

Jeffrey Kahan

735 Fountain St, Ann Arbor, MI, 48103; 734-276-7453; jfkahan@umich.edu

EDUCATION

Masters of Urban Planning – University of Michigan, 1990

Intensive two-year program with concentration in land use planning. Developed façade enhancement guidelines for urban areas; studied site plan analysis, urban redevelopment, graphic presentation, project feasibility analysis, environmental review, resource recycling, statistical analysis, planning law, and historic preservation; became familiar with WordPerfect, d-Base III; Harvard Graphics and spreadsheets.

B.S. Planning, Public Policy and Management – University of Oregon, 1986

Comprehensive undergraduate program of the Masters of Urban Planning program; studied urban and regional planning issues with emphasis on public/low income housing, economic development, program management and natural resources protection.

B.S. Gerontology – University of Oregon, 1986

Comprehensive undergraduate program; studied senior housing, program planning, legislative analysis, advocacy, barrier-free access and senior services; senior thesis: 40 page report on senior housing.

EMPLOYMENT

City Planner, City of Ann Arbor, 1993-Present

Work on current planning projects such as: area plans, site plans, planned unit developments, development agreements, rezonings, annexations, land divisions, administrative amendments, wetland use permits, special exception use, and street vacations; worked on long range planning projects such as: transportation plans and projects, land use plans, non-motorized plan, capital improvement plan, and parks and recreation plan; worked on revising development standards for parking; work frequently with members of the public, developers, engineers, architects, attorneys, landscape architects, and elected officials; presented projects before neighborhood organizations, Planning Commission, and City Council.

Planner, Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District, 1992-1993

Researched, analyzed and proposed air pollution control measures related to land use development; measures include mixed-use design, pedestrian access, and various transportation and parking reduction strategies. (transferred from Sacramento County Planning in 1992)

Assistant Planner, Sacramento County Planning and Community Development Department, 1990-1992

Worked on the Land Use Element of the General Plan update; conducted field surveys, compiled demographic reports, wrote items in the Land Use Element on reclamation districts, streetscape design guidelines, and land use/air quality relationship; assisted in managing a land use and transportation study for a 615 acre development area; worked in the Special Projects Section; assisted in writing a Special Planning Area Ordinance for a 615 acre mixed use development project, assisted in writing an ordinance and staff report for a 45 acre project adjacent to a light rail station, wrote requests for proposals, wrote status report on transportation quality control measures, assisted in developing a Specific Plan Ordinance, presented current and special projects to the Board of Supervisors, Planning Commissions, and Community Advisory Councils.

Planning Intern, City of Southfield, Michigan, Planning Department, 1989-1990

Participated in site plan review, code enforcement, demographic reports, parking lot design, data base collection, graphic presentation (Mylar mapping, map rendering/lamination, use of planimeter), open space assessment; became familiar with parcel system, land use control methods, and public hearing procedures.

Research Assistant/Teaching Assistant, University of Michigan, 1989-1990

Assisted Urban Planning professors with various research projects including economic development articles, demographic reports, and gaming and simulation design; instructed a course section of "Introduction to Urban Planning" class, led discussion section, gave lectures and tours for class of 25 university students.

Program Coordinator, Laurel Hill Center, Eugene, Oregon, 1985-1987

Assisted in planning county-wide senior citizen outreach program which provided social, recreational and transportation services to socially and geographically isolated senior citizens in a non-profit psychiatric rehabilitation center, helped coordinate federal and state funding, developed treatment plans and planned daily activities for 40-50 participants.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- Ann Arbor News, "Off the Beaten Path", Oct. 18, 1988; (urban woodlands in Ann Arbor)
- Ann Arbor News, "A Legacy of Brick and Stone", Dec. 10, 1989; (19th century churches in Washtenaw County)
- Ann Arbor News, "Hutchinson Mansion Teems with History", Aug. 18, 1992; (restoration of the Hutchinson Mansion)
- Observer and Eccentric Newspaper, Various Freelance Articles, 1989

TEACHING

Adjunct Faculty, University of Michigan College of Architecture and Urban Planning, 2004 - present

Currently teach a graduate level course ("Urban Land Use Planning") that provides a review of major land use planning issues from the perspective of the professional planner; students learn the fundamentals about the planning and development process including how to review site plans, develop master plans, revise development standards, write staff reports and inspect development sites; emphasis is on sustainable land use principles and practices. Co-taught a course called Sustainable Water Infrastructure in 2014 which introduced students to the fundamentals of water infrastructure issues such as storm water management, flood plain regulations, water and waste water treatment, ground water, and soil erosion control. Also taught a 6 credit Capstone Studio in the Urban and Regional Planning program in 2022.

LECTURING

Lectured to a variety of classes in a number of University of Michigan Programs, 1994 - present

Programs include the Schools of Business, Architecture and Urban Planning, Law, Natural Resources and the Environment, and Public Health.

CERTIFICATION

American Institute of Certified Planning