

Melissa Guilbeau, AICP

Principal

Melissa has helped communities achieve their vision for over two decades. With Lagniappe Planning Services, she continues to provide the highest level of planning services to the communities she works with.



- **Community Planning** in several communities in Louisiana, North Carolina, and Washington, including comprehensive planning, community engagement, CDBG consolidated plan, hazard mitigation, stormwater and floodplain management, parks, military, and subarea plans.
 - **DPW Smart Growth Audit**, Baton Rouge, LA
2008 APA LA Honorable Mention for a Project/Program Tool
 - **Parks and Recreation Historic Resources Plan**, Seattle, WA
2006 APA WA Honor Award for Implementation
- **Transportation Planning** in New Orleans and Baton Rouge, LA, and Asheville, Chatham County, and Rolesville, NC, including safety, bicycle and pedestrian, transportation demand management, community transit, and complete streets.
 - **Multi-Modal Transportation Plan**, St. Tammany Parish, LA. With CSRS, drafted the Growth Management section and assisted with outreach. *2024 APA LA Planning Award*
- **Development Code Amendments** in Central, St. George, Slidell, and Jefferson Parish, LA, Graham, NC, and Bonner County, ID, including establishing a regulatory framework, floodplain and stormwater management, plantings and buffers, conditional zoning, historic resources, procedures, and several specific uses.
- **Zoning Administration** in Central, St. George, Slidell, and Jefferson Parish, LA, and Graham, NC. Developed and implemented improvements in day-to-day administration of zoning and development regulations, including procedures and public-facing forms and brochures, and in record keeping.
- **CRS Program Improvements** in Central, St. Tammany Parish, and Slidell, LA. Identified, implemented, and documented CRS activities and increased each jurisdiction's CRS rating by two points.
- **Grant Writing** for federal and state grant programs for several jurisdictions in Louisiana and North Carolina, in the areas of transportation, stormwater management, and energy. Awarded grant funding of more than \$3 million.

EDUCATION

Master of Urban Planning,
University of Washington

Master of Public Administration,
University of Washington

Bachelor of Arts, Geography,
Louisiana State University

Louisiana School for Math,
Science, and the Arts

YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

6 with firm
25 total

WORK EXPERIENCE

Director of Planning,
City of Slidell, LA, 2019-2022

Senior Planner,
Jefferson Parish, LA, 2015-2019
2018 Dept. Employee of the Year

Planning Director,
City of Graham, NC, 2012-2015

Principal,
Lagniappe Planning Services, LLC,
Graham, NC, 2011-2013

Senior Planner,
Chatham County, NC, 2009-2012

Assistant Director of Planning,
Public Works Department,
East Baton Rouge, LA, 2006-2009

Planner,
MAKERS Architecture & Urban
Design, Seattle, WA, 2003-2006

GIS Analyst, C-K Associates,
Baton Rouge, LA, 2000-2001