



KEN MARKERT

Professional planner solving planning problems for rural regions and small towns

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EXPERIENCE

► **Planning Consultant, MMI Planning, Cody, WY (2003 - present)**

Sole-proprietor of planning firm providing services to county, municipal, and private clients:

- Lead planner for five town master plans and three development ordinances revisions, all of which encourage compact development, reduce sprawl, and better regulate development.
- Prepared major portions of six additional town master plans and three county land use plans as member of consulting planner teams.
- Private-sector client services include real estate analyses, expert witnessing, litigation support, and development negotiations.

► **Planning Coordinator, Park County, Cody, WY (1996 - 2003)**

Head of county planning department and administrator of all county land use programs:

- Developed county's new zoning resolution which created new zones with varying densities replacing the one-acre lot size rule that applied to most of the county. The resolution's new features included site plan review, agricultural impact review, a scenic resource overlay zone, wildlife impact mitigation, comprehensive sign regulations, cluster development incentives, a new zoning map, and enhanced enforcement procedures.
- Led process addressing jail overcrowding resulting in an approved plan and complete financing for a new \$13.9 million city-county jail with a \$4.5 million grant and passage of a \$7.3 million local sales tax proposition, the first optional sales tax ever approved in the county.

► **Executive Director, Coalition of Watershed Towns, Delhi, NY (1991-1995)**

Managed inter-municipal organization of rural communities comprising New York City's water supply watersheds:

- Represented the communities in complex negotiations over the City's watershed protection program.
- Kept 300 elected officials informed and involved.
- Served as organization's primary media contact at local, state and national levels.
- Coordinated fundraising efforts from member municipalities, grants, and private contributions.
- Developed recognized expertise in water quality protection in rural regions.
- Achieved 1995 agreement providing \$375 million for water quality infrastructure and economic development and creating a local agency, the Catskill Watershed Corporation, to run NYC watershed programs.

The NYC program is recognized as the most comprehensive watershed protection effort in the world. The Coalition's involvement is credited with inspiring a collaborative approach to watershed management and a lasting partnership between the City and watershed communities that enables highest possible water quality.



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EXPERIENCE

► Planning Director, Delaware County, Delhi, NY (1988—1995)

Head of county department providing planning services to rural county and 24 municipal planning boards:

- Assisted five communities to create and adopt their first zoning ordinances.
- Established model program adopted by eleven towns to review soil suitability for septic systems in proposed subdivisions.
- Co-directed task force that addressed county's solid waste crisis resulting in successful landfill expansion and savings to county of \$17 million.

► Planning Administrator, Clarke County, Berryville, Virginia (1985-1988)

Carried out all planning functions during a period of unprecedented development pressure in a small, rural Virginia county:

- Revised the county comprehensive plan, zoning and subdivision regulations.
- Significantly strengthened agricultural land preservation program.

EDUCATION

Master of Urban and Regional Planning, Virginia Tech

Master of Science, (Biology) Slippery Rock State College

Bachelor of Science, (Forest Biology) State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry

AFFILIATIONS

Park County Animal Shelter: President, 2012 to present

American Institute of Certified Planners: Member, 1988 to 2017 (Certificate #6327)

American Planning Association: Member, 1988 to 2017

Western Central APA Chapter: Chapter President, 2012-2013

Cody Rotary Club: President, 2001 - 2002; Treasurer, 2006 - 2013

Wyoming Planning Association: Board of Directors, 1998 - 2005

City of Cody, WY, Planning, Zoning and Adjustment Board: Member, 2003 - 2005

Wyoming Planning Association: "Planner of the Year" award, 2003

State University of New York, College of Technology, Delhi, NY: Adjunct Professor, Human Ecology, 1995 -1996