Project Director/Mayor's Office**. Economic redevelopment of historic buildings in the warehouse district using EDA and HUD funding to plan and coordinate new uses and the creation of jobs in accordance with community participation and public private partnerships. The project started almost twenty years ago and is now the site of new first-class hotel in the business sector of New Orleans (1979-1982).

New Orleans East- **Director of Planning and Environmental Affairs**. New Orleans East Inc., (1981-1984). Responsible for environmental permits, planning studies, zoning and subdivision permits for the development of the first new community in the region consisting of twenty-eight thousand (28,000) acres of land in the City. First-ever planning work included the development of a comprehensive "New Town" including all aspects of urban development and infrastructure. Responsible for direction and coordination of staff and project team

(engineers, planners, attorneys and specialists) for all necessary federal, state and local permits. The project was an award-winning project from both HUD and EDA.

New Orleans East Renaissance Plan: **Project Director/Master Planner** on a comprehensive plan for neighborhoods comprising one-fifth of the City of New Orleans, including 100,000 persons and 135 square miles of land. A four-year planning effort that includes all aspects and strategies of a Master Plan for this part of the City. Land Use, Zoning and Transportation are but three of fifteen elements of the plan. The use of the Renaissance Planning tool was a first effort for a major section of the City. This effort has resulted in the first Comprehensive Plan for this area. (1999-present)

New Orleans International Airport Planning: **Project Manager and Master Planner**- The Long-Range Capital Improvement Plan for New Orleans International Airport – Managed and developed the first long range planning and capital improvement plan in the history of New Orleans International Airport. This plan led to a project grant request to the Federal Aviation Administration of over \$100 million. This plan has led to an annual update and a comprehensive planning approach being used for all future capital projects at the airport. (1985-1989).

Major Drainage Plan for St. Mary Parish, Louisiana – **Project Director** of the first HUD “701” Drainage Plan for the fastest growing county in the oil/gas corridor of Southwest Louisiana. The project considered technical drainage solutions and land use controls balanced with a strong citizen participation element. (1976-1978)

Covington, Louisiana: **Project Director and Principal Planner**. Growth Management Plan for one of seven cities in the fastest growing county in the State of Louisiana. The Growth Management System supported by Act 159 in St. Tammany Parish is based on a revenue sharing concept linked to actual services-provided. While annexation is an important aspect of the approach, it is not the primary concept on which growth is directed. Growth is managed by a mutually agreed plan and implemented via a revenue sharing approach. Parallel land use, zoning and permit regulations have also been adopted in each participating community. Most of these new regulations and laws will take effect in November 2003 or later. (2001-2004)

#### **Other Comprehensive Planning applications in an international setting: Honduras**

Based on a commitment of millions of dollars of U.S. aid from the World Bank following the destruction caused by Hurricane Mitch the following project was commissioned by USAID in order to facilitate the reconstruction of the country of Honduras. The first application of planning and economic development tools in the redevelopment of Honduras: **Co-Principal Investigator and Author**. “Strengthening and Simplification of Business Registration and the Licensing Process in Honduras,” published by USAID and the University of New Orleans in 2002. The project investigated all aspects of economic development in the context of land redevelopment and regulations. Benchmarked planning/economic development systems in Costa Rica and El Salvador. (2000-2003)

#### **4. Expert Witness Experience**

**Recognized as an Expert Witness in numerous courts (Federal and State) in Louisiana and Mississippi in the areas of land use planning, zoning and Master Planning. Case issues include: annexation issues, zoning disputes, fair housing, expropriation conflicts and other similar land use issues. Partial client list includes: the United States Department of Justice, the City of Lafayette, Louisiana; the Town of New Llano, Louisiana; the Town of Henderson, Louisiana; and several private corporations and individual land owners. See list:**

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Major Case List 1990 - present**

<b>Case Name</b>	<b>Case Number</b>	<b>Court</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
Town of Henderson Annexation; Dandridge v. Jefferson Parish School Board; OT Properties v. St. Charles Parish; Progressive Waste v. LCG; et al.	various	various	In progress: 2012-present
St. Tammany Parish v. Concerned Citizens of Lacombe, Inc., et al.	Case No. 2011-11620	22 <sup>nd</sup> Judicial District, Parish of St. Tammany	201--2011
Town of New Llano v. City of Leesville	Case No. 76442 973So2d952	Vernon Parish, State of Louisiana	2009-2010
Thelma and Richard Berry v. Volunteers of America, et al.	64So2d347	24 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court for the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana	2007
Volunteers of America v. City of New Orleans	No. 2002-C-0940	Supreme Court of Louisiana	May 31, 2002
Greg Huber and Belinda Whittington Huber v. City of New Orleans	Appeal denied; not reported	Civil District Court, Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana	2003-2005
Palermo v. Planning Commission of Calcasieu Parish, et al.	No. 89-C-2562 561So2d482	Supreme Court of Louisiana	1990
Jenniskens, et al. v. Parish of Jefferson	No. 06-CA-252 940So2d209	Court of Appeal of Louisiana, Fifth Circuit	October 17, 2006
NDR Enterprises LLC v. Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government	Appeal denied, not reported	32 <sup>nd</sup> Judicial District, Parish of Terrebonne, State of Louisiana	2005/2007
H&H, LLC v. CWI – White Oaks Landfill, Inc. LLC	3:04CV0977 212FedAppx309	United States District Court, Western District of Louisiana, Monroe Division	2005/2007

## 5. Teaching/Mentoring Professional Development

**Adjunct Professor** at the University of New Orleans (1988-present): Developed numerous courses and currently teach graduate urban planning courses in urban law, growth management and grantwriting for planners. Teach at least one graduate course each semester. Numerous guest lectures in allied professions and currently developing a new graduate course in “The Planner’s Role in Brownfields Projects” to be taught in the fall of 2006.

**Land Use and Zoning Law:** Twenty-five years of teaching the only course in land use law and zoning law for professional urban planners in Louisiana and Mississippi. Professional, graduate based course in land use and zoning law. (1986-present)

**Growth Management and Environmental Tools and Techniques for Planners:** The only qualified professor to teach this required land use course in the area of Smart Growth and Sustainability. This is a required course for professional planners. (1998-present)

**Grantwriting for Planners:** A self-created course for planners that is “hands-on” and writing-required. This first for the professional planning curriculum is now a standard course that fills up every summer. (1999-present)

**Guest Lecturer** (1985-present)- College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of New Orleans; School of Architecture and the School of Law, Tulane University (New Orleans); College of Engineering, University of Arkansas at Little Rock; College of Engineering, Arkansas State University (Jonesboro, Arkansas); Law School, Loyola University of the South (New Orleans, Louisiana) - numerous lectures (ten per year average) on land use law, zoning, ethics, grantwriting, solid waste management and legal/technical aspects of current state and federal laws regarding solid waste issues.

Lorman Continuing Education Courses: **Project Director/Lecturer.** Developed numerous courses and currently teach continuing education courses in Land Use, Zoning and Urban and Regional planning. New Orleans and other regional locations. (2000-present).

**Lecturer.** Teach and direct a variety of continuing education topics in brownfields, ethics, planning enabling legislation and grantwriting for various groups, including: Louisiana and Mississippi Bar Association, State Realtor groups, Planning Director’s organizations, the Urban Land Institute, regional public works groups, Rotary and other similar groups. (1985-present)

**Adjunct Professor,** Pennsylvania State University, Rockefeller Foundation Program in Urban Planning and Development (2007/2008/2010).

**Special Lecturer,** Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge: Urban Planning and Recovery Planning lectures in the Louisiana Levee School (2007 – 2011).

**Various Continuing Legal Education** courses for the Louisiana Bar Association (2000-present) and the Louisiana Chapter of the American Planning Association for training courses for public officials required to obtain state mandated training (pursuant to LRS 33.101, et Seq. and Act 859 of the 2004 Louisiana State Legislature in City Planning (2004-present).

## 6. Brownfields Redevelopment and Planning

Seven years of national and international leadership in the area of the role of planning in Brownfields Redevelopment projects. Began work in this area in 1996 as an inaugural member of the Planning Advisory

Committee of the City of New Orleans Brownfields Project and began writing grants for various planning agencies and municipalities to take advantage of new initiatives by EPA. Many of the projects are “first” efforts locally, regionally and nationally. The Center for Brownfields Initiatives is a “first” in the field of international brownfields/planning tools.

City of New Orleans: Pilot Brownfield Assessment Grant, Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan, Supplemental Assessment Grant: **lead writer, technical support, and project manager (1996-present)**  
**International City Management Association first and award winning video on citizen participation in brownfields: spokesman for the planning committee (1997)**

City of Westwego, Louisiana/Pilot Brownfield Assessment: **regional support team (2001-present)**

Regional Planning Commission/Pilot Brownfield Assessment Grant, Brownfield/Cleanup Revolving Loan Grant, and Supplemental Assessment Grant: **lead writer, technical support, and project director (1998-present) (First Regional Planning Brownfields--a ten-county scope-- project award in country.)**

Jefferson Parish/Pilot Brownfield Assessment: **author and technical support (2000-present)**

St. James Parish, Louisiana/Parish funded Brownfield Program: **lead writer and project director (2001-present)**

South Central Regional Planning/Pilot Brownfield Assessment Grant: **support writer and technical support (2001-present)**

City of Bossier City/Pilot Brownfield Assessment Grant (applied for): **support writer and technical support (2002-present)**

City of Kenner /City funded Brownfield Program: **lead writer and project director (2002-present)**

#### **Research Projects:**

Role of Institutional Controls in Brownfields: EPA/University of New Orleans: **co-principal investigator (2001-present)**

Brownfields? Video Series EPA/University of New Orleans: **senior technical advisor and lead spokesperson (2001-present)**

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality: **Technical/Research support/University of New Orleans: project director (2001-present)**

State of Florida Brownfields Data Management/University of New Orleans: **technical advisor**

Total grant amount from 1996 to present: **\$9,400,000.00 awarded**

#### **Publications:**

*The Brownfields Cookbook: A Regional Guide for Brownfields Redevelopment Projects*, New Orleans Regional Planning Commission, EPA grant, published 2000 (**author and project director**)

*The Role of Institutional Controls in Brownfields Projects (Zoning, Land Use and Land control mechanisms)*: EPA/University of New Orleans grant, published 2002 (**author and principal investigator**)

Brownfields presentations, seminars and keynote speeches – **Average of 25 presentations per year since 1999**: National Conference Presentations (1998-2002), EPA Regional Conferences (1999-2003), local and national APA, and allied professions: Keynote presentations, panel participation and paper presentations. First presentations at national meeting on the role of planning in Brownfields (APA, EPA Brownfields and Solid Waste Association of North America) projects, first presentations on the use of data tools in brownfields projects and the role of planners grantwriting skills in brownfields.

Co-Founder and Co-Director of the **Center for Brownfields Initiatives** at the University of New Orleans (2002) - and CO-DIRECTOR - (1/02-present). New Orleans, LA. In 2002 Mr. Villavaso co-founded and co-directs CBI. The Center is the first international research center at a public university focused on the role of brownfields in redevelopment projects. The Center is a research and service organizations working on projects and with the Office of Homeland Security and local communities on “first research” topics such the “Role of Brownfield Tools and Planning in Meth Lab Cleanups in Cities.”



CBI owns and manages the website: [www.brownfields.com](http://www.brownfields.com) the first and only worldwide web portal for brownfield issues. This web portal is the international standard for data tools and community planning tools in brownfields projects.

International Brownfields Projects:

Presentation at the first International Brownfields Conference in Cadiz, Spain: “*The Brownfields Cookbook: A Redevelopment Guide for Regional Planning*” (Sept 2002) (**Presentation and publication**)

Green Brownfields II – The first International Land Recycling meeting of the Green Party in Europe held in Hamburg, Germany (June, 2003): “*The Brownfields Cookbook*” (**publication only**)

Member Conference Management Committee, Presenter and author: Second International Brownfields Conference in Sienna, Italy: “*Intuitional Controls and Zoning in Brownfields Projects*” (June, 2004) (**Presenter and future publication**)

## 7. Solid Waste Management and Planning

Fifteen years applying the techniques of urban and regional planning to complex environmental and land use decisions in the area of solid waste management.

Landfills (national scope) and (regional applications) - **Site Planning and Development Manager:** Waste Management, Inc., (1989-1996). Developed the first planning models and constraint mapping tools for the location and siting of solid waste facilities in a ten-state area. Included the development of presentations and research papers for in-house training exercises and public dissemination at national and regional meetings and conferences. Also included the development of the first graduate course in Solid Waste Planning Principles and Techniques at the University of New Orleans (1998).

Regional Composting Project in Southeast Louisiana/Mississippi: **Project Director.** The first Regional Composting research feasibility study. Developed a model framework for regional planning organizations to manage and plan for composting solutions on a regional basis. (1996-2000)

NaturTech In-Vessel Composting Operation: **Project Director.** Feasibility Demonstration Project for the Southeast US for an “in vessel” composting solution for urbanized areas. (1999- 2003)  
Permit Application Requirements and regional impact analysis and location impact analysis.

Regional Solid Waste Management Plan in Mobile, Alabama: **Project Director.** As a waste disposal facility Chastang Landfill has been operated pre/post Subtitle D. Director of the multi year project to evaluate and recommend the first regional solution to the solid waste needs of the southeast Alabama region. (1998-2002)

The New Orleans/Southeast Louisiana Transfer Station Project - **Project Director:** This project involved community participation and citizen input regarding a comprehensive plan of property leases, community impacts, and transportation issues and solutions for a new approach to community solid waste needs. (1997-1999)

Comprehensive State Plan for Solid Waste for Arkansas: **Project Director:** A four-year project - the first effort based on a regional planning model for the analysis and strategy development for a statewide plan based on Regional Planning Districts and tools for solid waste for the State of Arkansas (1994-1997).

## 7. Leadership/Awards

College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners (**FAICP**) (2004)  
American Planning Association: **Charter Member** (1978)  
American Institute of Certified Planners: **Charter Member** (Number 3124) (1979)  
American Institute of Planners (1974-1981)  
American Society of Planning Officials (1976-1981)

President, Vice President-Louisiana Chapter APA, Secretary-Louisiana chapter APA, Chair Planning Enabling Legislation, Chair Legal committee, Conference Chair State Conference, National Conference Co-Chair of Host Committee

1974-1976 President: Urban Studies Students Association, University of New Orleans  
Editor: URBANOTES, Urban Studies Student newspaper (1979)  
Member: American Institute of Planners (joined as a graduate student)(1974-1978)  
Member: American Society of Planning Officials (1974-1978)  
National Student Representative: Louisiana Chapter of AIP (1978)  
Southern Representative National Council: Student Planning Network (1977-1978)  
National Student Representative: American Collegiate Schools of Planning (1977-1978)  
Planning Graduate Assistant: Urban Design and Data Management (1974-1976)  
Member, Louisiana APA Executive Committee (1974-1978)  
**APA Outstanding Student Award:** University of New Orleans (1976)

1976-1978 Member: Host Committee, 1978 National AIP Conference (1977-1979)  
Chairman: Receptions Committee, 1978 National AIP Conference  
Director: Metro New Orleans Section, Louisiana Chapter AIP (1978)  
Chairman: Bylaw Revision Committee, Louisiana Chapter AIP (1978-1980)  
Member: Executive Committee, Louisiana Chapter AIP (1976-1978)

1978-1981 Charter Member: American Planning Association (1978-present)  
Passed the inaugural AICP written examination (1978)  
Charter Member: American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP No. 3124)  
Director: Metro New Orleans Section, Louisiana Chapter AIP (1978-1980)  
President: Louisiana Chapter, American Planning Association (1980-1982)  
Member: Chapter Presidents' Council, American Planning Association (1980-1982)  
Chairman: Bylaws Committee, Chapter President's Council (1981-1982)  
Member; Executive Committee, Louisiana Chapter, APA (1978-1981)

1981-1984 President: Louisiana Chapter, American Planning Association (1982-1984)  
Member: Chapter Presidents' Council, American Planning Association  
Member: Executive Committee, Louisiana Chapter, APA (1981-1984)

1984-1990 Member, Executive Committee, Louisiana Chapter, APA (1984-1990)  
Award: Distinguished Service Award, Louisiana Chapter, APA 1985  
Chairman: 1986 Louisiana Chapter, APA, Annual State Conference  
Chairman: 1988 Louisiana Chapter, APA, Annual State Conference

1990-1996 Member: Executive Committee, Louisiana Chapter, APA (1990-1996)  
Secretary: Louisiana Chapter, APA (1990-1994)  
Chairman, Planning Enabling Legislation Committee, Louisiana APA (1994-1996)  
Co-Chairman: Host Committee, 1991 APA National Planning Conference (1990-1992)

1996-1999 Member: Executive Committee, Louisiana Chapter, APA (1996-1999)  
Chairman: Legal Committee, Louisiana Chapter, APA (1998-present)

1999-2002 Chair: Legal Committee, Louisiana Chapter, APA (1999-2002)  
Chair, Planning Enabling Legislation, Louisiana Chapter, APA (2001-2002)

2004-2010 Chapter President of the Louisiana Chapter of the American Planning Association.  
2011-present Chairman of the Chapter Presidents Council of the American Planning Association.

Also serve as an Advisor to the national Board of Directors of the American Planning Association (2011-present).

Since 1994 has chaired the Louisiana Chapter of APA state's efforts to update and modernize the planning enabling laws of Louisiana. Over the years the committee has authored two major bills and has attempted to create a Governor's Commission on Planning Laws. During this period three major Law Review articles published on **Smart Growth** Issues Louisiana. In 2004, the Louisiana Legislature passed the first reform legislation since 1926 updating the planning laws of the state and including Smart Growth tools to recognize and describe Smart Growth tools.

2003-present Elected to **Chapter President-Elect**, take office 1/1/2004 and now serves as **Chapter President** of the Louisiana Chapter of APA from January 2005 until December 2010.

(i) **Public Service/Other**

Chairman (current), Vice Chairman and Board Member of Gulf Coast Family Teaching, Inc, a non profit social service organization serving the needs of citizens across the state of Louisiana. (2007-present)

First Vice President (current) of the Lake Vista Property Owners Association, which is the sixty-plus year old Home Owners Association for my neighborhood. (2011-present)

Board Member, CityWorks, LLC: non-profit group dedicated to rebuilding the City of New Orleans post-Hurricane Katrina (2006 – 2011).

Board Member and Board Vice President of GroundWorks New Orleans, a corporation dedicated to rebuilding neighborhoods using environmental projects and creating new jobs. (2005 – 2010).

Vice President/Board Member, Basque Cultural Society of Louisiana (2003-present)

President, Louisiana Chapter, Solid Waste Management Association of North America (1998-2002)

Volunteers of America of Greater New Orleans - Board member 1986-1996,

Board Secretary 1988-1990, Chairman of the Board 1991-1995

University of New Orleans Foundation Board of Directors – 1993-1998

University of New Orleans Alumni Association – College of Urban and Public Affairs

Representative/Board Member – 1990 - 1994

St. Pius X Men's Club - Board of Directors (1992-1993); member (1992-1999)

Lakeview Soccer Club - Soccer Coach, 1988 - 1996

Manresa House of Retreats – 200 member retreat group: (1989 to present); **Lead Captain** of Manresa Group 22 from 1995 to the present.

(ii) **Honors, Awards and Recognitions**

**2004 Elected to the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners**

**1999 Outstanding Project Award:** Small Cities Category – Louisiana Chapter A

APA: City of Harahan: Planning and Zoning Analysis and Recommendations

**1999 Outstanding Project Award:** Large Cities Category – Louisiana Chapter

APA: “New Orleans Land Use Plan 1999”

**1998 Planning and Conservation of Places Award** – Louisiana Chapter APA:

“Commercial Parkway Overlay Zone Analysis for Airline Highway”

Who's Who in America (1990-present)

Who's Who in American Law (1986-present)

Outstanding Young Men of America (1980-1985)

Who's Who in the South and Southwest (1980 – present)  
Distinguished Service Award (American Planning Association) - 1985  
Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Society (elected 1976)  
Phi Kappa Phi National Honor society (elected 1976)

## **8. Publications (a partial list of recent publications)**

Presentation at the first International Brownfields Conference in Cadiz, Spain: *“The Brownfields Cookbook: A Redevelopment Guide for Regional Planning”* (Sept 2002) (**author and presenter**)

*A Brownfields Cookbook, A Guide for Local Communities in Brownfields Redevelopment*, Brownfields 2002, (September 1 – 4, 2002) Cadiz, Spain, International Conference Proceedings (**publication**)

Green Brownfields II – The first International Land Recycling meeting of the Green Party in Europe held in Hamburg, Germany (June, 2003): *“The Brownfields Cookbook”* (**sole author**: Green Brownfields II).

Member Conference Management Committee, **presenter and author**: Second International Brownfields Conference in Sienna, Italy: *“Intuitional Controls and Zoning in Brownfields Projects”* (June, 2004) (**Presenter and future publication**)

Occasional Paper Series, numerous papers within The Louisiana Urban Technical Assistance Center, College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of New Orleans: paper topics, specifically:

*Analysis of Lot Size, Lot Layout and Off-Street Parking Regulations in Residential Districts*. December, 1997. College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of New Orleans.

*Recommendations Concerning the Current Regulations for Fences on Residential Lots*. July, 1997. College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of New Orleans.

*Commercial Parkway Overlay Zone Analysis*. June 1997. College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of Orleans.

*Land Use Analysis of East End, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana*. January 1998. College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of New Orleans.

*City of Harahan: Zoning and Land Use Recommendations*, 1999, College of Urban and Public Affairs, University of New Orleans

*Planning Design Criteria for the Revitalization for Downtown Gretna, Louisiana*, thesis, University of New Orleans, Master of Urban and Regional Planning, July 1976

### **Major Three Part Smart Growth series: Never-before published research on Louisiana's Planning Enabling Legislation:**

*Planning Enabling Legislation in Louisiana: A Retrospective Analysis*, Winter, 1999, Volume 45 Loyola Law Review (**sole author**)

*Planning Enabling Legislation in Louisiana: A Prospective Analysis into the Next Millennium*, Winter, 2002, Volume 48 Loyola Law Review (**principal author**)

*Model Comprehensive Planning Legislation for Louisiana*, winter, 2003, Volume 49 Loyola Law Review (2004) (**principal author**)

*Revisiting Palermo: Considering the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Louisiana's Landmark Land Use Rights and Zoning Decision and Its Legacy for Planning in Louisiana*; Volume 57 (2011); Loyola Law Review (co-author with Anna Livia Brand)

## **9. Presentations/Memberships**

On average twenty-five presentations per year since 1988 at national, state and local conferences, meetings, seminars, neighborhood groups and similar groups. Topics include: the role of planning in brownfield projects, land use and zoning, planning enabling legislation, Smart Growth, ethics for planners, planning and solid waste management tools and the importance of grantwriting for planners.

Starting in 2006, numerous sessions and speaking assignments regarding the planning activities surrounding the recovery and rebuilding of the City of New Orleans and the State of Louisiana in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

Session Moderator and Speaker, National American Planning Association Annual Conference, April, 1996, Orlando, Florida: "Solid Waste Planning Issues: New Regulations." (various dates subsequent presentations)

Speaker, Louisiana Chapter, American Planning Association Annual Conference, September 1995, New Orleans, Louisiana: "New Environmental Rules for Communities in Louisiana."

Speaker, Louisiana Government Leadership Institute, November 1995, New Orleans, Louisiana: "Solid Waste Issues for Public Officials."

Numerous presentations: Chamber of Commerce, Community Meetings, national, state, regional and local conferences and Environmental Groups (1988 through present): Topics included: Land Use Law, Zoning Regulations, Master Planning, Solid Waste Regulations, Recycling Issues, General Environmental Issues and Land Use Regulations

## **10. Education/Licenses/Other**

### **Juris Doctor**

School of Law

Loyola University, New Orleans, LA (May, 1981)

### **Master of Urban and Regional Planning**

College of Urban and Public Affairs

University of New Orleans (July, 1976)

### **Bachelor of Science (Economics and Management)**

College of Business Administration

University of New Orleans (June, 1971)

**Louisiana Bar Association:** Member 1982-2016 (retired). (Bar Roll Number: 13081)

### **Military Service to the United States of America:**

#### **United States Navy Veteran: 1971-1978**

**Vietnam Era Veteran: three years active duty and four years reserve duty; served at NAS Whidbey Island during the Vietnam years of 1971-1974. Honorable Discharge as Petty Officer Second Class in 1978.**