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PHILADELPHIA PLANS FOR THE PLANNERS

Over 5,000 to Visit City for American Planning Association Conference

April 14-18, 2007

Philadelphia, PA (February 6) More than 300 years of planning has made Philadelphia what it is today. Planners from across the country are coming to Philadelphia's Pennsylvania Convention Center April 14-18, 2007, for the American Planning Association's 99th National Planning Conference.

The 2007 APA National Planning Conference features more than 240 conference sessions, and close to 100 mobile workshops that introduce attendees to planning and development case studies around the Philadelphia region.

Event organizers anticipate more than 5,200 professional planners, elected officials, planning commissioners, citizens and students to attend the conference, which includes a wide variety of programs and workshops led by the nation's best practitioners. The conference's programs are organized around multiple tracks including: Mega Regions, Sustainability, and Transportation; Housing Choice and Affordability; Innovative Comprehensive Planning; Economic Regeneration; Revitalizing Small Towns; Community Development and Neighborhood Planning; Planning for People with Disabilities; The Evolution of Urban Form; and Arts, Culture, and Preservation.

In addition, Philadelphia planning leaders have organized 95 unique mobile workshops. These sessions will showcase how planners in the region solved the challenges brought on by growth and change through sound planning principles. The mobile workshops offer conference attendees the opportunity to explore the region's communities, neighborhoods, and waterfronts through eyes of a local professional planner.

"The birthplace of our nation is also America's first planned city, and continues today to be one of the nation's most livable cities and a leading example of urban renaissance in America," according to conference co chairs Ronald Bednar, AICP; Anna Breinich, AICP; and Barry Seymour. "We are thrilled to host the conference in Philadelphia, which will showcase the cutting-edge planning being done in the region, and raise the level of public dialogue about the advantages of sound planning policies."
