

Welcome,

My name is Josh Clements, proud Eau Claire transplant from Wausau, by way of Madison and Dubuque, Iowa. I fashion myself as a community developer and change agent, professionally serving as the City Planner of the City of Altoona, where I have the privilege to contribute to the City's mission to create a more equitable, sustainable and healthy urban environment for all.

I completed a BS in Conservation Biology and MS in Urban & Regional Planning from UW-Madison. I am a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) and currently serve as the President of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Planning Association. I previously served as an energy planner for the State of Wisconsin, a Community Development Extension Specialist for the University of Wisconsin and later for Iowa State University.

My partner Angela and I have two wonderful students in ECASD schools, and I am continually impressed by the talented, generous and selfless staff at all levels. I enjoy running, cycling, backpacking, cooking and travelling. I am equally inspired by the beauty of nature and culture of the city.

As a self-described "planning nerd", I am driven by the belief that our settlements and public institutions are the most fundamental, complex, and critical human creations that touch nearly every aspect of life. I am committed (obsessed?) to the study and practice of purposeful and impactful governance and community planning, and work tirelessly to seek and applying research and evidence-based practices to advance these objectives. In this lens, I recognize that public schools are the ultimate place-based institutions focused on long-term civic vitality, intimately linked with communities and its people as centers of learning, employment, social connection, a preparation of wholistic life-long skills for successful life.