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**Academic Background:**

Bachelor of Arts, Urban Studies, University of Toronto, 1993

**Professional Certifications:**

Certified Planner, American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)  
Congress for New Urbanism – Accredited (CNU-A)  
State of Florida Certified Woman Owned Business

**Organizations/Affiliations:**

American Planning Association, Member (Divisions: Small Town and Rural Planning, Private Practice, Economic Development)  
Congress for New Urbanism, Member  
Grant Professionals Association, Member

**Professional Career:**

President, Megrath Consulting, Inc.  
Kimley-Horn  
Plum Creek Timber Company/Weyerhaeuser  
Land Planning Solutions, Inc.  
DiVosta Homes  
City of Concord, North Carolina  
Urban Concepts, Inc.  
Land Design South  
Kilday & Associates  
Urban Design Studio  
City of West Palm Beach, Florida  
A.D. Johnston & Associates, Inc.

**Guest Lecturer:**

University of Texas, Arlington 2024  
University of Florida, 2012  
University of Toronto, 1994

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## Professional Development:

- American Planning Association National Conference, multiple years
- American Planning Association Florida Chapter Annual Conference, Multiple Years
- American Planning Association Florida Chapter, Annual Public Policy Workshop, multiple years
- GrantSummit, Grant Professional Association National Conference, multiple years
- 24 CFR Part 58 – Environmental Review Procedures for Entities Assuming HUD Environmental Responsibilities Public Service Certification, 2017
- Urban Land Institute (ULI) North Florida Women's Leadership Initiative Graduate, 2015
- Plum Creek Essentials of Management Leadership Program, 2014
- Dale Carnegie Leadership Class, 2013
- Leadership Gainesville, Florida, 2013
- Leadership Lake City, Florida, 2012
- Urban Land Institute Basics of Real Estate Finance, 2012
- Essentials of Municipal Government, North Carolina School of Government, 2003

## Major Planning Experience:

- Jefferson County, Florida, Comprehensive Plan Update (Data, Inventory, and Analysis, and Revised Comprehensive Plan) – Full update to the Jefferson County Comprehensive Plan in partnership with The Planning Collaborative (*anticipate adoption in Q2 2025*)
- Holmes County, Florida, Comprehensive Plan Update (Revised Comprehensive Plan) – Full update to the Holmes County Comprehensive Plan in partnership with The Planning Collaborative (completed 2024)
- Mexico Beach
- High Springs, Florida Comprehensive Plan Update (Data, Inventory, and Analysis, and Revised Comprehensive Plan) (completed 2020)

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- Williston, Florida Comprehensive Plan Update (Data, Inventory, and Analysis, and Revised Comprehensive Plan (completed 2018)
- Economic Development Strategies for:
  - High Springs, Florida
  - Indiantown, Florida
  - Williston, Florida
  - Dunnellon, Florida
  - Archer, Florida
- North Florida Mega Industrial Park Industrial Development Manager (2011-2016), 2600 acres, Columbia County, Florida. Key aspects:
  - Secured all entitlements and permitting
  - Inland Port for JAXPORT
  - Rural Economic Development Initiative (REDI) site
  - Rural Area of Opportunity, Florida
  - Secured McCallum Sweeney Mega Site Certification
  - Secured CSX Select Site Certification
  - Facilitated Land Exchange with the U.S. Forest Service
- Heart of Georgia Mega Site, (2011-2016), 1,999 acres, Dublin-Laurens County, Georgia: Key aspects:
  - Secured McCallum Sweeney Mega Site/Super Park Certification
  - Secured Georgia Ready for Accelerated Development (GRAD) Certification
  - Partnered with the Dublin-Laurens County Development Authority
- Blue Head Ranch Sustainable Community Overlay Comprehensive Plan Amendment. Worked with Highlands County and the Central Florida Regional Planning Council to incorporate Goals, Objectives, and Policies into the Highlands County Comprehensive Plan for a 50,000 acre project that

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would leave 42,500 acres in long-term agriculture and allow for a new town on 7,500 acres (adopted 2011)

- Gordon River Greenway Rezoning, Naples, Florida in partnership with Kimley-Horn. Submitted and secured approval to rezone 140 acres to allow for the Gordon River Greenway. (Adopted 2007)
- Hendry County Pathways Plan in partnership with Kimley-Horn. (Adopted 2007)
- DeSoto County Comprehensive Plan Update in partnership with Kimley-Horn (Evaluation and Appraisal Report and full update to the Comprehensive Plan). (Adopted 2007)
- Adams Ranch Rural Land Stewardship Comprehensive Plan Amendment, St. Lucie County, Florida. Part of an elite team that entitled the ground-breaking legislation that balanced compact urban development with long-term agriculture and conservation. (Adopted 2004)
- Projects and permits for all DiVosta brand housing and amenity centers in Southwest Florida.
- City of Concord, North Carolina, Comprehensive Land Plan (Adopted in 2004). Oversaw consulting team performing this effort.
- City of Concord, North Carolina, Unified Development Ordinance. Coordinated the effort to combine and reconcile land development ordinance/regulations). (Adopted 2004)
- Private contractor for Nextel Communications. Secured zoning approvals and permits for hundreds of cell towers and cellular antennas throughout Southeast Florida.
- Environmental Protection Agency Multipurpose Brownfields Grant, Environmental Cleanup and Redevelopment Project, *Kannapolis, NC, \$1,000,000*

## Grant Success:

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- FloridaCommerce Competitive Florida Partnership Program, Economic Development Strategy, *Archer, FL, \$46,000*
- Florida Department of State African American Cultural and Historical Resource Grant, Community Center with Basketball Court, *Archer, FL, \$500,000*
- FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant, GIS Platform Story Map, *Crystal River, FL, \$37,500*
- FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant, Multimodal Transportation Plan, *Dunedin, FL, \$40,000*
- FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant, Downtown Parking Plan, *High Springs, FL, \$45,000*
- FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant, Parks and Recreation Master Plan, *Highlands County, FL, \$50,000*
- FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant, Stormwater Master Plan, *Indiantown, FL, \$50,000*
- FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant, Affordable Housing Study Phase II, *Oakland Park, FL, \$50,000*
- FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant, Septic to Sewer Plan, *Palm Springs, FL, \$47,500*
- FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant, Comprehensive Plan Update including Economic Development Element, *Williston, FL, \$32,000*
- FloridaCommerce Community Planning Technical Assistance Grant, Economic Development Strategy, *Williston, FL, \$14,500*

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- FloridaCommerce Competitive Florida Partnership Economic Development Strategy, *Indiantown, FL, \$50,000*
- FloridaCommerce Competitive Florida Partnership Program, Economic Development Strategy, *Dunnellon, FL, \$50,000*
- FloridaCommerce Competitive Florida Partnership Program Economic Development and Disaster Resiliency Plan, *High Springs, FL, \$46,000*
- FloridaCommerce Competitive Florida Partnership Program Economic Development and Disaster Recovery Plan, *Zephyrhills, FL, \$35,000*
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program, Memorial Trailhead, *Highlands County, FL, \$200,000*
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program, O.J. Phillips Baseball Park Improvements, *Union County, FL, \$165,000*
- Florida Department of Environmental Protection Resilient Florida, Naples Beach Outfall Removal Resiliency Project, *Naples, FL, \$5,000,000*
- St. Johns River Water Management District REDI/Innovative Cost-Share Grant, Flood Control Program/Swale Improvements, *Flagler Beach, FL, \$500,000*
- T-Mobile Hometown Grant, Community Wi-Fi, *Northport, AL, \$46,000*
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant, Motor Pool Road Multimodal Improvements, *Winter Haven, FL, \$230,450*
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Rebuild Florida Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation, Utilities and Roadway Improvements, *Boynton Beach, FL, \$16,500,000*

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- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Rebuild Florida Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery, Wastewater Collection System Hardening, *Hollywood, FL*, **\$3,435,000**
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation, Floodplain Management Plan, *Hollywood, FL*, **\$400,000**
- U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All, Safety Action Plan, *Desoto, TX*, **\$160,000**
- U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for all, Road Safety Improvements, *Indian Nation Council of Governments, Tulsa, OK*, **\$21,200,000**
- U.S. Department of Transportation Safe Streets and Roads for All, Safety Action Plan, *Northport, AL*, **\$192,000**

## Honors/Acknowledgements:

- Recognized in a letter from Governor Rick Scott for ***“leadership and advocacy for rural communities”*** in Florida
- Winner of the ***American Planning Association Vernon Deines Merit Award for Outstanding Comprehensive Plan or Special Project for a Small Jurisdiction*** for the development of the *City of Williston Economic Development Strategy*, 2019
- Earned ***U.S. Forest Service Land Exchange of the Year***, 2016, for the largest single public access acquisition for the Florida National Scenic Trail
- **40 Under 40 winner**, Gulf Coast Business Journal, Naples, FL, Class of 2008

## Volunteer Work:

- Ethics Committee Member, Grant Professionals Association, 2015-present

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- Vice President of Professional Development/ Ethics Officer, American Planning Association Florida Chapter, 2018-2021
- 8-time Delegate for Florida at National Conference, American Planning Association
- Legislative Policy Committee Member American Planning Association Florida Chapter, 2004-2022
- Florida Chapter Chair for American Planning association Hazard Mitigation Policy Guide, 2020
- 3-time Awards Chair, American Planning Association, Florida Chapter
- The Foundation for Florida Gateway College, Board Member 2012-2016
- The Education Foundation of Alachua County, Board Member 2013-2015
- Logistics Advisory Group, Jacksonville, participation (2011-2016)
- Florida Chamber Trade & Logistics Committee participation (2011-2016)
- Chair, Promised Lands Section of American Planning Association Florida Chapter 2004-2006
- American Planning Association Florida Chapter Conference Co-Chair 2005
- S.P.Y. (Sharing Planning with Youth) Camp, Founder and Facilitator, Collier County Parks and Recreation, Naples, FL, 2009
- Vanderbilt Presbyterian Church Sunday School Teacher, Naples, FL, (2004-2011)
- Box City Facilitator, Naples Christian Academy, multiple years (2004-2011)
- Box City Facilitator, Boys and Girls Club of Palm Beach County