

# DEVAYANI PURANIK

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## EDUCATION

2003-2006

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

**Master of City and Regional Planning**

**Master of Environmental Science**

1995-2000

Pune University, Pune, India

**Bachelor of Architecture**

## Certifications

- o Intentional Leadership Certification- 2022
- o MIT Media Lab: Beyond Smart Cities, 2019
- o Six Sigma Black Belt Certification, 2018

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

A passionate, results driven leader with a knack for navigating institutions, leveraging partnerships for community impact, and succeeding in fast-paced environments; seeking a leadership opportunity to spearhead new initiatives and improve organizational efficiency through collaboration and strategic alignment.

## Professional Affiliations

- o Brewery District Commissioner, Columbus Ohio 2021-2023
- o American Public Transportation Association and Ohio Chapter (APTA and OPTA)
- o American Planning Association and Ohio Chapter (APA) and Technology Division
- o Urban Land Institute (ULI)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**COTA (Central Ohio Transit Authority)** Director of Development Programs | March 2021 – Present | Columbus, Ohio

- Lead and oversee planning, scheduling, and real estate development functions.
- Spearhead department's annual capital investment planning, programming, and strategic initiatives.
- Steer real estate assessment committee for evaluation of current physical assets, space planning, and recommend policies to maximize utilization and investment aligned with COTA's transit-oriented development and strategic goals.
- Ideate, initiate, and implement planning, financial, and policy studies to transition toward data driven solutions (examples- Resource Availability Projections, Internal Capacity Analysis, Park and Ride Assessments, Transit-oriented Development Policies, On-demand Program Business Plan)
- Lead the development department's innovation, process improvement and efficiency building initiatives.
- Design innovative mobility programs and partnerships to serve community needs for workforce development including managing partnerships with local municipalities, state and federal representatives, elected officials, business organizations, non-profit organizations, school districts, etc.
- Oversee COTA Board of Trustees' review and adoption process for department's policy, resolutions, and planning studies.
- Represent COTA on regional Boards and Commissions, advisory committees, and local and national conferences.
- *Key Initiatives - LinkUS Programming, Downtown Real Estate and Service Study, Rickenbacker Area Mobility Center Design and Programming, Real Estate and Facilities Asset Management Committee, Sustainability Plan, Electrification Plan, County Connections, On-demand Program, Technology and Innovation Liaison.*

**CITY OF DUBLIN** Senior Planner and Planner II | Jun 2014 – March 2021 | Dublin, Ohio

- Led cross-functional teams of City leadership, elected officials, consultants, and community stakeholders to manage urban planning, land use, strategy, and policy development projects from conception to adoption; including managing projects and programs through a regulatory public process.
- Managed and implemented policy planning projects. *Examples: Dublin Corporate Area Plan and Physical Master Plan (1,000 acres) for the revitalization of legacy office campuses; West Innovation District Plan (1,000 acres) including Ohio University campus and OSU hospitals; 2040 land Use and socio-economic forecasts for travel demand.*

- Managed data-driven customer-centric projects. *Examples: Mobility Study; Smart City Management System (parking and commercial district curbside and over 7,000 parking spaces using technology solutions); bike share; secondary wayfinding; regional connectivity; alternative transportation strategies for commuter corridors like Frantz Road).*
- Influenced and implemented Dublin City Council goals. *Examples: Connected Dublin (100% Broadband connectivity, smart city IoT, and related pilot opportunities); Dublin 2035 Framework for Facilities and Space planning, long-term Infrastructure, Land Use, Economics, and Quality of Life policies.*
- Staffed and managed Diversity, Inclusion, and Equity Community Task Force with the City Manager.
- Facilitated process improvement, change management, innovation, and community engagement projects. *Examples: IT Security policies; Current and Long-Range Planning standardization and customer interactions; Police investigations efficiency; Police recruitments- all projects resulting in an average of 30% improvements in productivity.*

**CITY OF COLUMBUS** Senior Planner | Jun 2006 – Jun 2014 | Columbus, Ohio

- Managed long-range projects (in collaboration with community leadership, business stakeholders, and elected officials). *Examples: South Side Plan; Port Columbus Area Joint Economic Development Study (Award for the Best Plan of the Year from Ohio Planning Association); and the City's growth areas such as the Far East Area Plan and Far North Area Plan.*
- Staffed monthly public hearings for East Franklinton Review Board to implement Urban Mixed-Use Zoning code for Columbus's oldest neighborhood and multijurisdictional Rocky Fork-Blacklick Accord Implementation Panel
- Represented the City of Columbus and provided technical expertise to other jurisdictions, planning agencies, and consultants related to the City of Columbus's development policies. *Example: Port Columbus Area Environmental Impact Study.*
- Performed GIS location analysis to inventory, quantify, and assess demographic and socio-economic attributes and physical features, including existing land use and zoning; development density; open space features; and public utilities and infrastructure.
- Managed project website and social media and provided design assistance with 3D design models to visualize the impacts of the proposed development or design concepts.
- *Other responsibilities- Legal code development processes and corridor-wide implementation of zoning overlays. (Northwest Overlays Phase I and II; Fifth by Northwest Overlays).*

**CITY OF WESTERVILLE** Planning Intern | Dec 2004 – May 2006 | Westerville, Ohio

- Analyzed and conducted architecturally significant buildings in the city's historic district creating a database and website to access information of individual properties.
- Reviewed and presented new development and redevelopment applications to Planning Commission and City Council.
- Conducted demographic, socio-economic, and workforce research using GIS applications.
- Updated landscape design guidelines manual and zoning code.

**KUMAR URBAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** Architect | Dec 2000 – Feb 2002 | Columbus, Ohio

- Managed budgets and execution of interior design and residential projects coordination, vendor, and consulting design team management.
- Designed site layouts for office campuses and urban housing including interior design for individual units.
- Coordinated construction process with international teams of architects, landscape architects, structural consultants, legal, and real estate experts.
- Managed site selection including data gathering and forecasting, economic modeling, and market conditions.
- Drafted detailed construction drawings for interior design and architectural design projects.
- Managed ISO 9001:2000 process for industry recognition.