**Andrea harris-long, aicp   
Manager of housing & Neighborhood development**

Andrea leads the work of the Housing Division in MAPC’s Land Use Department. Through local and regional planning projects and policy initiatives, the Housing Division advances housing goals related to production of a variety of housing types, particularly Affordable Housing, preservation and improvement of existing housing stock, and housing stability. Andrea coordinates MAPC’s housing work across other departments, notably Research & Analytical Services and Government Affairs. The Division aims to create “Homes for All” that result in access to housing choices and equitable neighborhoods. Andrea’s expertise is in land use and housing policy, zoning, long-range planning and growth management, municipal planning and governance, and community-led planning processes.

**RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

**Metropolitan Area Planning Council, Boston, MA**

**Manager of Housing & Neighborhood Development, 2023 to present**

Leads a team of five housing planners, including architects, urban designers, and land use experts.

Manages the implementation of MAPC's Housing Work Plan, which includes technical assistance projects with cities and towns, regional housing projects to collectively achieve housing goals and expand regional housing planning capacity, and a statewide housing policy agenda.

Manages and facilitates the Metro Mayors Coalition Housing Task Force, a regional collaborative of 15 communities in Greater Boston’s inner core, who are collectively working towards a regional housing production goal of 185,000 new units between 2015 and 2030.

**Technical Assistance Program Coordinator, 2022 to 2024**

Oversaw over $2M in technical assistance funds – close to 100 projects across all MAPC departments. Coordinated with departments and the Executive Director to develop and fund projects that advance regional and local goals around equity, smart growth, climate resiliency, and regional collaboration.

**Senior Land Use Planner, 2021-2023**

Managed a variety of projects related to zoning efforts, housing, and comprehensive planning.

**Puget Sound Regional Council, Seattle, WA**

**Senior Planner and Policy Analyst, 2018-2021**

Developed VISION 2050, an innovative regional growth management plan; managed implementation of the Regional Centers Framework; and oversaw the agency’s Plan Review work program, a requirement of Washington State’s Growth Management Act.

Served on the Steering Committee for the first Regional Housing Strategy, which directed regional and local actions for addressing the housing crisis in Greater Seattle.

Served as a liaison to the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council, a coalition of cities, county, tribes, military installations, and other groups that plan for the future of Kitsap County, a member of Puget Sound Regional Council.

**Charleston County Government, Charleston, SC**

**Senior Planner and Manager, 2011-2018**

Developed and implemented comprehensive plans, community plans, and zoning ordinances. Created the first tri-county housing needs assessment, which led to the first Housing Committee of County Council. Managed special planning projects, including neighborhood planning work to preserve historic African-American communities and the creation of a Historic Preservation Commission. Managed a team of four staff members, in support of the Charleston County Planning Commission. Served as Situation Unit Leader in the Planning Division of the Emergency Operations Center, when activated.

**training and affiliations**

American Institute of Certified Planners, 2016-Present

American Planning Association, 2011-Present

Government Alliance for Racial Equity (GARE), 2021

Leadership for Change Facilitation Training, 2021

University of South Carolina Local Government Leadership Institute, 2014-2015

FEMA Emergency Management Institute, 2012-2015

**SELECTED AWARDS**

2021 Washington State Governor’s Smart Communities Award for VISION 2050, the regional plan and growth strategy for the Seattle region

2018 Robert N.S. and Patti Foos Whitelaw Award from Historic Charleston Foundation for the 2016 Charleston County Survey Report

2017 Supervisor of the Quarter, Charleston County Government

2017 South Carolina Governor’s Historic Preservation Award for the 2016 Charleston County Survey Report

**SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

"Cultural Competency: Building Inclusive Cities." National Planning Conference, American Planning Association, April 2023.

"Equity in the Regions." Regional Futures Forum, American Planning Association Regional Planning Division, April 2023.

"Planning and Zoning Tools for Preserving Historic Communities." Planning Webcast Series, American Planning Association State Chapter Association, 2018.

**EDUCATION**

**College of Charleston, Charleston, SC. Master’s in Public Administration, 2012.**

**Indiana State University,** Terre Haute, IN. Bachelor of Arts in History, 2010.