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## **2011 NNECAPA Annual Conference Speaker Bios**

**Michael Behrendt** has been the chief planner for Rochester, NH for 15 years. Before that he was the planner for Beaufort, SC (near Charleston and Hilton Head). Michael is a dedicated new urbanist and has experience with walkable communities, development review, architectural review, historical commissions, downtown revitalization, design charrettes, comprehensive rezoning, and Planned Unit Developments. He is the author of "The Architectural Jewels of Rochester, New Hampshire: A History of the Built Environment" (available on Amazon). He holds degrees from Tufts and Boston University and lives in Durham, NH.

**Ken Belliveau**, AICP, is the director of planning and zoning for the Town of Williston, Vermont. Prior to coming to Vermont in 2008, Ken previously worked in comprehensive planning, zoning administration, and community development for rapidly growing communities in Tennessee, Georgia, and California. Ken received his B.A. from Clark University in Worcester, MA and his M.C.P. from San Diego State University, CA.

**Aurie Ben-Ezri-Ravin** works as a Building Manager at the Dudley H. Davis Center. She has been an intern on an organic farm and is coordinator of the UVM chapter of Challah for Hunger. Over the summer, she interned for Representative Welch at his Burlington office.

**Anne Blakely**, M.Ed., CMEC, owner of Mindset to Achieve Coaching and Training, uses her education and 30-plus years of career and life experience to guide her work as an achievement coach. She is a certified executive coach and strives to continually stay informed and educated on all topics related to her field. Using the latest research in neuroscience, Anne Blakely inspires audience members to recognize how personal values and beliefs affect our everyday interactions with those around us. Anne lives in Northern Vermont and is currently serving as President for her local Toastmaster's International Club. She is a graduate of Leadership Champlain and is a member of both the Vermont Convention Bureau and Lake Champlain's Regional Chamber of Commerce. In addition to spending time with family and friends, Anne spends her time reading, chasing after her 2 dogs and enjoying time in nature - hiking, snowshoeing, biking, or kayaking.

**Anna Breinich**, AICP, is the Director of Planning and Development for the Town of Brunswick. Anna has more than 30 years of county, municipal, and private sector planning experience. Prior to moving to Brunswick in 2007, she worked for the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, a statewide non-profit, as the Director of Community Planning. She also served as an adjunct associate professor and Harrisburg Program Coordinator at Temple University Ambler for the master's degree in Community and Regional Planning Program. Anna is an active member of the American Planning Association and American Institute of Certified Planners and currently serves as AICP President. Breinich received a bachelor's degree in Sociology and certificate in Social Work from

Elizabethtown College, and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree from Pennsylvania State University.

**Dan Cahill** is the Land Steward with the Burlington Parks and Recreation Department. His areas of responsibility with the Parks System are Community Gardens and Conservation Lands. Dan has been working in the field of Parks and Recreation for over 10 years and he has an adept knowledge of Burlington's resources and programs.

**Todd Coffin** is a Senior Project Manager with GEI Consultants, Inc. and has 26 years of environmental consulting experience. Todd is presently engaged in numerous Brownfields projects in Northern New England, including consulting assistance to the Washington County Council of Governments, Maine Department of Environmental Protection and associated municipalities. Todd received a B.A. in geology from Colby College and an M.S. in geology from Purdue University. He and his family presently reside in Freeport, Maine.

**Paul Costello** has served as the Executive Director of the Vermont Council on Rural Development since 2000. VCRD runs an annual Rural Summit, and conducts "Community Visits" that help rural communities build priorities, set action plans, and build connections to resources. In the last few years VCRD has founded and produced the Vermont Agriculture Viability Council, the Vermont Forest Products Council, the Vermont Council on Culture and Innovation, the Vermont Council on Planning, the Vermont Rural Energy Council and the Council on the Future of Vermont and has led statewide policy discussions around rural telecom and built strategies to support community-based aggregation. VCRD is leading the Vermont Working Landscape Partnership to support the development of new enterprises on the land in rural Vermont and manages the e-Vermont Community Broadband program. Paul is a UVM alumnus and holds a PhD in intellectual history from McGill University.

**Matthew Dalbey** is the director of the Federal and State Division in EPA's Office of Sustainable Communities. The division works with federal agencies, including other parts of EPA, and state governments to develop policies, guidelines, priorities, and technical assistance that support sustainable development. Dalbey writes about and has spoken to a variety of audiences around the country on smart growth in rural areas, state policies that support better development patterns, school siting, and a range of other issues related to growth and development. He has managed or been a primary team member on technical assistance projects in Teton County, Idaho, Spokane, Washington, Greensboro, North Carolina, and the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood in Brooklyn, NY. He also recently worked with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Rebuild Iowa Office (RIO), and six communities in Iowa on incorporating smart growth approaches into long-term community recovery and resiliency. Prior to joining EPA in 2004, Dalbey spent five years on the faculty at Jackson State University in Jackson, MS where he taught in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. The author of one book and several articles on planning, Dalbey is a graduate of the College of William & Mary (BA), the University of Virginia (MCP), and Columbia University (PhD). He lives with his family in Silver Spring, Maryland.

**Jim Donovan**, FASLA, AICP, has been working to improve bicycling and walking conditions in New England and throughout the country for the last 15 years. His work ranges from writing statewide bicycle and pedestrian plans to working with communities to add sidewalks or wider shoulders to local streets. Jim holds a BS in Architecture from the University of Detroit and a MLA from the University of Illinois. He is a licensed landscape architect in VT, NH, ME, CT, PA and MI and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. In the last three years, Jim has completed several regional bicycle and pedestrian plans in New England, as well as numerous individual pedestrian/bicyclist retrofit projects and transportation corridor management plans.

**Paul Dreher** is the Director of Zoning and Planning for the City of Newport, Vermont. He played a lead role in the public engagement process, illustration and adoption of the City's Form Based Code. He also has experience in neighborhood planning projects, "Complete Streets" development and implementation of community and economic growth strategies. As the owner of Dreherdesign, Paul serves as designer, technical advisor, illustrator and public process facilitator with a focus on Form Based Code. He assisted Damariscotta, Maine with the public process for developing its code. He holds a Masters in Architecture from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

**Judith C. East**, AICP, is Executive Director for the Washington County Council of Governments. With 23 years of professional experience at the local, regional and state levels in Maine, New York and Vermont she currently works with communities throughout Washington County on varied issues in land use planning, community development, solid waste management, transportation planning and public facilities investment. Judy is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and has a Bachelors Degree in Biology and Economics and a Masters Degree of Science in Planning. She has a particular interest and expertise working with rural communities as they balance land and resource conservation with economic development.

**Peg Elmer**, AICP, Associate Director, Land Use Clinic, Assistant Professor of Land Use Planning and Policy, Vermont Law School. Professor Elmer worked on Governor Kunin's Commission on Vermont's Future, which led to the reform for state, regional, and local planning codified in 1988 as Act 200. Previous to that she worked for regional planning commissions and as a town planner in Chittenden County for a number of years. She worked for the Environmental Board administering Act 250, and coordinated projects and permit response across state agencies for the Agency of Natural Resources. From 1989 until 1993, she was director of the Vermont Natural Resource Council's Land Use Policy Program, engaging in lobbying as well as citizen education and assistance. From 1993-2007 she worked at the Department of Housing and Community Affairs, becoming director of the Community Planning Program. She is a 1997 associate of the Snelling Center for Government's Leadership Institute. She received her BS and MCP degrees from the University of Rhode Island.

**Benjamin D. Frost**, AICP, is the Director of Public Affairs at New Hampshire Housing, where he coordinates legislative matters at the state and federal levels, and provides direct technical assistance to municipalities that want to develop regulations that promote affordable housing. Ben is the chairman of the Municipal Section of the New Hampshire Bar Association and is a director of the NH Municipal Lawyers Association. He is a board member of the New Hampshire Sustainable Energy Association. He serves as the Treasurer of the NH Planners Association and as the

Professional Development Officer of the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association and he is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. Ben holds B.A. and M.A. degrees in Geography from Colgate University and Syracuse University, respectively and a law degree from Cornell Law School.

**Diane Gayer** is a licensed architect practicing community-based architecture and planning, environmental design at both rural and urban scales, and the application of grassroots engagement in design processes since 1979. Ms. Gayer is director of the Vermont Design Institute (VDI) and adjunct associate professor at the University of Vermont where she teaches in both the Green Design minor and the Certificate of Graduate Study of Ecological Design. Her design work also includes presentations and articles: Design Tools for Community Development, Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada; 2003, writer and publisher of Groundswell for VDI; September 1999 presentation on Public Participation in Community Design at the UIFA Conference in Tokyo, Japan; and The Role of Design in Sustainable Community Development, in CATALYST '97, Canberra, Australia, December 1997. Diane has won awards for her community design work from the American Architectural Foundation and is a Fellow of the Gund Institute for Ecological Economics.

**Lucy Gibson** is a traffic engineering consultant, specializing in multimodal transportation planning and engineering. She has worked on innovative transportation and traffic engineering projects around the country. She is a principal of Smart Mobility Inc, based in Norwich VT, and holds a BS in engineering from the University of Vermont, and an MS in engineering from Dartmouth College. Recent projects in Northern New England include a Newport VT Thoroughfare Plan to foster implementation of their form based code; streetscape and traffic consulting for downtown revitalization projects in Belfast and Rockland, Maine; and multimodal transportation impact evaluation and mitigation strategies for an infill development Shelburne, VT.

**Jennifer Green** staffs the Legacy Project, providing support to the Steering Committee while serving as the city of Burlington's environmental specialist. She has over 20 years of community development experience, including work on gender equity, national planning, and environmental management with the Peace Corps, CARE International, and the [World Resources Institute](#). Shortly after moving to Burlington in 1999, she consulted with the [Vermont Energy Investment Corporation](#) and later [Efficiency Vermont](#). In addition to working for the City, Jennifer teaches several environmental and sustainable development courses at the University of Vermont. She has a masters in public administration from Columbia University and earned her PhD in environmental sociology from American University in 2005.

**Daniel Hodge**, Principal Economist with HDR Decision Economics in Boston, works throughout New England and nationally on a variety of economic analysis, transit-oriented development, transportation and land use planning, and renewable energy feasibility studies. He has 16 years of experience applying economic impact, benefit-cost analysis, forecasting and prioritization tools. He recently developed and applied a Sustainable Return on Investment (SROI) model for the City of Boston to evaluate the sustainability benefits of their Federal stimulus-funded investments across housing, transportation, and other City departments. He holds masters degrees in economics and public policy from the University of Michigan.

**Faith Ingulsrud** administers the planning and growth center designation programs for DEHCD where she has worked for past 10 years. Previously she worked as town planner for two municipalities bordering Williston and as a coordinator for Act 250, Vermont's program for statewide land use regulation. She has an MA in Landscape Architecture.

**Marty Jacobs** has been teaching and consulting for twenty years, applying a systems thinking approach to organizations. She currently provides strategic planning and policy governance expertise for the Vermont School Boards Association and has worked with several school districts to engage them in community conversations. In the nonprofit sector, Marty provides strategic planning, board leadership training, Policy Governance implementation, community engagement facilitation, and staff development. Additionally, Marty has also written for The Systems Thinker, Vermont Business Magazine, American School Board Journal, Leverage Points Blog, and Confident Voices for Nurses on topics related to organizational learning, systems thinking, workplace culture, board governance, and community engagement. A graduate of Dartmouth College, Marty received her M.S. in Organization and Management from Antioch University New England in Keene, NH.

**Mark Kane** brings nearly 20 years of experience in environmental and land use planning and analysis to the SE GROUP team. Mark often focuses on the permitting and entitlement issues of projects, in addition to providing consulting and expert testimony related to aesthetic and land use alteration and developing strategies and techniques for promoting environmental sustainability on land development projects. Mark is a consummate strategist: as the principal overseeing all aspects of the company's land planning and design projects, he always has an eye on the bigger picture issues. His areas of expertise include □Regional and Land Use Planning, □Aesthetics and Environmental Impact Analysis, and □Permitting and Entitlement Mark received his Bachelor of Science at the School of Natural Resources - Environmental Studies, University of Vermont, in 1991. Mark lives in Fairfax along with his wife Jan and son Luke. When not tending to the 1830 brick federal house he has restored, Mark enjoys getting outside in Vermont, exploring the hills and vales that make this such a special place to live.

**Peter Keating** has over twenty years experience in regional planning – primarily in transportation. His work over these years has spanned a variety of interests and tasks, including: Burlington International Airport access studies, Intelligent Transportation Systems strategies, Regional Park and Ride facilities plans, transit planning, Safe Routes to Schools programs, bicycle and pedestrian plans and projects, scenario planning, and the Metropolitan Transportations Plan. Outside the office his interests include walking/hiking, world and folk music, and travel – which, for over ten years, he vicariously experiences by teaching Geography at the Community College of Vermont and Champlain College.

**Lee Krohn**, AICP has served as Planning Director (along with many other posts) for the Town of Manchester, VT since 1989. He is the assistant NNECAPA Professional Development Officer for Vermont, is a past President of the Vermont Planners Association, and was honored with VPA and NNECAPA Outstanding Planning Professional awards in 2004. Lee has degrees from Franklin & Marshall College and the Duke University School of Forestry & Environmental Science, graduated with the inaugural class of the Vermont Leadership Institute, is an Outward Bound alum, is a founding member and current Chair of the Manchester Community Land Trust, and incoming Chair

of the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Council. He is a widely published, award winning professional photographer, holds Vermont state Firefighter 1 certification, and enjoys cycling, backcountry skiing, and sea kayaking. Lee lives in Manchester with his spirited, outdoor adventure dog, Lila.

**Jane Lafleur** is the Executive Director of Friends of Midcoast Maine (FMM), a regional smart growth organization. In 2008, FMM partnered with the Town of Damariscotta, Maine and the Orton Family Foundation in a Heart & Soul Community Planning project. Jane worked as project coordinator from the visioning to the implementation of a form based code, using innovative public engagement tools and a community directed Form Based Code writing process. Jane has been a City Planner since 1981, working for cities and towns in Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. She received her Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning from Harvard University.

**Mark Lapping** teaches Land Use Policy & Planning, Community Development, Foundations of Public Policy and Management, Food Systems Planning and Policy, Intellectual Foundations of Public Policy. A planner by profession, Lapping, prior to joining USM, was Founding Dean of the Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy at Rutgers University. Author of several books that are "best-sellers" in planning, he has also written well over 150 articles and monographs, and has been on the editorial boards of the Journal of the American Planning Association, the Journal of Rural Studies, Agriculture and Human Value, and the Journal of Planning Research and Education. He has been a consultant to governments and agencies throughout North America and in several other nations and is currently working on problems in Canada and Estonia, as well as Maine. Mark acted as the Interim President of Unity College for the Academic Year of 2005-06 and served as USM's provost from 1994-2000 and 2007-2009. He received his B.S. from State University of New York, New Paltz, B.S., in 1967, and his Ph.D. from Emory University, in 1972.

**Travis Marcotte**, Executive Director of the Intervale Center, brings a breadth of experience and a joy to his work strengthening integrated food systems and running a diverse organization like the IC. He also enjoys more simple pleasures like cooking and home gardening with his family. Prior to joining the Intervale Center, Travis worked in agriculture and community economic development in Vermont, Central America and the Caribbean. Travis graduated from the University of Vermont Community Development and Applied Economics program and received his Master's degree in International Agricultural Development from the University of California, Davis. He grew up on his grandparents' dairy farm in Charlotte, Vermont and now lives in a farmhouse in Fletcher where he raises chickens, vegetables and pigs with his partner Sue and their son.

**Norm Marshall** co-founded Smart Mobility in 2001. He works throughout the U.S. on projects integrating transportation planning and land use planning. His work is particularly focused on quantifying the benefits walkable mixed use development on transportation demand, energy use, and greenhouse gas emissions. Norm earned his B.S. in Mathematics, from Worcester Polytechnic and an M.S. in Engineering Sciences from Dartmouth College. Before co-founding SMI in 2001, Mr. Marshall worked at Resource Systems Group, Inc. from 1987-2001. He has managed many transportation modeling and planning projects for governments at all levels, and for non-profit public interest groups. These include projects in over 20 different states, and work for the Federal government.

**Susan McMahon** is currently Associate Director at Windham Regional Commission in southeastern Vermont. She is a planner with over 25 years of experience and extensive knowledge in land use, historic preservation, and community planning. During her career she has helped numerous communities build consensus around key issues through innovative public involvement techniques. As project manager of the Bellows Falls Waypoint Interpretive Center she helped take the community vision from just an idea to the completion of a successful visitor center. At the Windham Regional Commission she developed the Regional Transportation program, Windham Region Brownfields Reuse Initiative, and helped establish the Connecticut River Byway. For her work on Brownfields, she was awarded an EPA Environmental Merit Award. Susan is a fellow of Marlboro College Graduate School's Center for Creative Solutions and has a Master's Degree from Tufts University. Prior to graduate school she worked as a community planner for the Central Artery/Tunnel project in Boston, MA.

**Dan Mellinger**, PE, LC, Vermont Energy Investment Corporation, is the Efficiency Vermont Lighting Planning & Development Manager. He is responsible for planning, designing and implementing commercial lighting initiatives as a way to increase efficiency savings opportunities and enhance customer participation with Efficiency Vermont. Lighting programs under Dan's management encompass the newest lighting technologies such as LED, encourage professional lighting design, partner with distributors and contractors to promote efficient lighting equipment, and advance the lighting knowledge among Vermont professionals through workshops, seminars and newsletters. Dan received his degree in Electrical Engineering from Michigan State University, is a licensed Professional Engineer in Vermont, is Lighting Certified by NCQLP and is a member of IESNA.

**Michael Munson**, FAICP, has over 40 years of professional planning experience, including over 30 years in Vermont, working for many of those years as a planning consultant. In 2004 he retired as Town Planner for Williston, Vermont, where he was instrumental in upgrading the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Subdivision Regulations, and Zoning Ordinance, and in implementing the Town's Residential Growth Management Program and Design Review Program. Since retiring, he has continued to provide consultant services to Vermont communities, and to volunteer on various activities of the Vermont Planners Association. Michael was inducted as a Fellow of the American Institute of Certified Planners in 2006, the first Planner in northern New England to be so honored.

**Michael Oman** is the principal and owner of Oman Analytics. He has over thirty years of professional planning and engineering experience, and he holds bachelors degrees in civil engineering and political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and a masters in Urban and Environmental Policy from Tufts University. His professional work emphasizes the connection between transport and land use. Mr. Oman has recently collaborated in developing visioning and scenario plans for Vermont jurisdictions including the City of Burlington and Chittenden County MPO. The Morrisville Downtown Transportation Opportunities study, a recent project in collaboration with Kathleen Ryan, Landscape Architect, and Diane Gayer of the Vermont Design Institute was awarded an ASLA Public Space Award in 2011.

**Lyman Orton** and his three sons are proprietors of [The Vermont Country Store](#), a retailer selling through two stores, nationally distributed catalogues and the Internet. The business is located in

Vermont, employs over 600 people and actively supports local communities with contributions and employee-led volunteer programs. Lyman established the [Orton Family Foundation](#) in 1995 to help the citizens of rural America better define and shape the future of their communities. The Foundation is funded with profits from The Vermont Country Store and Lyman continues to serve as the Chair of the Board of Trustees. Lyman became interested in land use issues through serving on the Planning Commission of his hometown of Weston, Vermont and recognized the need for more comprehensive tools and processes to help community leaders and the citizens more easily make sense of defining and shaping the long-term growth of their communities. Lyman graduated from Middlebury College in 1963 where he became an anti-billboard activist because of a sudden proliferation of monstrous red billboards along Route 7 advertising a shack that sold sea shells. The shock and outrage among Vermonters over those signs led to Vermont banning all off-premise signs in 1968. Lyman now serves on the boards of [Scenic America](#) in Washington, DC and [The Community Agriculture Alliance](#) in Steamboat Springs, Colorado and recently created the innovative [Art of Action](#) project in Vermont.

**Charles. Pughe** joined Green Mountain Power in February of 2006 and for the last four years has been responsible for the operation and capital improvements of GMP's generation fleet, consisting of 8 hydro-electric generating stations, 4 thermal peaking units and Searsburg wind, the first commercial wind farm in Vermont. Currently, Mr. Pughe is the project manager for Green Mountain Power's proposed Kingdom Community Wind project in Lowell, Vermont. Prior to joining Green Mountain Power, Mr. Pughe spent 18 years as a project manager in the commercial construction industry working on projects throughout the northeast US.

**Carolyn Radisch**, AICP, is a partner of ORW Landscape Architects and Planners. She is a community and transportation planner with national experience in urban design and design and planning for pedestrians, bikes and transit. Carolyn holds Masters Degrees in Civil Engineering (transportation engineering) and City and Regional Planning from the University of California, Berkeley.

**David Raphael**, ASLA, SEGDP is a graduate of Tufts University and Harvard University Graduate School of Design where he received a Masters in Landscape Architecture. He founded Landworks, an interdisciplinary landscape architecture, planning, design and communications firm based in Middlebury, Vermont and now celebrating 25 years of practice throughout the Northeast. Mr. Raphael has been a consultant in aesthetics and landscape planning for State of Vermont Department of Public Service for over 15 years and has been involved in both permit review and project development for utility scale biomass generation, solar energy, wind power and hydropower facilities. He has served as a consultant to the New York State Energy Research and Development Agency and his firm is currently orchestrating the Public Engagement Component of a \$1 million dollar grant from the HUD Sustainable Communities Program for the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission. He has been the Chair of his town's Planning Commission and Development Review for over 25 years and has been a faculty member of the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources, University of Vermont.



**Lani Ravin**, AICP, is Associate Planner at Campus Planning Services at the University of Vermont (UVM), where her work includes master plan coordination and permitting of new projects of all sizes on campus. She is also a key participant in campus alternative transportation planning and the UVM Landscape Advisory Subcommittee. Prior to working at UVM, Lani was a transportation planning coordinator and co-managed the Transportation Enhancements program at the Vermont Agency of Transportation. She also worked as an urban and regional planner in Israel. She is former chair of the South Burlington Natural Resources Committee.

**Betsy Rosenbluth** is the Director of Projects for the Orton Family Foundation. With over 25 years of experience in community development, she previously worked as a consultant on sustainability issues, including helping to draft Vermont's first Farm to School legislation, and spent over ten years with the Burlington Community Economic Development Office working on waterfront revitalization. She co-directed the creation of Echo Lake Aquarium and Science Center, which transformed a Navy Reserve Training Center into a lake science center and aquarium. Betsy holds a Masters in Community Economic Development from Southern New Hampshire University.

**Debra Sachs**, GRP; Director of Sustainability Initiatives, EcoStrategies, *A Fuss & O'Neill Company*, has more than 25 years experience advancing projects that support sustainable planning, development and implementation with particular focus on actions that help mitigate global climate change. Her work bridges several cross-cutting disciplines, often working in collaboration with professional thinkers (representing government, business and non-profit entities). She is founder of a new non-profit organization--Community Climate Action, with a mission to help advance education, outreach and public engagement to advance strategies to mitigate and adapt to climate change. In addition, Ms. Sachs is Director of Sustainability Initiatives for Fuss & O'Neill, Inc. an engineering environmental design build firm, based in Manchester, CT. She recently formed its Vermont office, EcoStrategies to help drive green opportunities in businesses and communities. In addition to helping her company become more sustainable, she brings technical experience to decision-makers and clients to improve access to resources and technical assistance to advance shared goals and objectives to energy efficient transportation, buildings and facilities. Deb is an experienced project manager, designer and coordinator of projects and programs to inspire communities, regions and business to plan and implement sustainability policies, initiatives and practices. She has coordinated numerous award winning projects including the Vermont Outdoor Lighting Study, the Way to Go Commuter Challenge, and the 10% Challenge program, a voluntary civic outreach program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from households and businesses.

**Will "Chip" Sawyer** joined the University of Vermont Center for Rural Studies staff in 2001. He manages research and outreach projects in community and economic development, food systems, and community planning. Chip specializes in support and technical assistance for local decision-makers and entrepreneurs in Vermont. He also manages the Vermont State Data Center program for U.S. Census Bureau information. Chip serves as Chair of the Steering Committee of the Vermont Land Use Education and Training Collaborative. He also teaches UVM courses on community organization and development. He recently left UVM to take on the position of Planning Director for the City of St. Albans, where he has been sitting as a planning commissioner. Chip has received Master's degrees in Public Administration and Natural Resource Planning from the University of Vermont.

**Brian Shupe** is sustainable Communities Program Director & Deputy Director of VNRC – Vermont's oldest conservation and land use advocacy organization. He has 25 years of professional planning experience including Executive Director of the Mad River Valley Planning District and Director of Planning and Zoning for the Town of Stowe. For nearly ten years he was a partner with Burnt Rock Inc., Associates in Community Planning. Burnt Rock provided an extensive range of technical services to local governments, state and regional agencies, non-profit organizations and citizen groups. Brian came to VNRC from Smart Growth Vermont, where he served as Director of Programs. Throughout his career, Brian's professional focus has been natural resource protection, growth management and sustainable development. Brian received an M.S. in Urban & Regional Planning from Florida State University. He lives in Waitsfield with his wife, Valerie, where he serves as Chair of the Development review Board, Town Moderator, and is active with several community organizations.

**Mitchell J. Silver**, AICP, President of APA, is the Chief Planning and Economic Development Officer in the City of Raleigh, North Carolina. Silver is an award-winning planner with more than 25 years of planning experience. He is nationally recognized for his leadership in the profession and his contributions to contemporary planning issues. Before coming to Raleigh in 2005 as planning director, Silver worked as policy and planning director in New York City, a principal of a New York City-based planning firm, a town manager in New Jersey and deputy planning director in Washington, D.C. He has taught graduate planning courses at Hunter College, Brooklyn College, Pratt Institute, and North Carolina State University. As planning director in Raleigh, he led the comprehensive plan update process. He is now overseeing a rewrite of the city's Development Code.

**Leo Smith**, Northeast Regional Director, International Dark-Sky Association, has been a member of the IDA/IES Joint Task Force responsible for developing the Model Lighting Ordinance (MLO) for the past six years. He is a member of both the Illuminating Engineering Society (IES) and the International Dark Sky Association (IDA), where he serves as on the Board. He is a member of the IES Roadway Lighting Committee, and serves on subcommittees on Residential Street Lighting, Parking Lot Lighting and Standard Practices. He is also on the IES Outdoor Environmental Lighting Committee. He is currently participating in an IDA Working Group to provide science-based research standards for Street and Roadway Lighting Warranting. In addition to serving on the IDA Board, Mr. Smith is also the Northeast Regional Director for the International Dark Sky Association, and is based in Suffield, Connecticut.

**Sandrine Thibault**, AICP, has served as the City of Burlington's Comprehensive Planner since February 2008. Her prior experience includes three years as a Principal Planner with the State of New Hampshire's Office of Energy and Planning, two years as a Principal Planner with the North Country Council in New Hampshire and one year as Zoning Review Coordinator for the City of Baton Rouge in Louisiana. She holds a Master's in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of New Orleans and a bachelor's in urban planning from the University of Montreal, Canada.

**Charles Waldheim** is the John E. Irving Professor of Landscape Architecture and Chair of the Department of Landscape Architecture at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design. His teaching and research examine the relationships between landscape and contemporary

urbanism. Waldheim coined the term "landscape urbanism" to describe the recent emergence of landscape as a medium of urban order for the contemporary city. Waldheim has authored numerous articles and chapters on the topic, and edited *The Landscape Urbanism Reader*. His writing on landscape and contemporary urbanism has appeared in *Landscape Journal*, *Topos*, *Log*, *Praxis*, 306090, *Canadian Architect*, and *Landscape Architecture Magazine*. Citing Detroit as the most legible example of urban industrial economy, Waldheim is editor of *CASE: Lafayette Park Detroit* and co-editor, with Georgia Daskalakis and Jason Young, of *Stalking Detroit*. He has taught and lectured on contemporary urbanism across North America, Europe, Australia, and Asia. Waldheim is recipient of the Rome Prize Fellowship from the American Academy in Rome; the Visiting Scholar Research Fellowship at the Study Centre of the Canadian Centre for Architecture; the Cullinan Chair at Rice University, and the Sanders Fellowship at the University of Michigan. Waldheim is a licensed architect and principal of Urban Agency, a multi-disciplinary consultancy in design and contemporary urbanism. Waldheim received the Master of Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania where he was awarded the Paul Cret Medal for Master's Thesis Prize and the Wil Melhorn Prize for work in architectural theory.

**Nick Warner** is a Special projects Manager at the Burlington Vermont Community and Economic Development Office. He has been administering the City's Brownfields Program since 1998, along with a number of development projects, programs and initiatives. He is a graduate of the University of Vermont, where he received his Bachelor's in Education and Master's of Public Administration.

**Josie Weldon** has worked for the Association of Africans Living in Vermont since 2007. She is a program specialist who runs projects including AALV's New Farms for New Americans. Josie previously worked for the Vermont Refugee Resettlement Program as a program specialist and served as an Americorps VISTA at the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity's Micro Business Development Program. She is a graduate from Trinity College in Hartford, CT with a BA in International Studies.

**Joanna Whitcomb**, AICP, is the Director of Campus Planning at Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH. She's responsible for the implementation and oversight of the campus master plan. Her work includes space planning, landscape design, architectural programming, feasibility studies, sustainability strategies, and capital planning program development. She also works on planning for Dartmouth's residential and commercial portfolios and Town/Gown interface. Prior to joining the College, Joanna was a partner with Burnt Rock, Inc. Associates in Community Planning based in Waitsfield, Vermont. Throughout her career, Joanna's professional focus has been sustainable development and resource protection. She has a MS in Resource Administration and Management from the University of New Hampshire and a BS in Physical Geography and Environmental Science from McGill University. Joanna lives in Hanover with her family, where she is involved in numerous community organizations.

**David E. White** is the Director of Planning and Zoning for the City of Burlington, VT - Vermont's largest city with a population of ~40,000 nestled on the eastern shore of Lake Champlain and between New York's Adirondacks and Vermont's Green Mountains. Prior to becoming Planning

Director in 2007, David was Burlington's Comprehensive Planner for 12 years where he played a lead role in the creation of Burlington's Municipal Development Plan, Open Space Protection Plan, the North Street Commercial District Revitalization Plan, and a comprehensive revision of the Burlington Zoning Ordinance. He was admitted to the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) - the professional institute of the American Planning Association - in 1997. David holds a Master's Degree from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences received in 1989, and a Bachelor's Degree in Geography from the University of Vermont received in 1984.