

Biography for
David E. White, FAICP

David White has been a public-sector urban planner working at both the local and regional level in Vermont for nearly 30 years. His professional practice has served some of Vermont's smallest and largest, poorest and wealthiest communities.

Currently David is the Director of Planning for the City of Burlington, VT - Vermont's largest city with a population of ~42,000 nestled on the eastern shore of Lake Champlain. Prior to becoming Planning Director, David served as Burlington's Comprehensive Planner from 1995-2007 and Director of Planning & Zoning from 2007-2019.

In his 24+ years of service to the City, David has played a leading role in securing Burlington's place as one of the country's most celebrated progressive livable and dynamic small cities. He played a lead role in the creation of the *North Street Commercial District Revitalization Plan*, the *2000 Open Space Protection Plan* and resulting Conservation Legacy Program and Fund, the *Burlington Transportation Plan*, and the award winning *planBTV: Downtown and Waterfront Master Plan* name only a few. His most recent accomplishment has been the development of a form based code for the city's downtown and waterfront area.



Today David leads the newly-created Office of City Planning whose staff provide professional and technical assistance and counsel to the Mayor, City Council, Planning Commission, and other City departments on land use planning and development issues and opportunities as a basis for informing decisions on policy alternatives, implementation strategies, and investment priorities. City Planning leads the development of comprehensive land use planning and development policy, plans, regulations, and programs in collaboration with other City departments, and supports other City departments in preparing their own intermediate and long range plans and policies for public facilities, infrastructure, and services.

David was admitted to the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) - the professional institute of the American Planning Association (APA) - in 1997, and is a past-president of the Northern New England Chapter of the APA and member of AICP's National Membership Standards Committee. In 2016 David was recognized by the Vermont Planner's Association as their Mark Bloucher Professional Planner of the Year, and in 2018 was inducted into the AICP College of Fellows - the highest honor the American Institute of Certified Planners bestows upon a member.

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.
