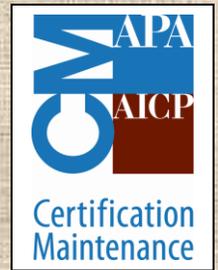




**NORTH CENTRAL SECTION  
TEXAS CHAPTER  
AMERICAN PLANNING ASSOCIATION**



## **Key Issues Confronting Planners: Sustainability and Climate Change**

**Robert T. Ernst, PhD**

**\*\*\*CM Credits Pending\*\*\***

### **Event Details**

**Date: Friday, September 27, 2013**

**Session: 3:00 to 5:00 pm**

**Location:** City Council Chambers  
Municipal Center, Plano, Texas

**Bio:** Robert T. Ernst (PhD in Geography, University of Florida) has 40 years' experience, specializing in land-based systems, including comprehensive urban and regional planning, policy/strategic planning, land use, urban re-development, and environmental studies. He has been a university professor and has provided consulting services to local political jurisdictions; regional, state, and federal agencies; foreign governments; and private land development and natural resource firms in the United States and overseas. In the past two years, several papers he has written on environmental issues including sustainability have appeared in the American Planning Association's online journal, *Practicing Planner*; the latest appears in the September 2013 issue.

### **Key Issues Confronting Planners: Sustainability and Climate Change**

Sustainability and climate change are challenges that practicing planners are increasing familiar with. But many planners have not engaged in critical discussions concerning the efficacy of the concept of sustainability in creating better cities or its relationship with climate change. Participants in this session should come prepared to discuss the good, bad, and ugly aspects of sustainability and how sustainability and climate change are interrelated. The session will conclude with a discussion of whether voluntary pro-environmental actions on the part of individuals and local jurisdictions can significantly affect the release of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere. The meeting will be structured for open participation and all attendees are encouraged to contribute.



**Location:**  
City Council Chambers  
Municipal Center  
1520 Avenue K  
Plano, Texas 75074  
(North of 15<sup>th</sup> Street)

Parking is limited although there are city lots nearby.  
Consider using DART!

Informal Reception to Follow  
Urban Crust



1006 E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street  
Historic Downtown Plano

**FREE EVENT**  
Sponsored by NCTAPA

RSVP to Amy Mathews, AICP at  
[amy.mathews@flower-mound.com](mailto:amy.mathews@flower-mound.com)