



**MUNICIPAL AND STATE GOVERNMENT  
SPECIALIST**

**Ted Ritsick, AICP  
Planner**

Ted Ritsick has extensive experience working with local and state government. As a state government employee, he helped numerous local municipalities with planning, zoning, community and economic development, and accessing state resources. He has developed the capacity of local municipalities through technical assistance as a state employee and through his volunteer work with the American Planning Association.

**EDUCATION**

- American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP)
- Master of Professional Studies, Community and Economic Development, The Pennsylvania State University
- Bachelor of Arts, International Politics (minors in Arabic Language and Middle Eastern Studies), The Pennsylvania State University

**SKILLS AND EXPERTISE**

- Planning and zoning
- Municipal government management
- Economic development
- Grant administration
- Stakeholder engagement

**ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICES AND  
BOARDS**

- Commissioner and Secretary, Luzerne County Government Study Commission, current
- Member and Secretary, Wyoming Valley Airport Authority, 2022-present
- Professional Development Officer, Pennsylvania Chapter of American Planning Association, Northeast Section, 2022-present
- Member of Council, Forty Fort Borough (2017-2018)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

<p><b>PA Broadband Development Authority</b> <i>Project Manager</i></p>	<p>Develop and implement Broadband Ready Communities program to streamline broadband infrastructure rollout across PA. Present to various stakeholder groups and provide technical assistance for PBDA programs including CPF BIP, BEAD, and Community Facilities. Review grant applications for PBDA programs.</p>
<p><b>PA Department of Community and Economic Development</b> <i>Local Government Policy Specialist – Planner, Governor’s Center for Local Government Services</i></p> <p><i>Economic Development Analyst I, Tax Credit Division</i></p>	<p>Provide support and training to governmental and professional entities across PA for planning, zoning, and implementation of planning documents using grants and tax credits. Work with home rule, fiscally distressed and strategic management plan communities on team to develop operational and fiscal management plans. Provide planning guidance and supervise deployment of planning resources for Governor’s Action Team, DCED regional directors, and regional fiscal policy Local Government Policy Specialists (LGPS). Provide training for DCED LGPS. Collaboration with partner organizations and state agencies such as PSATS, PA Economy League, PA Downtown Center, PA Planning Association, PennDOT, DCNR and USDA. Work with federal, state, and local legislators for planning support and economic development. Contributing writer to DCED planning publications and Land Use Report. Administered grants, facilitated, and supervised selection process, and enhanced operations for Municipal Assistance Program. Work with Local Government Commission on Municipal Planning Code amendments. Oversaw and contributed to updates to Local Government Day intake and award selection process. Administration of EITC, OSTC, and JTC programs through communication with participants, use of ESA and division databases.</p>