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American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Member since 1998

:: Professional Experience ::

President, Ebenbach Consulting LLC

Coral Gables, Florida

April 2019 to Present

Ms. Ebenbach, as an independent planning consultant, applies her years of planning and project management experience to assist private and public sector clients. Her practice is dedicated to preparing communities for the future and improving quality of life for all. She helps to meet planning challenges through a sound work process that accounts for opportunities, issues, resources and shifting conditions. In this new professional enterprise, she focuses on improving readiness for climate risk in South Florida. She has already advanced the goals of both the former Rising Water Task Force in Delray Beach and the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact through her authorship of planning documents. She also takes an active role as an elected leader in the Sustainable Communities Division of the American Planning Association (see over).

Senior Project Manager, Funders' Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities and The Smart Growth Partnership at the Collins Center for Public Policy

Miami, Florida

May 1999 to May 2001

Ms. Ebenbach pursued the **Funders' Network** mission to foster joint learning, cooperation and action in the philanthropic community. She contributed to over 40 successful proposals, building this affinity organization of foundations from the original seven (including the Ford, MacArthur, and Surdna Foundations) to over 60 in just a few years. She created learning- and networking-oriented gatherings nationwide on behalf of member foundations, guests and partners. She oversaw the publication of commissioned white papers showing the connection of sprawl and urban disinvestment to quality of life, local and regional economics, and the environment. Her work helped bring to light policy and practice solutions that enabled effective philanthropic action.

Ms. Ebenbach also served as Senior Project Manager to **The Smart Growth Partnership**, a project funded by the MacArthur Foundation at the Collins Center to spark innovative urban development in Southeast Florida. She fostered collaboration among local urban reinvestment stakeholders. She was responsible for extensive research that substantiated the ripeness of local conditions for new, "enlightened" investments and for presenting it thoughtfully to diverse entities.

Urban Planner, South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force & The Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida

Miami, Florida

June 1998 to May 1999

Ms. Ebenbach provided logistical and substantive support to the initiatives of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Task Force, a joint Federal and State initiative to restore the previously vast Everglades ecosystem of Florida. Task force members represented a wide array of sectors and interest groups: sugar industry representatives, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, environmental NGOs, environmental justice and community organizations, government and Tribal leaders, and public resource and utility representatives. Ms. Ebenbach contributed to the Governor's Commission report "Planning for 2050: A Conceptual Plan to Achieve Sustainable Communities in South Florida."

Urban Planner, Harrall-Michalowski Associates

Hamden, Connecticut

1991 to August 1996

Ms. Ebenbach assisted a southern Connecticut private planning firm and its municipal clients by preparing traditional planning documents and designing urban streetscape improvements.

Urban Planner, Waetzman Planning Group

Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania

January 1990 to 1991

Ms. Ebenbach assisted a private planning firm based in eastern Pennsylvania and northern New Jersey by preparing traditional planning documents and designing landscapes for its public and private sector clients.

:: Volunteer Leadership Experience ::

Secretary-Treasurer, American Planning Association's Sustainable Communities Division

January 2019 to Present

Elected to assure sound financial practices, secure sponsorships, and foster member engagement during a two-year term on the Executive Committee of a 4,200-member professional affinity group.

President, The Women of Temple Judea

Coral Gables, Florida

June 2017 to July 2019

Elected to lead a 160-member, diversified service organization and chair its 18-member Board within a 600-household Jewish synagogue.

:: Education ::

Master of Urban Planning

Harvard University

Graduate School of Design, 1998

Bachelor of Arts

University of Pennsylvania

College of Arts and Sciences

Design of the Environment, 1989

Graduated Magna cum laude