

ROCCO FERRARO, AICP
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WORK EXPERIENCE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Capital District Regional Planning Commission, **July 2003 to December 2016.**

Responsible for the operation of the Commission, which included a professional staff of seven and a \$1,000,000 budget. CDRPC was established in 1967 by a joint agreement of Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga, and Schenectady Counties as a regional planning and resource center to promote intergovernmental cooperation and initiatives among governmental, non-profit, and private sector interests in the Capital Region.

Chief Administrator for the Capital District Youth Center, Inc. responsible for the operation of the 16 bed Capital District Juvenile Secure Youth Detention Facility.

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING SERVICES

Capital District Regional Planning Commission, **September 1985 to March 2000 and July 2002 to July 2003.**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/RESPONSIBILITIES.

Responsible for the supervision and/or preparation of a number of reports and studies for the Commission including population and employment projections, socio-economic profiles, land use analysis, comprehensive plans, housing affordability studies, groundwater protection and water quality management activities, economic analysis and school enrollment projections.

Managed the development and operation of the CDRPC data center that responded to over 1000 data requests (excluding the web site) annually from public and private sector clients.

Made presentations as a representative of the Commission to organizations throughout the Capital District providing insight, analysis, and data on a variety of planning related topics.

Represented the Commission on a variety of advisory committees and task forces in the region.

Organized and participated in a variety of workshops throughout the Capital District. I have maintained a close working relationship with professionals and organizations at the regional, county and local level in the Capital Region as well with a number of State agency representatives.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR

Department of Geography & Planning, University at Albany, State University of New York, **1997 to Present**. Since 1997, I have taught the Introductory Urban Planning undergraduate course at the University during the Fall, Spring, and occasionally, Summer semesters. Since 2017, I have taught the Graduate level Environmental Planning class. Recipient of the 2010 President's Award for Excellence in Teaching Part-time and the 2013-14 Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Adjunct Teaching.

PRINCIPAL PLANNER

Edwards and Kelcey, Saratoga Springs, New York, **March 2000 to June 2002**.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/RESPONSIBILITIES.

Principal Planner involved in a sustainability study to prepare a strategic plan linking land use and transportation decisions designed to improve the function of the Route 202/35/6 Bear Mountain Parkway corridor in northern Westchester County.

Project manager responsible for assessing issues associated with land use compatibility within the vicinity of Albany International Airport and Saratoga County Airport. Each of the studies were designed to investigate existing land uses and development trends, review existing regulatory measures and identify strategies to reduce adverse impacts on noise sensitive land uses.

Project manager responsible for the preparation of the City of Schenectady Urban Bike Route Master Plan. The study recommends a preferred route through the city linking the existing Mohawk-Hudson Bike-Hike Trail, identifies trail destinations and a series of priority route systems linking these destinations through the city, and establishes urban path design standards and guidelines for use along the different routes.

Project facilitator in collaboration with the Town of Colonie to address planning related issues in the Delphus Kill neighborhood. A steering committee of homeowners and land owners was established to recommend strategies, including land use regulatory changes, for the study area.

NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNER

Toledo-Lucas County Plan Commissions, Toledo, Ohio **1980 to September 1985.**

ACCOMPLISHMENTS/RESPONSIBILITIES.

Prepared comprehensive neighborhood plans.

Completed neighborhood land use studies and subsequent zoning recommendations for review and adoption by the Plan Commission and City Council.

Prepared commercial revitalization plans and marketing studies for neighborhood business districts.

Identified economic development revitalization strategies, including the preparation of cash flow pro formas for neighborhood business districts.

Organized and provided technical assistance to neighborhood organizations on issues impacting their community.

Served on several boards and task forces involved in neighborhood issues and concerns.

LAND USE PLANNER

Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG), **1975 to 1980.** Supervised the preparation of the Areawide Development Plan for the TMACOG region. Assisted local governments in the preparation of land use codes and ordinances. Met with, and made presentations to, local community groups. Provided technical assistance to government entities and private consultants interested in data and statistics for the six county region.

EDUCATION

- Master of City & Regional Planning, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, 1975.
- Bachelor of Art Degree in Urban Studies, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 1973.
- Forty-one hours of Business and Accounting courses, University of Toledo, 1981-84.

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

The following represent my existing professional affiliations unless otherwise noted:

- Chair, Town of Clifton Park Planning Board
- President, Saratoga Affordable Housing Group, Inc.
- Steering Committee Member, Capital Roots Food System Assessment
- Board Member, Sherwood Forest Park District Board
- SUNY-Albany Masters Regional Planning Program Community Advisory Board
- Past Officer (President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Awards Committee Chair), New York Upstate Chapter of the American Planning Association