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Durham Planning Staff Earn AICP Certifications

Only 15,000 Planners Worldwide have this Certification; Brings Total to 14 Serving Durham

DURHAM, N.C. – Three staff members with the [Durham City-County Planning Department](#) have recently achieved a career milestone by passing a professional planning certification exam.

Lisa Miller, Hannah Jacobson, and Bo Dobrzanski now join a membership of approximately 15,000 professional planners worldwide that hold the [American Institute of Certified Planners](#) (AICP) certification. The exam and certification is managed by the AICP, which is the professional institute of the [American Planning Association](#).

With these three new additions, the department now has 14 AICP certified planners on staff. According to Director Steve Medlin with the Durham City-County Planning Department, AICP certified planners stand out within the planning profession for meeting rigorous standards and maintaining their expertise through continuing education and serving community interests.

“Passing the AICP exam is the final step in earning the status of a certified planner. To take the exam, individuals must fulfill a series of requirements including education and job experience,” Medlin said. “Achieving AICP certification is not easy and requires a high level of personal and professional commitment. The certification demonstrates an individual’s credibility and knowledge, and serves as a standard for the planning profession. Certified planners bring extra value to their employers and community, demonstrating a higher level of leadership, education and professionalism. These new certifications bring our total to 14 AICP certified planners on staff, which means Durham probably has more certified planners serving this community than most other organizations in the state.”

About the Durham City-County Planning Department

The Durham City-County Planning Department is the planning agency for the City and County of Durham. The department works with the community to develop long-range and special area plans containing policies to direct growth. Guided by the City’s [Strategic Plan](#), the department helps to make Durham a great place to live, work, and play by working to create a strong and diverse economy, and thriving and livable neighborhoods.

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