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Professional Certifications Member of the American Institute of Certified Planners;
Certified Master Planner, Lancaster County Planning Commission

Summary of Qualifications **Twenty-five years** of successful planning consultant experience as a Principal of RothPlan and formerly of Gehringer-Roth Associates. **Seven additional years** of public planning experience as a Senior Planner with planning agencies in Pennsylvania and Maryland, including the Lancaster County Planning Commission and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. Responsible for the development of many innovative planning approaches and methodologies to comprehensive planning, zoning, recreation and open space planning, transportation planning, and transfer/purchase of development rights. Responsible for the coordination of municipal planning projects from proposal writing to the conduct of public hearings, including plan research and development, map and graphics preparation, the design and analysis of attitudinal surveys, ongoing communication with municipal, county and state officials, solicitation of public participation, and the supervision of staff members.

- Professional Experience**
- Successfully prepared and supervised the adoption of **20 INDIVIDUAL MUNICIPAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANS** for communities throughout eastern Pennsylvania. These communities represent a cross-section of the variety of places in the region, including rural, suburban and rapidly growing townships, as well as urbanized boroughs. Introduced innovative approaches to comprehensive planning, including the “staged growth” concept that ties the amount of land planned for development with projected growth.
 - Successfully developed and supervised the adoption of **11 REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLANS** for regions within Berks, Centre, Lancaster and York Counties, PA. These regional comprehensive plans encompassed **43 DIFFERENT MUNICIPALITIES**. Several of these plans were prepared as “models” for regional plan development in Lancaster County by the Lancaster County Planning Commission. These model regional plans included the Solanco Region which was developed as a rural regional plan model and the Donegal Region which was developed as a borough(s)/suburban township regional plan model. Employed a wide range of innovative planning techniques to balance competing issues and resources within each municipality and create broad support for implementation.
 - Successfully drafted and supervised the adoption of **48 ZONING ORDINANCES** for municipalities throughout eastern Pennsylvania, including one joint zoning ordinance for two cooperating boroughs. Many of these ordinances were written immediately following the preparation of a comprehensive plan that was done for the same municipality. Advanced many innovative planning and zoning techniques, including effective agricultural zoning, transferable development rights, mandatory clustering, neotraditional design, performance-based conservation protection, rural cluster design, scenic river protection, historic preservation, and density bonus design standards.

Professional Experience continued

- Successfully prepared and supervised the adoption of **20 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLANS** throughout eastern Pennsylvania, including three multi-municipality regions. These plans were prepared for a wide range of communities, including the City of Allentown, urban and suburban areas, as well as rural municipalities. Developed innovative methodology for these plans, several of which had been prepared in association with the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR, which has adopted developed methodology for other DCNR prepared recreation and open space plans. Designed and analyzed attitudinal surveys to gauge public opinion on recreation services delivery. These surveys achieved response rates between 30% and 60%.
- Responsible for the development and presentation of expert testimony before dozens of municipalities within Pennsylvania.
- Responsible for the development of special studies including model zoning ordinance provisions for farm-related businesses, airport zoning provisions, environmental assessments, and Act 537 plan-related analyses.

Rapho Township

Zoning Officer from January, 1996 to September, 1999.

Education

Master of Urban and Regional Planning, Pennsylvania State University, 1986.

Bachelor of Science, Man-Environment Relations, Pennsylvania State University, 1978.

Certified Master Planner, recognized by Lancaster County on January 21, 1997, for fully participating in and completing all requirements in The Master Planner Course.

Awards/Publications

- **Outstanding Student of the Year Award**, American Institute of Certified Planners, 1986.
- **Regulating Satellite Dish Antennas**, Planning Advisory Service (PAS Report Number 344), American Planning Association, Chicago, IL, May, 1986.
- **Preserving Trees and Water Quality Within Lancaster County: A Case for Riparian Barriers**, published in *Sylvan Communities*, a publication of The Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council, Mechanicsburg, PA, Summer, 1999.
- **2001 Planning Award**, York County Planning Commission, May 2001, for the Southern York County Regional Comprehensive Plan.
- **Save Money & Time and Get a Better Plan**, Park & Recreation Planning, April 2006.
- Advisor to **Public Dedication of Land and Fees-in-Lieu for Parks & Recreation**, PA DCNR & PA Land Trust Assoc., Dec., 2008.

Professional Affiliations

American Institute of Certified Planners, American Planning Association, Pennsylvania Planning Association, Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County