

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA - JOSEPH H. ABEL  
(City and Regional Planner)  
200 Forest Avenue, Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

EDUCATION

University of Illinois - BS City and Regional Planning (Minor Architecture)	1959
University of Chicago - Center for Urban Studies	1965 - 1966
University of Oklahoma - Economic Development Institute Graduate (Summer Program)	1981 - 1984

EXPERIENCE

- JOSEPH H. ABEL & ASSOCIATES  
GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS - PRESIDENT 1987 - DATE

Responsible for establishing a consulting firm in 1987 to provide planning services on a limited number of special projects and expanded to a full service firm January 15, 1992. The firm specializes in Land Use Planning, Site Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development. Mr. Abel has 52 years of experience as a public planner and private consultant and has been in charge of comprehensive urban planning, central business district planning, park design, community development planning, land planning, park master planning, tax increment financing studies, health care facility planning, redevelopment studies, adaptive reuse studies, land use analyses, zoning and subdivision regulations, space needs analyses, zoning testimony and strategic planning for economic development, to public and private clients.

- THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 1987 - 1992

Responsible for establishing the City's public/private partnership program to advise the Mayor on economic development issues. Work program included: identifying and evaluating the development potential of industrial park sites, preparing the City's strategic plan for economic development, assisting in the preparation of the industrial land use component of the comprehensive plan, conducting an ombudsman program to assist businesses, developing the economic development advertising and marketing program, and establishing an International Trade Council to provide export assistance and foreign investments. Annual budget of 1.3 million, staff of 15.

- DUPAGE COUNTY, WHEATON, ILLINOIS  
DUPAGE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION - DIRECTOR 1970 - 1987

Responsible for establishing a new planning program in a rapidly growing county that increased in population from 492,000 in 1970 to 750,000 by 1987. Directed all phases of comprehensive land use and transportation planning, zoning enforcement and administration, economic development and Community Development Block Grant programs. Expert witness for County on zoning cases, staff of 40.



- CARL L. GARDNER & ASSOCIATES, INC.  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - PROJECT DIRECTOR

1962 - 1970

Comprehensive planning for public and private clients. Included central business district plans, zoning and subdivision standards, and capital improvement programs.

Municipalities

Counties

Cary, Illinois  
Deerfield, Illinois  
Fox River Grove, Illinois  
Greendale, Wisconsin  
Indian Head Park, Illinois  
Morris, Illinois  
Oak Brook, Illinois  
Streamwood, Illinois  
Worth, Illinois

Grundy County, Illinois (incl.  
13 municipalities)  
Iroquois County, Illinois  
Kankakee County, Illinois  
Kendall County, Illinois (incl.  
3 municipalities)

Urban Renewal Projects

Waukegan, Illinois Community Renewal Program  
Elgin, Illinois Central Area Redevelopment Plan

Expert Witness

Zoning and condemnation cases - Public and private clients

Feasibility Studies

Public and private clients

Site Planning

Residential, Commercial and Industrial developments

- LAKE COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS - PLANNER

1959 - 1962

Long-range Planning Section. Use of Land Report, Thoroughfare Plan, Population Projections, Land Use Plan and Zoning District Map.

- CITY OF CHICAGO COMMUNITY CONSERVATION BOARD

SUMMER 1958

Neighborhood conservation plans

TEACHING

Northern Illinois University - DeKalb, Illinois  
Adjunct Professor - Master of Public Administration Program

1982 - Date

University of Illinois - Basic Economic Development Course  
Department of Geography and Mid-America Economic Development Council

1985 - Date

AWARDS

Distinguished Service Award - Illinois Chapter, America Planning Association

## AFFILIATIONS

American Planning Association	1978 - Date
American Institute of Certified Planners	1978 - Date
Urban Land Institute (Sustaining Member)	1962 - Date
Member, Curriculum Review Committee (Planning Council)	
University of Illinois, Urbana - Dept. City and Regional Planning	1982 - Date
Du Page County Environmental Commission	1996 - Date