

2019/2020

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The Mission of ULI Washington's Regional Land Use Leadership Institute is to provide a powerful local resource to raise awareness and strengthen collaboration among real estate industry and business leaders from all sectors to tackle the National Capital Area's complex land use issues. The Regional Land Use Leadership Institute helps develop tomorrow's leaders who share the ULI's mission. Throughout the nine-month program, the 30 participants enjoy a mix of lectures and experiences in which they collaborate with real estate, business, and public sector professionals in learning about the region and the complex issues confronting it.

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Schedule for the Year:

Opening Dinner (precedes Day 1):		<u>September 11, 2019</u>
Day 1:	The Region in Context	<u>September 12, 2019</u>
Day 2:	Transportation + Infrastructure	<u>October 10, 2019</u>
Day 3:	Finance + Development Process	<u>November 7, 2019</u>
Day 4:	Housing + Affordability	<u>December 12, 2019</u>
Day 5:	Trends + Innovation	<u>January 9, 2020</u>
Day 6:	Health + Livability	<u>February 6, 2020</u>
Day 7:	Placemaking + Design	<u>March 12, 2020</u>
Day 8:	Resiliency + The Built Environment	<u>April 16, 2020</u>
Graduation		<u>May 14, 2020</u>



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Makkah currently works as a Housing Regulations Specialist with the DC Department of Housing and Community Development. She assists developers and households in assuring compliance with the Inclusionary Zoning and Affordable Dwelling Units housing programs. Before her current position, she worked for federal rental subsidy programs at

the Baltimore City Housing Authority and Arlington County Government. Makkah's interest in urban planning issues started while she was a real estate agent and wanted to understand the development process. The inquisitiveness led to the desire to be involved in expanding the availability of affordable, high-quality housing.

Makkah has a Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Science from Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina and earned a Master of City and Regional Planning from Morgan State University in Baltimore, Maryland. Makkah lives in Alexandria, Virginia. She loves to travel, and as an avid dancer, she enjoys Zumba regularly.



Fawia Ahmedali

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Fawzia Ahmedali is a registered architect with over 20 years of cross-disciplinary experience in architecture, interiors, and master planning. Her body of work spans across cities of the US, Hong Kong, Singapore, and India — encompassing diverse project types including commercial, residential, mixed-use, educational, and transit systems. She



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possesses demonstrated knowledge and experience in design and documentation, spearheading multi-disciplinary teams, and client management.

In the last five years living and working in Washington DC, Fawzia has worked on transformative projects such as the District Wharf, mixed-use projects in the district and latest being Phase 2 of the Art Place at Fort Totten project currently in development. An avid traveler and a sometimes keen photographer, she spends much of her free time discovering new places and cultures and expanding her knowledge and passion for what makes cities tick, buildings successful within their context, and studying how people interact with the urban environment.



Sara Brandt-Vorel

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Sara Brandt-Vorel is an Urban Planner with the City of Alexandria, Virginia and a local DMV resident. As an Urban Planner, Sara is responsible for managing new real estate development projects on behalf of Alexandria from inception through certificates of occupancy, to ensure new construction projects meet the City's stated development objectives and provide positive community benefits. Prior to her time with the City of Alexandria, Sara worked in the private sector as a consultant with a firm providing real estate and economic development strategies to a range of public- and private-sector clients. Sara holds a Master of Urban Planning from the University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Arts from Wellesley College. When Sara isn't working, you'll find her biking around D.C., planning weekend trips, cooking with friends, or spending time with family.



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Lisa Chiblow is an AICP accredited urban planner and project manager with a passion for the environment. She developed this passion growing up on an Ojibway reservation in Ontario, Canada. Upon her graduation from the University of Waterloo, she fulfilled the Canadian dream – she moved to Florida.

During her time in Florida Lisa poured the foundation of her career with experiences including affordable housing, resort development and eminent domain support. Lisa relocated to DC and worked at a law firm rezoning properties for residential, commercial, mixed use and senior housing. Most recently, her career has taken her across the US leading planning and design charrettes for Federal clients.

Lisa is a team builder, whether redesigning a town center or managing a multi-disciplinary rezoning entitlement team. Her core values of collaboration and community are the focus of her career.

Outside work, Lisa is a wannabe Top Chef and enjoys photography.



David Cordell

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David Cordell is an Associate Principal in Perkins+Will's Washington, DC office. His experience includes a variety of corporate, non-profit, healthcare, and science & tech clients. With over ten



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years as the sustainability leader for the interiors practice in the DC office, David has served as designer on ground breaking projects with a particular focus on interior environments and their interaction with occupant health and wellness and sustainability. David has worked on numerous LEED projects, several of which earned Platinum certification, and the American Society of Interior Designers HQ, the first project in the world to earn Platinum certification under the WELL Building Standard. David has authored several articles for Contract Magazine's "Designing for Health" series and published research papers on various aspects of workplace design. David speaks regularly on healthy interior environments. His work has received multiple awards and has been published in Contract magazine, Metropolis and Interior Design magazines.



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Joe Giangrandi is a senior associate and studio leader for LandDesign in Washington, DC. In 2005 he earned a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture from Clemson University before quickly starting his career in his home territory of the South Carolina Lowcountry. It was in 2010 that Joe traveled to DC to become part of the LandDesign team. Now, Joe oversees an eight person design studio where he manages clients and helps to create conceptual designs. He is also the creator and director of StudioD3, LandDesign's in-house visualization

production studio that showcases his passion for using new technology to better the development of design and storytelling in landscaping projects.

Joe currently resides in Alexandria with his wife and two small children. When not at work or with his family, he enjoys college football and anything that involves boards, waves and salt water.



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Jasmine Gipson joined Crystal City Business Improvement District as the Planning and Operations Associate reporting to the Chief Operating Officer in Spring 2019. In her role, Jasmine supports the BID's planning initiatives, operations, and brand work. Before the Crystal City BID, Jasmine worked at KaBOOM!, developing public private partnerships to give kids greater access to play. She is a graduate of Harvard College where she studied Sociology and African American Studies and was a Mellon

Mays Research Fellow and STRIDE Public Service Scholar. Jasmine is motivated by a sense of responsibility to make places more equitable. Jasmine volunteers as a college prep mentor, is the branding lead for Spoons, a digital collective for millennial black women, and is a member of the Greater Washington Urban League's Thursday Network. She resides in the Columbia Heights neighborhood of Washington, DC.



Angelica Gonzalez

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Angelica Gonzalez is a Planner Coordinator with the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in the Montgomery County Planning Department. She is responsible for development review of commercial, mixed use, and residential development and also focuses on placemaking efforts. Angelica has practiced urban planning and urban design for more than 8 years in the public sector in the DC Metro area and in the San Francisco Bay Area. Prior to working with



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M-NCPPC she also practiced urban planning in development review in northern Virginia with Fairfax County including mixed use transit oriented development projects in Reston. Prior to her experience in regulatory review she worked on SFpark as a pilot project with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency (SFMTA).

Angelica holds a Master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a Bachelor's degree in urban studies and planning from the University of California, San Diego. She also studied abroad in Costa Rica and in Rome for sustainable development and urban design. Angelica was born in the Philippines and at a young age moved to California. She now lives in Maryland and has three kids. She enjoys traveling, playing volleyball, hiking, painting and baking in her spare time.



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Alex Hutchinson, AICP serves as a Real Estate Development Project Manager on complex urban and community development projects in the District of Columbia. Alex is leading the McMillan Sand Filtration Site Redevelopment in addition to other public-private partnership initiatives for the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development. Prior to working for DMPED, Alex worked on real estate, economic development, and transportation issues in the DMV, Baltimore, across the US, and in South

America. Alex has a graduate degree in Community Planning from the University of Maryland. Alex grew up in Takoma Park, MD and now lives with his wife Rachel, and their dog Betty in Petworth. In his free time Alex enjoys building furniture, mountain biking, skiing, and going on trips almost as much as he likes planning them.



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An urban planner by training, I have focused most of my career at the intersection of community revitalization and economic development. As a “road warrior” and then Director for the National Main Street Center, I had the good fortune to travel the country, and learned how small changes and collective efforts by local residents can incrementally transform a community. More recently, I served as Director of Business Strategy in the DC Deputy Mayor’s Office for Planning and Economic Development. I now work in the Office of Community Revitalization for Fairfax

County, with a mission to re-tool older suburban commercial areas into community centers that are more walkable, dynamic and sustainable. As a resident of Washington DC for the past 30 years, I enjoy spending my free time with my husband and daughter exploring parks and bike trails throughout the region.



Amanda Logsdon

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Amanda Logsdon began her career in construction at an early age, shadowing her father’s federal and state highway construction business on weekends and summers. During and directly after university, Amanda started working for Ryan Homes, ultimately building \$8 million dollars of new Single Family and Townhouse projects in the Washington Metro DC Area. In 2006, she moved into commercial construction at HITT Contracting. In her tenure at HITT Contracting, she worked in the Base



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Building sector delivering more than 5 million square feet of complex new construction projects. After eleven years with HITT, she moved to BF Saul Company & Affiliates, to take on a role in Development Management. Since 1892, BF Saul Company, has amassed a diverse portfolio of real estate throughout the Washington DC Metro Area, including Commercial Office, Hotels, Shopping Centers and Multi-Family Mixed Use. All real estate for the private and public holding companies is developed, managed and leased internally from entitlements through design, construction, and managed in perpetuity. Currently, Amanda is the Development/Construction Manager for The Waycroft, a residential mixed use project at 750 N. Glebe in Arlington, Virginia.

In her free time, Amanda teaches Hot Power Yoga at Down Dog Yoga. She finds the physicality of the yoga practice and continued study of meditation very beneficial to the demanding work in the real estate industry. When she is not working or teaching, you can find her making pottery at Glen Echo Park or putting her construction knowledge to use at her home in Falls Church, Virginia.



Atara Margolies

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Atara Margolies is an architect and urban designer with 15 years of experience in educational, cultural and mixed-use projects. Over the past several years in Washington, DC she has designed an addition to a historic middle school, a performing arts center at a local university, and several feasibility studies for public and

private clients. Atara has extensive experience in navigating public approvals processes and engaging with stakeholders. Prior to her current position, Atara spent a decade focused on university master planning and cultural facilities in New York City. She received her B.A. in Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania in 2000, and her M.Arch and a Certificate of Urban Design from the University of Pennsylvania in 2004.

Originally from Baltimore, Atara moved back to Maryland in 2014. She resides in Silver Spring with her husband and three children. She spends her spare time with her family at museums, baseball games, parks and libraries.



Meredith Moldenhauer

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Meridith runs the Cozen O'Connor DC Zoning and Land Use practice. She works closely with developers, architects, contractors, property owners, and tenants interpreting and applying zoning and regulatory law. Meridith has deep roots in Washington D.C. Meridith served as a board member and chair of the Board of Zoning Adjustment from 2009 to 2011 as a mayoral appointee, appointed by Mayor Adrian Fenty. Meridith brings her knowledge of the region to her practice to provide her clients with informed legal insight and useful risk

analysis. Meridith's background in business, in conjunction with her regulatory experience, informs her approach to the practice of law and enables her to deliver realistic risk assessments and options, thus allowing her clients to proceed from an informed perspective. In addition to her focus on zoning, land use, and development, Meridith also possesses experience advising clients on a broad range of licensing, advertising, compliance, and distribution issues before the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board.



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Elba is an Associate Principal at Hickok Cole where she leads the design of architecture projects in the DC/MD/VA Metro region. She is the co-founder of iLAB, a program that awards micro-grants to employees to develop original work.

Her career is guided by the belief that great architecture is crafted by talented individuals

who successfully collaborate as a team. With each layer of complexity, the interface with other disciplines widens the capacity of the team to achieve more ambitious and meaningful goals, to transform properties into places, and contribute to the cities we all love. Elba holds a Master of Architecture from the University of Pennsylvania where she was the recipient of The Paul Phillippe Cret Prize, the Arthur Spayd Brooke Memorial Gold Medal, the Mario J. Romanach Fellowship, and the E. Lewis Dales Travelling Fellowship. She is an avid tennis player competing in USTA leagues throughout the Mid-Atlantic region.



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Jared is a Senior Analyst at HR&A Advisors, where he is focused on urban resilience, climate adaptation, and TOD. Prior to joining HR&A, Jared served as the Open Space Program Manager at Place Lab, a nonprofit in San Francisco focused on leveraging public private partnerships to create new



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public open spaces with innovative stewardship models. Jared received a Master in City Planning and Urban Design Certificate from the MIT School of Architecture + Planning in 2013, where he was a member of the City Design & Development group. He received a B.A. in History from the University of Michigan, is a LEED AP, and holds a certificate from the Sustainable Building Advisor Institute.



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Jonathan D. Rogers is a Senior Transportation Planner with the District Department of Transportation. His responsibilities include development review, public realm design and permitting, neighborhood transportation planning, and Environmental studies. Jonathan's focus is on identifying and implementing multi-modal transportation needs for the District's most rapidly developing neighborhoods including Buzzard Point, Union Market, and Walter Reed. Before joining DDOT, he worked on regional transportation issues at the Metropolitan Washington Council

of Governments. Jonathan holds a Master of City Planning degree from the University of California, Berkeley and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. He lives in the Petworth neighborhood of DC with his fiancé, Tamara, and basset hound, Dolly.



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Cristina enjoys her weekends hiking with her husband. Her love for nature and cities encouraged her move to the public sector 3 years ago. The lead planner for urban parks initiatives in Montgomery Parks, Cristina manages the *Energized Public Spaces Functional Master Plan* - an innovative plan which focuses on promoting equitable walking access to park experiences for all: residents, workers and visitors.

She brings over 20 years of experience in the fields of planning and urban design working as Associate and Master Planner at SmithGroup/JJR, Gensler and CallisonRTKL/Arcadis where she led, managed and coordinated complex urban projects from the New Carrollton Metro Station, National Institute of Health, National Cancer Institute, St.Elizabeths West Campus in the DC/Maryland region to projects in Brazil (her native country), China, Middle-East, Africa and also New York City's resilience efforts.



**Surina Singh
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Surina is an urban planner with the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), the federal planning agency for America's capital. A member of the Policy and Research Division, she recently managed the update and adoption of the *Comprehensive Plan for*

the National Capital's Federal Parks & Open Space Element. Surina is currently leading NCPC's exploration of how public spaces and placemaking efforts should address evolving security needs. She is an experienced landscape architect and urban planner who previously spent 15 years working at Stantec as a designer and project manager for several prominent planning and urban design projects in the region. Surina holds a Bachelor's in Architecture from the School of Habitat Studies in New Delhi, India and a Master's in Landscape Architecture from Harvard University's Graduate School of Design. In her free time Surina enjoys photography, exploring museums, and traveling with her husband and two daughters.



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Daniel Solomon is a transportation planner and Project Manager in the Washington DC office of Gorove/Slade Associates. His work with public agencies and private firms encompasses the vast spectrum of transportation related planning work, including but not limited to Small Area Plans, Master/Campus Planning, Multimodal Transportation Studies, and Smart Mobility. His work includes projects across the United States, but his primary focus area is in the Washington DC and Northern Virginia areas. He holds both LEED AP ND and AICP credentials.

Daniel is a native of Israel who has lived in the District with his wife since 2014. He earned his Master's degree at Tel Aviv University, Israel and received his Bachelor's degree from York University in Toronto, Canada. Outside of work, Daniel volunteers at the National Building Museum's CityVision program to teach DC public school students the basics of urban planning, design, architecture, and community-oriented planning. He enjoys playing soccer, ultimate frisbee, cycling, board games, cooking, and spending time with family and friends.



Rachel Hardesty Sowards

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Rachel Hardesty Sowards is the Chief Operating Officer at Rodgers Consulting, Inc. Rachel moved to Washington DC and began working in commercial real estate in 2005. Having graduated from the University of Iowa with a Political Science and English major, Rachel's intent was to work in government but instead (through a series of pleasant shifts) ended up working for a local developer in Arlington. The world of CRE opened up and Rachel was hooked.

Prior to joining Rodgers Consulting as their Chief Operating Officer in 2018, Rachel was the Vice President of Paladino and Company and worked exclusively with sustainability projects focused in the DC and New York City market. Most notable was her work on the World Trade Center redevelopment in NYC. Rachel was honored to be selected to the 40 Under 40 in 2015 by the Building, Design + Construction magazine and has been an active member of Vistage leadership group since 2014. Leadership development and peer to peer mentorship is a passion and an ongoing area of development for Rachel.

When she's not working, Rachel lives at home, in Rockville, with her wonderful husband David and their two cats, Caesar and Brutus.



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Michelle Stahlhut, AICP is a planner with almost 15 years of experience building community. She has guided a full spectrum of projects through the public process in both long-range planning and development review roles in Virginia and previously in northern California. She has also, at different times, worked on policy development for green building, urban agriculture, historic preservation, and telecommunication infrastructure. Currently at Fairfax County she manages the public

facilities and plan development team in the Planning Division.

Michelle has a Master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. She lives in Arlington with her husband and keeps busy with two elementary school-aged kids and a slightly overgrown vegetable garden.



Sam Stiebel

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Sam joined Regency in 2017 as Vice President. He currently has more than ten years in commercial development, entitlement, planning, and financing on the East Coast. Sam has been involved in the development of over two million square feet of multifamily and retail during his career.



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Previously, Sam served as Vice President for the JBG Companies, overseeing multiple mixed-use development projects along with sale agreements, joint ventures, and REAs. He also worked in New York City as an Investment Banking Associate for RBC Capital Markets, coordinating multiple transactions for clients.

Sam earned a Bachelor of Urban and Environmental Planning degree from the University of Virginia and went on to achieve an MBA from New York University. He is also a member of the Urban Land Institute, ICSC, and a past Rebuilding Together Montgomery County Secretary of the Board.

He enjoys spending time outdoors with his wife and two daughters.



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Emily Tettelbaum is a regulatory planner at the Montgomery County Planning Department. In this role, she serves as a lead reviewer for subdivision, site plan, rezoning, and other types of development applications. She works with various stakeholders and County agencies to assess development proposals and present recommendations to decision makers.

She has brought a number of significant development proposals before the Planning Board including a 2 million-square-foot mixed-use development at the Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Station. Her current projects include large mixed-use developments at Westfield Montgomery Mall and Rock Spring Centre in Bethesda. Emily has also worked on zoning legislation such as the 2014 rewrite of the County's Zoning Ordinance and a law to allow/regulate short-term residential rentals (e.g. Airbnb).

Emily earned a graduate degree in community planning from the University of Maryland College Park and a bachelor's degree in biology from Grinnell College. Prior to her current career, Emily worked as a horticulturist and she continues to be an avid gardener.



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Judd is a Development Associate with Foulger-Pratt, a full-service real estate developer, general contractor and property management company based in Potomac, MD. Judd serves as project manager for a variety of large, mixed-use, transit-oriented projects in and around the DC-area. He received his B.A. in International Affairs from the George Washington University, where he became increasingly interested in urban studies and the built environment. After getting his start working for a DC-based real estate developer that specialized in adaptive reuse and historic redevelopment, he went back to school and

received a master's degree in Urban and Regional Planning with a concentration in economic development from Virginia Tech in 2015.

Judd lives in the Del Ray neighborhood of Alexandria, Virginia, and enjoys traveling, cooking and eating with friends, and spending time with his wife and two boys.



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Dodd Walker is a Vice President of Development with Akridge, a full service commercial real estate developer in Washington, DC, where he is responsible for land acquisitions and development. He leads development project teams through the processes of acquisition, design, entitlements, leasing, marketing, financing, joint venture structuring, contractor selection, and construction. He has over 20 years of experience in multiple aspects of investment real estate.

In addition to the Urban Land Institute, the Real Estate Group, and other organizations, he has served in leadership roles with the African American Real Estate Professionals, Capitol Riverfront Business Improvement District, DC Vote, and various other task forces and civic groups.

Dodd received a Bachelor in Finance from the University of Baltimore.



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John is responsible for all project development and acquisitions of multifamily housing for AHC. During his tenure, AHC has acquired/developed more than 5,500 multifamily units in the Washington-Baltimore Metropolitan region. He supervises a development team of seven who coordinate development activities—identifying sites, managing design team, undertaking entitlements, and financing projects. He was formerly a project manager at Hope Housing in D.C., focusing on transitional housing development. He previously worked in New York City for a commercial real estate brokerage firm.

He holds a Master's Degree in Regional Planning from Cornell University and a Bachelor's Degree in Finance from Villanova University. John is a former ANC Commissioner, and past secretary of the D.C. Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development. He is currently a board member at HAND, Housing Partnership Equity Trust (HPET), and a member of Lambda Alpha International (DC). John is married (Cynthia), son (Michael). He has interests in cycling, veggie gardening, writing, Rebuilding Together volunteer.



Adam Whiman

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Adam currently works for BentallGreenOak as an Associate on the Multifamily Asset Management team. In his current role, Adam works as an asset

manager on a portfolio of his own properties while also assisting other asset managers with their multifamily portfolios located throughout the east coast. Adam



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graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio with a Bachelors of Arts in Architecture in May 2012 and graduated from Georgetown University's School of Continuing Studies with a Masters of Professional Studies in Real Estate in December 2016. Adam was born in Massachusetts and now lives in the Columbia Heights neighborhood of Washington, DC with his wife and dog.



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Claire Worshtil is the Lead Strategic Park Planner for the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR). She serves as a coordinator for strategic plans and feasibility studies, manages complex consultant work, and designs mechanisms for the implementation of the Department's functional master plan and work program.

Prior to joining DPR, Claire was the Senior Program Manager for Land Use at the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB). At NAHB she was the primary staff liaison for NAHB's Land Development Committee where she tracked and interpreted emerging issues in land use planning, development entitlements, infrastructure finance, and green/sustainable development. She has also worked as a Planner for Marstel-Day, LLC, where she focused on military installation master planning and encroachment studies and worked as a Senior Planner for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

She holds a Master of Community Planning degree from the University of Maryland – College Park and a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science and Metropolitan Studies from Towson University.