

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 1992 - DATE

Responsible for establishing a consulting firm specializing in Land Use Planning, Site Planning, Zoning, and Economic Development. Mr. Abel has 60 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, planning standards for zoning and subdivision regulations, space needs analyses, zoning and highest and best use expert 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 business, 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

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

Counties

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 1982 – 1990
Adjunct Professor – Master of Public Administration Program

University of Illinois – Basic Economic Development Course 1985 – 1987
Department of Geography and Mid-America Economic Development Council

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 – 1993
Lambda Alpha – International Honorary Land Economic Society	1978 – 1993
Board of Directors (President), Illinois Development Council	1990 – 1991
Member, Curriculum Review Committee (Planning Council) University of Illinois, Urbana – Dept. City and Regional Planning	1982 – 1990
Member, Glen Ellyn Architectural Review Commission	1971 – 1982
Director, Chicago Metropolitan Section, Illinois Chapter American Institute of Planners	1975 – 1977
President, Illinois Chapter, American Planning Association	1979 – 1983
DuPage County Environmental Commission	1996 – 2010