



Plan for Our Future

Panelists

Joseph Della Fave ~ @IronboundCC Ironbound Community Corporation

Since 1991, Joseph Della Fave has served as Executive Director of Ironbound Community Corporation (ICC), a multi-service nonprofit agency in Newark assisting nearly 1,000 people daily with programs including early childhood, family services, school-age enrichment, adult education, workforce development, community planning and development, and environmental justice. The organization, in its 46th year, has been recognized by local, state and national organizations for its impact and work in the community, including its leadership role in the development of Riverfront Park and the development of a model Birth-5 Early Childhood Program and state-of-the-art Early Learning Center. ICC has also developed in partnership with others 100 affordable units in the last 5 years. Mr. Della Fave also serves on various Boards and Committees, including Housing and Community Development Network of NJ, Foundation for Newark's Future Community Advisory Board, NJ Citizens Action Board of Directors, Newark Community Development Network, Newark Public Schools' Early Childhood Advisory Committee, and the Newark Trust for Education. Prior to his position at ICC, Mr. Della Fave served as a City Councilman in Hoboken and Chairman of the History Department at St. Peter's Prep.

Courtenay D. Mercer ~ @RegionalPlan Regional Plan Association

Courtenay Mercer AICP, PP is the New Jersey Director of the Regional Plan Association, leading the organization's research, planning, and advocacy activities in the state. Prior to joining RPA, Courtenay owned a private planning consulting firm and was formerly Director of Planning at the NJ Office of Smart Growth (now Office for Planning Advocacy). She has overseen myriad planning projects, and has been involved with the formation, review, and/or implementations of major NJ policy initiatives, including the State Plan, the Highland Regional Master Plan, and the State TDR program. Specializing in strategic engagement, one of Courtenay's core assets is her ability to coordinate diverse stakeholders and garner inter-governmental coordination for complex planning projects. Courtenay also currently serves on the American Planning Association (APA) Board of Directors and is Past-President of the NJ Chapter of the APA.

Tom Schulze ~ @NJ_Planning City Planner in the NJ/NY area

Tom has been a City Planner in the NJ/NY area for almost 40 years. Recently retired as Senior Director for Capital Planning at NJ TRANSIT, he now directs the Community Planning Assistance Program for the New Jersey Chapter of the American Planning Association, and is lead Coordinator for the Urban Essex Coalition for Smart Growth in Essex County towns of Newark, East Orange and Orange. He is also the Executive Director of the Center for Community Planning, a newly created non-profit community planning group providing planning services to communities throughout New Jersey. Prior to working for NJ TRANSIT, he was the Executive Director of the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) in New York City. He has also worked for local and regional governments, including the City of New York, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and NJ Transit, where he did the planning for the Hudson-Bergen Light Rail Line. He has worked for private consulting firms, and consulted for local community development corporations and non-profit housing development groups in and around Newark, New Jersey. He is an adjunct professor at Hunter College and Rutgers University (over →)

Graduate Planning Programs. He has a Bachelor's Degree from Rutgers University, and a Master's Degree from Hunter College in New York City.

Moderator

Roland V. Anglin, Ph. D.

Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies-Rutgers University

Roland V. Anglin, Ph. D. serves as Director and Associate Research Professor for the Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies. Currently, he is Faculty Fellow at the Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University, and directs the Initiative for Regional and Community Transformation (IRCT). Dr. Anglin began his academic career at Rutgers University and later joined the Ford Foundation, serving first as the program officer responsible for community development and then becoming the Deputy Director for Community and Resource Development. He is among the newest members of the Network's Board of Directors joining in 2015