



## PRINCIPAL ASSOCIATE REBECCA D. BESSEY, AICP

**R**EBECA D. BESSEY, AICP IS PRINCIPAL Associate at Birchler Arroyo Associates, Inc. She received a Master of Urban Planning from the University of Michigan, and a Bachelor of Science in Environmental and Natural Resource Policy Studies, with honor, from Michigan State University. She is a certified planner with the American Institute of Certified Planners, and a member of the American Planning Association (APA) and Michigan Association of Planning (MAP). Rebecca serves as Chair of MAP's Information Resources Committee.



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Rebecca brings strong project management skills to the Birchler Arroyo team. She has managed many of the firm's recent planning projects including master plans, corridor and small area plans, and recreation plans. She also performs zoning ordinance updates; reviews site plan, special land use and rezoning requests; and provides ongoing planning assistance and support to a number of Birchler Arroyo's client communities. Rebecca serves as the firm's GIS coordinator, overseeing other staff in ArcGIS analysis and the production of maps for a variety of planning projects.

Rebecca serves as an instructor of citizen and professional planners in an advanced Site Plan Review Workshop for the Michigan Association of Planning. She also co-presented well-received sessions at the 2007 and 2008 MAP Annual Conferences on transforming zoning codes and maintaining rural and small town community character.

### AWARDS

- ✦ **2009 Daniel Burnham Award for a Comprehensive Plan** for the City of Huntington Woods Master Plan; awarded by the Michigan Association of Planning
- ✦ **2008 Government/Institution Award** for the City of Huntington Woods Master Plan; awarded by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network
- ✦ **2008 Merit Award** for the City of Troy Big Beaver Corridor Study; awarded by the American Society of Landscape Architects, Michigan Chapter
- ✦ **2007 Outstanding Planning Project Award for a Plan** for the City of Troy Big Beaver Corridor Study; awarded by the Michigan Association of Planning
- ✦ **2007 Vernon Deines Award for an Outstanding Small Town or Rural Plan** for the City of Adrian Comprehensive Plan; awarded by the APA Small Town & Rural Planning Division
- ✦ **2005 Award for Excellence for an Outstanding Small Community Planning Project** for the Bridgewater and Manchester Townships Wireless Facilities Master Plan; awarded by the APA Small Town & Rural Planning Division
- ✦ **2002 Award for Excellence for an Outstanding Small Community Planning Project** for the Bridgewater Township Master Plan; awarded by the APA Small Town & Rural Planning Division
- ✦ **2002 Outstanding Planning Project Award for a Plan** for the Bridgewater Township Master Plan; awarded by the Michigan Association of Planning

### PUBLICATION

- ✦ "Using the Internet to Empower Your Community", *Michigan Planner*, December 2002