

THOMAS D. SAUNDERS

- January 1997
to Present
- City of Gainesville, Community Development Director**
Oversee planning (including comprehensive and current planning, historic preservation and neighborhood planning), redevelopment, housing, block grant and code enforcement programs of the City of Gainesville.
- July 1992 to
December 1996
- Maryland Environmental Trust, Director**
Statewide, state-chartered land trust in Maryland; one of the largest conservation and preservation easement-holding organizations in the country. Actively supports growth management, rural village planning and preservation, and historic preservation. Held over 350 conservation easements, protecting 55,000 acres. Overall \$1.5 million acquisition revolving fund. Programs included Maryland's Rural Historic Village Protection Program, which works with small towns on planning and conservation efforts. The Trust also serves as the parent organization for the 40 local land trusts in Maryland, which work to protect community character and local resources. This position involved active leadership and participation in various forums regarding statewide growth management policies.
- Spring and Fall
1995, Fall 1996
- University of Maryland, Graduate Programs in Urban and Regional Studies and Public Affairs, Visiting Professor. (Part-time)**
Visiting professor: Graduate courses on "Urban Form and its Social, Environmental and Economic Impacts." These courses addressed the history of urban and town design; the history of suburbanization and sprawl in recent decades; and the aesthetic, social, environmental and other ramifications of various development patterns. The courses focused on planning, zoning, design, social and economic solutions for encouraging successful towns and improved growth management, with particular attention to new urbanism or neotraditional development.
- September 1990
To June 1992
- Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn, Washington, D.C. Associate**
Land use, zoning, historic preservation and downtown development practice. Included extensive work on downtown development projects. Detailed familiarity with Downtown Development District zoning, Environmental Impact Statements, historic preservation projects, transferable development rights, and close work with the city's planning office.
- February 1989 to
September 1990
- Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue, Washington, D.C. Associate**
Land use, historic preservation and downtown development practice, primarily involving downtown development projects. Projects included air rights, zoning, historic preservation review, and street-level retail and arts requirements. (The Jones Day land use practice group moved to Arent Fox in 1990.)
- February 1987
To December 1988
- Brobeck, Phleger & Harrison, San Francisco Associate**
Land use, redevelopment and housing practice, including representation of a redevelopment agency, general plan (comprehensive plan) reviews and preparation and assistance on downtown development and redevelopment projects pursuant to San Francisco's Downtown Plan.



Spring 1985

New York City Planning Office, Intern
Development of initial planning area study for Manhattan's Queensborough Bridge area.

EDUCATION

Stanford Law School, J.D., 1987.

Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School, Masters in Public Affairs and Urban and Regional Planning, 1987.

Vanderbilt University, B.A. Economics, Minor in Fine Arts (emphasis in history of architecture), May 1982, Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa.

**BOARDS AND
PROFESSIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS**

Board Member, Maryland Heritage Alliance, 1994-1996.

Appointment by Maryland Governor to Maryland Greenways Commission, 1995-1996.

Member, Maryland Department of Natural Resources Ecosystem Council 1995.

Board Member, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, 1991-1992.

Land Trust Alliance National Conference Planning Committees, 1995 and 1996.

American Planning Association.

Congress for New Urbanism.

Washington, D.C. and California Bars.