



**M**ARDY STIRLING has a broad planning background that includes work in local, county and regional units of government. She received a Masters in Urban and Regional Planning from Michigan State University with concentration in community and economic development. She has an interest in working with communities and developers to create integrated environments that ensure universally accessible and sustainable design.

In her leadership roles at Hartland and Royal Oak, she has developed tools and methods to advance the vision and economic development of the community. She has enjoyed success in working with elected and appointed officials to build consensus and facilitate on-time project execution.

During her time in Hartland she worked with Clearzoning to transform the community's zoning ordinance. She understands the value of being able to clearly communicate regulations and standards. She hopes to bring this to more communities.

At Clearzoning, Mardy has been involved with master planning, site plan review, zoning ordinance amendments, and facilitation of public input meetings. She has worked with the Department of Natural Resources on the comprehensive management plans for six state parks.

Mardy hopes to continue her interest in aging in place and universal design by furthering her education in gerontology and working with communities on designing and planning for environments that support inclusivity.

## professional experience

- ✦ Planning Director, Hartland Township
  - Produced and implemented multiple township ordinances
  - Redesigned and streamlined the application process and restructured the fee schedule
  - Coordinated and reviewed all planning applications
- ✦ Deputy Director of Planning, City of Royal Oak
  - Principal in the coordination and review of commercial site plans, planned developments and other project applications
  - Project management for the CDBG and DDA
  - Managed federal block grant and housing assistance program with a \$3.5M budget
- ✦ Planner for Livingston County and Southeast Michigan Council of Governments
- ✦ Consultant to Disability Advocates of Kent County—updating the codes for the ZeroStep Guidelines

## professional service

- ✦ Michigan Association of Planning
- ✦ Certified Aging In Place (pending)

## professional interests

- ✦ Planning and Project Management/Education/Coordination with developers/citizens
- ✦ Organizational Development—Visioning/Goal setting; Board member education; Work planning/Budgeting
- ✦ Process improvement/Streamlining application and review procedures
- ✦ Community Economic Enhancement/Developing community sustainable developments
- ✦ Universal design and inclusionary developments/Aging in Place