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Fitzgerald & Halliday, Inc. (FHI) is a full-service planning consulting firm, providing services to public and private sector clients since 1987. FHI brings experienced planning perspectives to projects of all sizes. Staff specialists include planners, engineers, environmental scientists, and cultural resource specialists with expertise in transportation, natural resources, historic resources, community planning, public involvement, GIS, and other support fields. Strong knowledge of the planning process, value-added GIS, innovative presentation techniques, and strong quality assurance augment the high quality of our products as shown by our strong track record of repeat clients both as prime and as team member. FHI is certified as a disadvantaged business enterprise (DBE) in over 25 states.

Transportation Services: FHI's transportation expertise encompasses a broad range of modes, including street and highways, local bus, bus rapid transit (BRT), rail, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, airports, and freight movement systems. Our transportation services vary from long-range area-wide multimodal planning and demand estimation to corridor planning studies and localized traffic operations analyses. Specific expertise at the transportation-land use interface includes access management, station area, and traffic calming plans and crafting land use and zoning regulations to support these purposes. Our transportation analyses are enhanced by our capabilities in GIS, database development, and transportation surveys.



Environmental Services: FHI's environmental services encompass environmental impact documentation, permitting and regulatory compliance, and ecological studies. FHI staff have the expertise to evaluate the wide range of issues required by National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and similar state acts, as well as specialized evaluations required for project implementation, such as Section 4(f) and Section 106 documentation, and biological assessments. Our permitting experience includes national, state and local permit applications relating to wetland and water resources, among others. Ecological studies include wetland functional assessments, wildlife habitat assessments, wetland mitigation planning, and studies pertaining to federal and state endangered species acts. Integral to our work is an eye toward regulatory compliance, early and continuous coordination with the regulatory community, and active public involvement, when appropriate, to include stakeholders in the planning process.



Cultural Resource Services: FHI's architectural historians have broad expertise in undertaking cultural resource investigations for fact-finding or regulatory compliance purposes. FHI's capabilities include historic inventories and assessments, agency coordination such as that required by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and Section 4(f) of the Department of Transportation Act, mitigation documents including Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), Historic American Engineering Record (HAER), and state level documentation of historic properties, impact evaluations, cultural landscape studies, and expert testimony. We prepare articles and booklets on historic sites for popular consumption and can adapt them for posting on the world-wide web. FHI also has extensive experience overseeing the conduct of archaeological surveys, providing an integrated approach to managing above and below-ground resources on a project-wide basis.



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Public Involvement Services: FHI is a proponent of building consensus through energetic and comprehensive community involvement. Our approach to public involvement is an inclusive program that brings the stakeholders into the project planning process and allows a two-way exchange of information. We work with the client and community to disseminate information, build consensus, and mold a successful outcome. Listening is essential to consensus building, giving both proponents and critics the opportunity to raise and resolve issues. We use a wide range of tools for public involvement, including: public meetings and partnering sessions, group meetings and workshops, focus groups, newsletters and bulletins, multimedia displays and presentations, posters and graphics, interactive project websites, and others. In many cases, attention to the little things and a commitment to being responsive can make the difference between a successful result and a “might-have-been.”



Community and Site Planning Services: FHI staff apply a wide range of inter-disciplinary skills necessary for community and site planning studies, drawing upon our capabilities in land use and zoning, transportation system planning, natural resource assessment, historic evaluation, environmental impact analysis, and environmental compliance. We have applied our expertise toward opportunity and constraint analyses, private development projects, municipal plans of development and conservation, transportation system studies, transportation access studies, open space planning, smart growth initiatives, and expert testimony on planning and zoning issues. Our resourceful staff conduct research, undertake field investigations, engage in effective public involvement, and prepare appropriate planning documentation tailored to project goals.



Technical Services: FHI adds value to every planning project through application of the latest technologies in geographic information systems (GIS), website development, and database design. FHI utilizes GIS software to map project resources, conduct visual assessments, and to perform a range of spatial analyses to enhance planning studies at all scales and in many disciplines. We have expertise in designing and establishing interactive websites to communicate project information on large state and regional projects. FHI staff create and adapt databases for a variety of purposes, such as to catalogue and analyze survey results, catalogue public involvement comments, inventory historic resources with links to GIS software, track project commitments, and develop contact lists for public outreach programs. We also use state-of-the-art software to produce innovative and comprehensible graphics and to prepare multimedia presentations.

