

Catherine Powers
Director of Planning and Sustainability, City of Franklin



Powers responsibilities include the administration of all aspects of the Planning Department, including supervision of 15 staff, Historic Preservation, Long-Range Planning Studies, Development Review, and Sustainability Program.

A Williamson County resident for over one year, Powers embraces the opportunity to become involved in all aspects of Franklin. Of her upcoming Leadership Franklin experience, Powers states, "I hope to obtain an in-depth understanding of all facets of the City to allow me to see 'the big picture' and make decisions or recommend policy that benefits the City as a whole."

Powers' leadership activities span government, business and professional, and community volunteer, including American Planning Association, serving as Professional Development Officer mentoring young planners. She also served as Ethics Officer for Missouri APA, as well as representative from East Missouri APA Chapter; active member with Missouri Humane Society involved in fundraising events; Volunteer Recruiter for Hendrix College.

She holds a Bachelor's degree in Planning from Southern Illinois University and is currently enrolled in the University of Illinois Master's in Planning program. She was a member of the first class of Clayton's Leadership University. Powers obtained AICP designation from the American Planning Association; she was elected President of the APA St. Louis Chapter.

Powers feels the challenge in Franklin is to provide for quality growth while keeping the small town feel and extraordinary quality of life that has attracted people to the City and surrounding County. She believes that regulations are an assistance in directing growth, but that the entire community needs to be involved and participate in the future.