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CAREER SUMMARY

Certified planner, active transportation expert, and avid bicyclist with 25+ years of experience in land use/transportation planning, parks/recreation/natural resource planning and community/economic development. 15+ years of practice in a consulting role. Leadership and management experience spans the public, private, and non-profit sectors. Recently started Active Connections Planning & Placemaking, an urban planning consultancy with a vision to *"Build healthy communities connected by active living."*

EDUCATION

M.S. in Community & Economic Development, University of Central Arkansas, Conway, AR

B.S. in Community & Regional Planning, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO

CURRENT POSITION

Planning Consultant | Owner, Active Connections Community Planning & Placemaking, Swansea, IL

Urban planning and placemaking consultant for municipalities, counties, park and recreation agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, regional councils, school districts, public health partners non-profit organizations

PAST POSITIONS

Community Planning & Policy Program Manager, HeartLands Conservancy, Belleville, IL

Program/project management in the areas of active transportation, parks & recreation, site plans & design concepts, natural resource conservation, watersheds & stormwater management, GIS mapping & analysis.

Director of Community Development, City of Columbia, Columbia, IL

Responsible for planning, building, zoning and economic development for a municipality of 10,000 residents.

Planning Team Leader, Professional Engineering Consultants, Wichita, KS

Responsible for leading the planning/GIS practice for an ENR Top 500 engineering firm with over 300 employees in 8 offices.

Principal Transportation Planner, Wichita Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, Wichita, KS

Transportation planning project manager and Transportation Improvement Program manager for a 600,000-resident MPO.

Community Development Director, City of Siloam Springs, Siloam Springs, AR

Responsible for economic development, long-range planning, parks and airport for a municipality of 15,000 residents.

Planning Project Manager, City of Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi, TX

Responsible for managing comprehensive planning and special City projects in a diverse community of 300,000.

SOFTWARE PROFICIENCY

Microsoft Office: Outlook, Teams, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access

Adobe Creative Suite: Acrobat, InDesign, Photoshop, Illustrator

ESRI ArcGIS: ArcGIS Pro, ArcGIS Online, Survey123, StoryMaps

Project Management: MS Project, Asana

Other Software/Apps: Canva, Placer AI, SurveyMonkey, Google Earth, CivicPlus, EngagementHQ, ChatGPT/AI tools

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Active Transportation Academy, LaneShift (Bentonville, AR)

Environmental Justice Academy, US EPA Region 5

Technology of Participation, Institute of Cultural Affairs

Green Infrastructure & Sustainable Communities, American Council of Engineering Companies

State & Federal Transportation Programming, National Transit Institute

AFFILIATIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

American Institute of Certified Planners (#022482), Member since 2008

American Planning Association, Member since 1999

Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals, Member since 2023

East-West Gateway COG Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committee, Member since 2023

League of American Bicyclists, Member since 2025

Institute of Transportation Engineers, Past member 2010-2018

PROJECT LISTING & PORTFOLIO*

The project list below is [linked to a sampling of relevant draft or deliverable work](#) done by Scott for previous employers as the sole or major contributor in the role of project manager, planning discipline or technical lead, project planner, primary author, GIS/data analyst, mapping/graphics lead, document production lead, or engagement/communications lead.

Active Transportation Planning & Design

- [Henry Raab Elementary Safe Routes to School Plan](#), Belleville, Illinois
- [MCT Trails Master Plan](#), Madison County Transit, Illinois
- [Streetscape Improvement Study, Design, Funding & Implementation](#), City of Medicine Lodge, Kansas
- [Main Street/IL-146 Active Transportation-Friendly Design Concept](#), IL Public Health Institute/City of Anna, Illinois
- [Valley Center Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities Master Plan](#), City of Valley Center, Kansas
- [Carbondale Pedestrian Connections Assessment](#) & [ArcGIS StoryMap](#), IL Public Health Institute/City of Carbondale, Illinois
- [Wichita Street Design Guidelines & Complete Streets Policy](#), City of Wichita, Kansas

Transportation Planning & Design

- [Scenic Observation Point Site Concept](#), Kansas Turnpike Authority, Bazaar, Kansas
- [US-69 Corridor Realignment \(20-mile\) NEPA Documentation](#), Kansas DOT, Crawford Co., Kansas
- [Wichita I-135/I-235/K-254/K-96 Interchange Concept Study](#), Kansas DOT, Wichita, Kansas
- [US-81/South Broadway Corridor Plan](#), Wichita Area MPO, Hayesville, Kansas
- [US-69 Traffic Impact Study](#), Kansas Crossing Casino, Pittsburg, Kansas
- [US-81/K-53 Casino Area Transportation Plan](#), Kansas DOT, Mulvane, Kansas

Local Government Plans, Studies & Codes (All Areas of Practice)

- [Transportation](#)
- [Comprehensive/Land Use/Urban Design Plans & Codes](#)
- [Grant Applications & Assistance](#)
- [Parks & Natural Resources](#)

Site Design, Concept Design, Regulatory Permitting, Various Clients & Locations

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