

- Why have you chosen planning as a career?
- Detail your experience/ knowledge of comprehensive planning.
- Are you interested in public sector or private sector and why?
- What do you perceive to be the role of a city planner in private practice? In public service?
- How have your past experiences prepared you to design or plan the three dimensional aspects of communities?
- Describe your ideal planned environment - urban, suburban or rural - and describe the process by which it came to assume its present form and function.
- What services do you hope to provide and to whom? Who are your competitors? How will you differentiate yourself from them?
- How would you determine a recommendation for a zone change?
- As if talking to an average citizen, explain the purpose of platting.
- What experience do you have in plan preparation?
- Do your personal values support the concepts of successful planning? If so, how?
- Do you have any part-time/summer experience related to planning?
- Describe your worst job - what was it that you disliked so much?
- What specific steps did you take to prepare yourself for this important career?
- What courses have you found interesting in your curriculum?
- What does "effective communication" mean to you?
- How do you handle a situation where an angry resident confronts you and is upset about a zoning change, board of adjustment decision, a regulation, or site plan or plat approval?
- How do you handle criticism?
- Give me an example of a class project that you worked on as a team. What was your role in the project?
- What experience have you had working as a member of a team to accomplish projects or tasks?
- What inspires or motivates you to do your best work?
- What project demonstrates your most innovative work?
- Give an example of when delaying an important decision worked to your advantage.
- Can you recall a time when important plans were changed? What did you do?
- What experience do you have in public speaking or making presentations to the public?
- Discuss your knowledge of various software, including spreadsheets and mapping.
- What experience have you had using GIS?
- Questions to determine if you have researched the organization
- What do you know about the major issues/problems in our city?
- What do you think are the two biggest human service issues facing our community/country?
- What do you know about the work of our organization/firm? How did you learn about us?
- What do you know about the city?
- What do you think is the bottom line for the success of an organization?
- Is there a problem relocating?
- What salary are you expecting?