

2007 Growth Management Training Conference



Speakers List

Maura Adams, Project Manager *The Jordan Institute*

Maura Adams joined the Jordan Institute in August 2006. She helps municipalities throughout New Hampshire understand their environmental impact and implement cost-effective projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and sustain ecological services. She is also a LEED Accredited Professional who assists the High Performance Buildings program.

A 2005 graduate of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, Maura holds a master's degree in Environmental Management. Her studies and work experience at Yale focused on community forestry, ecological restoration, and land conservation. Other relevant work experience includes environmental writing, education, workshop facilitation, and ecological fieldwork. Maura's undergraduate degree, in Biological Aspects of Conservation and History, is from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Most recently Maura coordinated an energy reduction program for the Harvard Green Campus Initiative, organizing behavioral change campaigns targeted at the 75,000 faculty, staff, and students in the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

Charles Bagley, Instructional Designer *Granite State College*

Charles "Chuck" Bagley is an Instructional Designer with Granite State College/Educational Technology and Computing staff. Chuck earned his M.Ed. in Adult Learning and Development from Plymouth State University and has a breadth of experience that includes teaching at NHCTC-Manchester, serving as a Learning and Development Consultant at UNH's Brown Center for Innovative Learning, holding the position of Academic Outreach Program Coordinator/Advisor at Rivier College, and serving as a curriculum developer for Tele Atlas North America in Hanover, NH.

Joanne Cassulo, Senior Planner *New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning*

Joanne is a senior planner and the state's National Flood Insurance Coordinator at the Office of Energy and Planning. She primarily works on floodplain management and land use planning and development issues, including many of the office's smart growth initiatives. She is responsible for the training and technical assistance programs for planning boards and zoning boards of adjustment. She received her

master's degree in planning from the University of Rhode Island. Prior to working at OEP, Joanne worked for several planning firms in Rhode Island and Massachusetts and was a local planner with various communities in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.

Charlie French, Community and Economic Development Specialist
University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension

Charlie French is a returned Peace Corps Volunteer (Panama, 1994-1997), has a BA in Geography from Dartmouth College and a MA in Geography with a focus on Rural Planning from Western Illinois University. He is currently a Doctoral Candidate in Natural Resources and Earth Systems Sciences at the University of New Hampshire. In his professional role as a Community and Economic Development Specialist with the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, Charlie seeks to engage the public in local decision-making processes around a range of issues, including land use, recreation, and economic development. Charlie also brings his experience to the classroom as a faculty member in the Department of Resource Economics, where he teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in community and economic development.

Benjamin Frost, AICP, Housing Awareness Coordinator
New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority

Ben Frost is the coordinator of the Housing Awareness Program at New Hampshire Housing. His work includes assisting local and regional workforce housing coalitions statewide, and developing and delivering programs to increase public and business community involvement in promoting the development of affordable housing. Previously he was employed as a Senior Planner with the NH Office of Energy and Planning, as the executive director of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (NH/VT), and as a planner and administrator in local and regional government in several states throughout the region. He is on the faculty of Southern NH University and NH Community Technical College/Stratham, teaching Business Law and Geography. Frost is an attorney admitted to practice in New Hampshire, and is also a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners. He serves on the executive boards of the New Hampshire Municipal Lawyers Association and both the New Hampshire Planners Association and the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association. Frost is a graduate of Colgate University (B.A., Geography), Syracuse University (M.A., Geography), and Cornell Law School (J.D., Business Law and Regulation/Public Administration). He is presently working toward a Ph.D. in Community Economic Development at Southern New Hampshire University with a focus on the impact of local regulation on housing affordability. He lives in Milford, New Hampshire, where he serves on the planning board.

Michele Gagne
University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension

Michele Gagne has been with UNH Cooperative Extension for 10 years and is physically located in the Resource Economics Department at UNH in Durham. She works closely with communities to provide them with technical assistance in planning for the future of their community regarding issues such as land use, recreation, and citizen involvement. She coordinates the Community Profile project, which has been conducted in over 75 NH communities since 1989 and is on several regional teams including Housing and

Land Use, the Northeast Extension Land Use Network and developing core competencies for Extension professionals doing community development work. She also teaches Community Conflict and Change at UNH and links UNH students with applied experiences in communities, such as facilitation and asset mapping. Her expertise includes small and large group facilitation, participatory planning, affordable housing, social and economic issues relating to commercial fisheries, and evaluation.

James Gruber, Core Faculty, Environmental Studies Dept., and Project Director
ANEI, Antioch University New England

James Gruber has 30 years of experience in public administration and non-profit management, including directing a Vermont municipality, directing a regional, solid-waste district, and consulting to federal, state, and Eastern European governments on resource and environmental management. He is strongly dedicated to local governmental service and has consulted to local, state, and national governments on resource planning, transportation planning, policy development, environmental issues, ordinance drafting, public participation, and community education. Examples of his work include founding the NH Selectperson Institute, assisting the Ministry of Environment of Bulgaria in developing its first national environmental policy through an open process, assisting NH DOT on their CTAP initiative, managing the Rural Toxic Waste Project for 59 local governments in New Hampshire, assisting Vermont in their public-participation plan for solid-waste, developing with the New Hampshire Municipal Association the Municipal Leadership Institute, facilitating Vision-to-Action Forums, managing an initiative with the Baltic American Partnership to develop community foundations in each of the Baltic States (Latvia, Lithuania, and Estonia) through broad participatory forums and multi-stakeholder planning processes, and consulting municipalities on local, resource conservation, growth, and environmental planning. He is a licensed civil engineer (P.E.) in NH with an MS from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and an MPA from the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. As a faculty member of the Environmental Studies Department at Antioch, he teaches graduate level courses in environmental economics, public policy, public-sector/non-profit finance, sustainable organizations, and proposal writing.

Reuben F. Hull, Jr., PE, Owner/Civil Engineer
Civil Design Engineering Consultants, LLC

Reuben F. Hull, Jr., PE has been involved in all aspects of engineering projects from initial studies through preparation of plans and specifications, construction services, and shop drawing review. His extensive knowledge reflects sixteen years of experience with engineering projects including master planning, site grading and drainage, roadway layout, subdivision design, water supply and wastewater process design, solid waste disposal system analyses. Mr. Hull was the recipient of the 1997 Young Engineer of the Year Award and is past President of the NH Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Marty Kennedy, Principal
Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB)

Mr. Kennedy is a principal at the engineering firm of Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB). He has 24 years of experience in Traffic Engineering and Transportation Planning. Mr. Kennedy manages VHB's

Bedford, NH office and is responsible for VHB's Northern New England operations. He has also served as a traffic study review consultant to several NH cities and towns.

Ken Kinney, National Director
HNTB Corporation

Ken Kinney is National Director of Transit Planning for HNTB Corporation and is the project manager for the I-93 Transit Investment Study. At HNTB Ken manages major transit planning projects, including feasibility studies, alternatives analyses and Environmental Impact Statements. In addition to the Manchester-Boston corridor study, his current and recent projects include rail studies in Kansas City, St. Louis, Miami, Indianapolis, Cleveland, and Madison, Wisconsin. He was educated at Ohio Wesleyan University, Tufts University and the London School of Economics.

Bill Klubben, Director of Community Development
Town of Bow

Since 1997, Bill Klubben has served as the Director of Community Development for the town of Bow since 1997. Prior to his current role in Bow, he served as the Executive Director for the Central New Hampshire Regional Planning Commission for over ten years. He has also served on the executive committee for the Northern New England Chapter of the American Planning Association and the New Hampshire Planners Association. Prior to his arrival in New Hampshire, Bill has also worked as the Subdivision & Zoning Coordinator for the Yellowstone County Planning Department in Montana and as a planner for the Lewis and Clark Area-Wide Planning Organization in Helena, Montana.

Christa Koehler, Community Program Manager
Clean Air-Cool Planet

Christa Koehler was a City Planner for Keene, New Hampshire, where she performed a broad array of planning and development tasks including the development of comprehensive plans and review of development proposals. One of Christa's primary duties was to coordinate and run the Cities for Climate Protection program in Keene where she worked on implementing a Local Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Christa earned her B.A. in Political Science at Pace University and her M.S. in Resource Management and Administration at Antioch New England Graduate School. Her research has centered on how comprehensive planning can curtail the advent of climate change in the northeast. Christa is an adjunct professor at Antioch New England Graduate School and is the Vice President of the New Hampshire Planners Association.

Don Lane, Founder and Managing Manager
Watch Hill Advisors, LLC

Don Lane is the Founder and Managing Manager of Watch Hill Advisors, LLC. Don is a corporate development professional with more than 25 years experience in market and business management; specializing in strategic planning, stage/gate development processes, and mergers & acquisitions. Prior to founding Watch Hill, Don was Director of Corporate Development for Chemfab Corporation, a NYSE publicly traded high-performance materials, where he was co-leader of the mergers & acquisition program and directed a cross-functional new products R&D/marketing team.

Don has extensive experience in architectural materials, specialized processing machinery, and construction project management. His international experience includes managing the business relationships between a group of European & American OEMs, and their global marketplace. Recently Don directed the manufacture and delivery to Madagascar of 1400 classrooms and 500 units of teacher housing sponsored by the UN's "Education Pour Tous" global education initiative. He is the founding member of a LLC that designs Open Space/Conservation residential developments in central New Hampshire. He is a member of the Town of Bow, NH, Planning Board and Town of Bow Business Development Commission.

Rob Robinson, Environmental Permits Coordinator
City of Manchester

Rob Robinson is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Lowell where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. He is employed by the City of Manchester as an Environmental Permits Coordinator. His duties include administration of the City's Storm Water and Industrial Pretreatment Programs. He also performs project management of sewer and environmental engineering projects. Prior to holding the position of Environmental Permits Coordinator, Rob worked for the City as the Pretreatment Supervisor.

Steve Roy, Water Resource Planner
GeoSyntec Consultants, Inc.

Steven Roy is a water resources planner and scientist with GeoSyntec Consultants, Inc., Acton, MA. He has over 27 years of professional experience in the field of environmental program management specializing in water resources assessment, stormwater management, and environmental impact assessment. His work focuses on the assessment of water resource impacts from land use activities. Mr. Roy has managed several stormwater projects that have included conceptual and engineered designs for innovative stormwater best management practices. Many of these designs have included constructed wetlands, bioretention cells, water quality swales, raingardens, porous pavement, planter boxes, and other water quality controls. Mr. Roy serves on the Board of Directors of the Low Impact Development Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to developing and providing information to individuals and organizations to protect the environment and our water resources through proper site design techniques that replicate pre-existing hydrologic site conditions. Mr. Roy is a LEED Accredited Professional.

Julia Suprock, Planner
HNTB Corporation

Julia is an urban planner with experience in land use, economic development, and housing policy. Prior to work as a consultant, she was an assistant to Chicago's Mayor Richard M. Daley for urban and economic development. In this role, she coordinated policy planning and implementation for a number of city departments, including the Departments of Planning and Development and Housing. In addition to the I-93 Transit Investment Study, Julia has worked on transit projects in Madison, WI, Kansas City, MO, and St. Louis, MO.

Mark Toussaint, Grants Manager
New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning

Mark Toussaint is the Grants Manager for the NH Office of Energy and Planning. His responsibilities include writing, coordinating, and administering federal grants that pass through OEP. Prior to joining OEP in August, Mark was the Executive Director of the WasteCap Resource Conservation Network, a non-profit organization with the goal of helping businesses in the state improve competitiveness through energy efficiency, water conservation, and solid waste reduction.

Bill Oldenburg, Chief of Preliminary Design
New Hampshire Department of Transportation

Bill Oldenburg has worked for the New Hampshire Department of Transportation in various capacities for 20 years. Bill has experience involving numerous projects from large Interstate expansion projects down to small municipally managed Transportation Enhancement projects. For the last 5 years he has been the Chief of Preliminary Design involved in initiating projects in the State's Transportation Plan, developing project alternatives, initiating the public participation process and providing community technical assistance. As well as the above duties the Preliminary Design Section also reviews all Traffic Impact Studies submitted as part of the State drive permit application process.

Don Zizzi, Senior Research Associate
Center for Urban and Regional Policy

Don Zizzi is a Senior Research Associate at the Center for Urban and Regional Policy. He is currently involved in developing and advancing the center's Economic Development Partnership to help communities around the country attract business and industries to their jurisdictions. He is also assisting in the center's survey of the manufacturing industry in Massachusetts. In addition to his work at CURP, Don is also an adjunct professor in UMass Lowell's Department of Regional Economic and Social Development and a Senior Fellow in their Center for Industrial Competitiveness.

Prior to joining the center, Don had extensive planning and management experience in both the public and private sectors including serving as the Executive Director of Nashua Regional Planning Commission and chief planner in Schenectady County, NY. In the private sector, Don managed U.S. remote facility development and operations for a Silicon Valley based technology firm, and he headed the company's strategic planning initiative. Don was one of the founding members of the Nashua, NH Center for Economic Development, serving eight years on its executive committee and helping to establish its innovative business incubator.

Don received his BA from Fordham University and his MPA from the Rockefeller School of Public Affairs and Policy.