

CAPTAIN'S: Breakout Sessions

1:30 PM – 2:30 PM

INTEGRATING SUSTAINABILITY AND RESILIENCE PLANNING

MODERATOR – LYNDA CHAO

Susan Bast, City of Burnsville

As an Environmental Specialist at the City of Burnsville, Susan is responsible for the coordination of the Dakota Valley Recycling Program for the cities of Burnsville, Eagan, and Apple Valley (Lakeville in January). In her role as Sustainability Coordinator, she has worked on issues such as greenhouse gas emissions and renewable energy. Susan has a Master's Degree in Landscape Architecture and a Solid Waste Management Certificate from the University of Minnesota. She also has a certificate in Sustainability from the MCAD.

Brett Emmons, PE, LEED AP, EOR

Mr. Emmons is the co-founder and CEO of Emmons & Olivier Resources, EOR, a multi-disciplinary, mid-sized firm, specializing in sustainable water issues and design, based in Minneapolis-St. Paul, MN. Mr. Emmons has a diverse background with an undergraduate degree in Forestry and a Masters degree in Water Resources Engineering. He has worked internationally as well as throughout the Midwest on a wide variety of water resources projects as well as Sustainability Plans for communities.

Mark Koegler, ASLA, PLA, HKGi

Mark Koegler is the CEO of Hoisington Koegler Group (HKGi), a Twin Cities-based consulting firm that provides planning and design consulting services for both public and private sector clients. Mark is recognized across the planning community for his leadership skills and his expertise as a public communicator and facilitator. He applies his background and experience as both a landscape architect and planner to advance innovative strategies that foster sustainability in community development. Currently Mark is leading comprehensive planning projects in Minnesota and Iowa, including the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update for Burnsville.

Eric Wojchik, MRTPI, Metropolitan Council

Eric is a Senior Planner and Sector Representative at the Metropolitan Council, where he serves as a liaison between the Council and communities in Anoka, Ramsey, and Hennepin Counties; providing planning and technical assistance; working with communities to achieve local and regional goals; and reviewing comprehensive plans, plan amendments, and environmental reviews. Eric also performs resilience and sustainability project work at the Council to implement the policies of Thrive MSP 2040.

