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PLANNING CONSULTANT | OWNER

Scott is a 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.

EDUCATION

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

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

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

Southern Illinois Parks & Recreation Association, 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 Mr. Dunakey 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.

Parks & Natural Resources

- Active Connections On-call Parks Consulting, Freeburg Park & Recreation District, Freeburg, Illinois
 - [Freeburg Recreation Park 2027 Capital Improvement Plan & Inventory](#)
 - [Freeburg Recreation Park Site Map](#)
- [Various Projects with Other Past Employers](#), Various locations

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

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

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

[Site Design, Concept Design, Regulatory Permitting](#), Various Clients & Locations

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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

PAST EXPERIENCE

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 parks and rec, economic development, long-range planning, 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.

