

Bio for Stephen Williams

Steve Williams has been the Executive Director of the Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission (TJPDC) and the Charlottesville-Albemarle Co. Virginia MPO in Charlottesville since May 2009. Under his leadership TJPDC has been focusing on improving cooperation among the six members government on issues including transportation, housing, economic development and regional sustainability. The major project that is currently underway is "Many Plans, One Community." This project is funded with a \$999,000 Sustainable Communities Planning Grant from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development. The project focuses on coordinating planning between the City of Charlottesville, Albemarle County, University of Virginia and the Charlottesville-Albemarle MPO to improve regional sustainability.

Prior to his move to Charlottesville, Steve was the Executive Director of the Nashua Regional Planning Commission and MPO between January 2004 and May 2009. During his time at NRPC he has focused his attention on issues related to regional infrastructure, transportation systems, and coordination of land use and transportation. Prior to coming to NRPC he spent 10 years at the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments which serves the three county Monterey/Santa Cruz/San Benito, California metro area in Monterey, California. He also spent seven years at the East Central Intergovernmental Association in Dubuque, Iowa, which serves areas of Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois. Steve received a Master of City and Regional Planning in 1985 from California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo and a Bachelor of Science from Montana State University in 1983.

Organization Description for Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission

The Thomas Jefferson Planning District Commission is one of 21 planning district commissions organized under Virginia law. The TJPDC serves the City of Charlottesville and the surrounding counties of Albemarle, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa and Nelson, an area with a 2010 population of 234,712. The TJPDC takes a leading role in such diverse program areas as community planning, transportation, housing, water quality, economic development and human services. In addition to these program areas the TJPDC is the Solid Waste Management District and also the Solid Waste Management agency for the region. The mission of TJPDC is to facilitate the creation of a vision for the region, lead in bringing about cooperative solutions to the member governments critical issues, and to provide high quality professional services.