

# Mary Vandevord, AICP, LEED AP ND

## EDUCATION

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### University of Oklahoma

Norman, OK

*Master of Regional & City Planning*

### Ball State University

Muncie, IN

*Bachelor of Urban Planning & Development*

## EXPERIENCE

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### HeartLands Conservancy

Belleville, IL

*President & CEO*

2016 – present

*Community & Environmental Planner*

2014 – 2016

- Advancement of the organization's three priority areas - conservation, community resiliency, and engagement & education - and responsible for \$2 million operating budget.
- Manage a multitude of conservation, planning, and education initiatives, such as bicycle and pedestrian plans, trail plans, land acquisitions, parks master plans, neighborhood studies and recommendations, watershed plans, community engagement, comprehensive plans, and vacant lot rehabilitation projects.

### City of Scottsdale, Planning & Development Services

Scottsdale, AZ

*Senior Planner (Long-Range Planning)*

2007 - 2014

- Project Manager for highly complex community planning processes, from the visioning stage all the way through implementation. These plans involved more than 5,000 stakeholders, businesses, elected officials, and NGOs, and included hundreds of presentations to boards, councils, groups, and organizations.

### City of Blanchard

Blanchard, OK

*City Planner*

2006 - 2007

- Managed all functions of the planning and development process at the City, such as development applications, coordination of Planning Commission and Board of Adjustment, and presenting recommendations and ordinances to the City Council. .

## **ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

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- Illinois Governor Pritzker Transition Team Committee Member- Energy and the Environment (2018/19)
- President, Prairie State Conservation Coalition
- OneSTL Leadership Network and Biodiversity Working Group (2016- present)
- Member-at-Large, Executive Board, American Planning Association (APA) St. Louis Metro Section (2015 - 2017)
- Member, East-West Gateway Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (2014 - 2017)
- Secretary, Jacoby Arts Center (Alton, IL) Board of Directors (2015 - 2017)
- Green Schools Quest Mentor (Mascoutah Elementary), Missouri Gateway Chapter of the US Green Building Council (2015-16)
- Hamilton Heights Neighborhood (St. Louis) Plan Volunteer (2015)
- APA Sustainable Communities Division Member
- APA Small Town and Rural Division Member
- Facilitator Certificate, International Association of Public Participation
- American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)
- American Planning Association, Member (2004 - present)
- Illinois Planning Association, Member (2014 - present)
- LEED-Accredited Professional for Neighborhood Development (LEED AP ND)

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- Award for Outstanding Plan Implementation for Signal Hill Outdoor Classroom, APA St. Louis Metro Section (2019)
- Outstanding Local Government Achievement Award for Upper Silver Creek Watershed Plan, East-West Gateway Council of Governments (2017)
- Award for Advancing Youth Voice in Government, Scottsdale Mayor's Youth Council (2014)
- Honorable Mention for Best Master Plan, Greater Airpark Area Plan, AZ Planning Association (2011)
- 20 Under 40, Scottsdale Airpark News Magazine (2009)
- Best Public Participation Program, Scottsdale Downtown Plan Update, AZ Planning Association (2008)
- AICP Outstanding Student Award, University of Oklahoma (2007)
- Charles R. Goins Award for Outstanding Achievements by a Planning Student, OK Planning Association (2007)
- Academic Honors in Writing, Ball State University (2005)