



DAVID BIRCHLER'S 40 YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL experience has focused on providing consistent, thoughtful long-range and day-to-day planning advice to cities, villages, townships, and economic development authorities in Michigan. David is as proud of his long-term representation of individual communities, many for over 25 years. He believes a planner's most important professional skills are: the ability to put everything into the context of how the complete community functions; and the ability to listen to and build consensus among people with diverse points of view.

Dave's work for communities has included long-range, community-wide master plans and recreation plans; downtown development plans; corridor and special area plans; plans for town centers and mixed-use districts; and unique projects, such as a Corridor Improvement Authority Development & TIF Plan, and General Management Planning for 15 state park or recreation area properties. Dave has assisted in the preparation of successful grant applications, and has served as a liaison between local business leaders and citizen groups. He has directed the activities of two downtown development authorities, and currently serves as a board member of the Lathrup Village DDA. The work that gives Birchler the greatest satisfaction involves facilitating the development of a future vision for a large group of community stakeholders.

David Birchler earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Planning, with honors, from Michigan State University.

awards

- ◆ **2009 Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan** for the City of Huntington Woods Master Plan; awarded by the Michigan Association of Planning
- ◆ **2008 Government/Institution Award** for the City of Huntington Woods Master Plan; awarded by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network
- ◆ **Outstanding Planning Professional** awarded by the Michigan Association of Planning, 2004
- ◆ **1999 Outstanding Planning Project Award** for the Shelby Center Design Plan; awarded by the Michigan Association of Planning
- ◆ **1995 Honor Award** for the Oxford Township Central Area Plan; awarded by the Michigan Society of Planning Officials

professional service

- ◆ Past President, Michigan Chapter of American Planning Association
- ◆ Past Secretary, Michigan Chapter of American Planning Association
- ◆ Past Treasurer, Michigan Chapter of American Planning Association
- ◆ APA STaR Division Secretary/Treasurer

volunteer service

- ◆ Lathrup Village DDA Board Member

non-profit service

- ◆ Past President, Michigan Association for Children with Emotional Disorders
- ◆ Fund Raiser, Kids Against Hunger

proudest moment

- ◆ The day he became husband, father, and grandfather