



**Karla A. Ebenbach**  
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Highly qualified and dynamic professional with 15+ years' experience in regional and local urban planning project management and consulting, with a specialty in sustainability & resilience policy making. Proven expertise in strategic planning and execution, stakeholder engagement, and policy development. Extensive knowledge of public, private and philanthropic sector planning contexts. Skillful at project management, program leadership, and communications to inform and to engage.

## Areas of Expertise

Project Management Government Consulting Resilience Initiatives	Strategic Planning Policy Development Communications Management	Environmental Sustainability Stakeholder Relations Network Development
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## Career Experience

**Ebenbach Consulting LLC, Coral Gables, Florida**  
**President**

**2019 – Present**

Develops strategic and policy-oriented products for private and public sector clients. Drives American Planning Association policy and continuing education projects. Directs full scope of leadership and management, engagement facilitation, and written and oral communication. Capable of complex analysis of opportunities, issues, resources, and shifting conditions. Strives to enable communities to be resilient and sustainable through environmental and socioeconomic challenges.

- Developed urban reinvestment policy white papers with Plusurbia Design LLC
- Contributed sustainability and resilience expertise to Comprehensive Plan Update for North Miami (with Calvin, Giordano and Associates) and to Natl. Development Plan for Turks and Caicos (with EDSA Fort Lauderdale)
- Authored planning recommendations for "Elevating the Discussion of Rising Waters" Report for Rising Waters Task Force of Delray Beach, Florida
- Synthesized multi-sectoral perspectives on climate risk in Southeast Florida in "Reducing Climate Risk and Creating Economic Opportunity" for Southeast Florida Regional Compact Climate Change

## Additional Experience

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

Spearheaded initiatives to foster joint learning, cooperation, and action across the philanthropic and development communities. Planned and implemented nationwide instructional and networking-building gatherings on behalf of member foundations, guests, and partners. Oversaw publication of commissioned white papers illustrating connection of urban sprawl and disinvestment to quality of life, local and regional economics, and environment. Managed project advancing innovative urban development in Southeast Florida, cultivating relationships between local urban stakeholders.

- Delivered key contributions to 40+ successful proposals, driving organization from 7 foundations to 60+.
- Facilitated identification of policy and practice solutions that enabled superior philanthropic action.
- Performed comprehensive research, substantiating ripeness of local conditions for new, "enlightened" investments; presented research to diverse entities.

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

Delivered robust logistical and substantive support to joint Federal and State initiatives restoring Everglades ecosystem of Florida. Listed with public officials and public regarding development plans and land use. Engaged with 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.

- Development of Governor's Commission for a Sustainable South Florida's report *Planning for 2050: A Conceptual Plan to Achieve Sustainable Communities in South Florida*.

Further experience as **Urban Planner** for Harrall-Michalowski Associates (CT) and Waetzman Planning Group (PA)

## Education

### Master of Urban Planning

Harvard University, Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA

### Bachelor of Arts

University of Pennsylvania, College of Arts and Sciences, Philadelphia, PA

## Volunteer Leadership Positions

**APA Sustainability & Resilience Series**, Chair, 2021 – Present

**APA Inclusive Growth and Equitable Economic Development Policy Guide**, Contributing Author, 2020 – Present

**American Planning Association (APA)'s Sustainable Communities Division**, Secretary-Treasurer, 2019 – Present

**Women of Temple Judea**, President, Parliamentarian and Other Roles, 2007 – Present

**AICP Sustainability & Resilience CM Credit Task Force**, Chair, 2020 – 2021

**APA Climate Change Policy Guide (2021)**, Contributing Author, 2019 – 2020

## Presentations

6/10/22 Moderator, "Federal Funding Tools for Sustainability", APA Sustainability & Resilience Series

5/13/22 Moderator, "Technology Tools for Sustainability and Resilience", APA Sustainability & Resilience Series

2/18, 2/25/22 Moderator, "Climate Science and Planning", APA Sustainability & Resilience Series

1/13/22 Panelist, APA Sustainable Communities Division First Annual Symposium: "Leadership in Climate Action and Resilience"

10/29/21 Panelist, "Meeting Local Climate Goals – Tools and Resources for Local Planners", S. New England APA Annual Conf. 2021.

9/15, 9/23/21 Moderator, "Fire & Water: Extreme Weather Trends and Community Infrastructure", APA Sustainability & Resilience Series

6/29/21 Discussant, "Data Visualizations and Communications Tools", Am. Soc. of Adaptation Professionals Co-Creation Series #6

5/20/21 Panelist, "Introduction to ASAP Living Guide / APA Climate Resources", APA Michigan Chapter Spring Institute Climate Summit

5/5/21 Panelist, "Addressing Climate Change Through Green Infrastructure Strategies", APA National Planning Conference 2021

10/5/20 Panelist, "Preparing for Climate Change—APA Tools and Resources for Planners", APA Texas / Multi-State Chapter Conf.

6/16/20 Panelist, "What's All This I Hear About Climate Change?", S. New England APA Annual Conference 2020