

Christopher N. Gomez, AICP

City of White Plains



Christopher Gomez, AICP, serves as the Commissioner of Planning for the City of White Plains, NY which is currently undergoing a building boom with over 6,000 multi-family dwelling units, including 500 affordable housing units, in the development pipeline. During his tenure the city has embarked on a multitude of exciting planning initiatives, including a multi-year community visioning process to reimagine the downtown transit district, adoption of a new city-wide affordable rental housing ordinance, and the implementation of various adaptive-reuse and transit oriented development regulations. Currently, the city is in the midst of creating a dynamic new comprehensive plan: [*One White Plains*](#), that will serve as a community-based, equitable development vision to guide sustainable growth over the next 20 years.

Prior to appointment in 2015, Chris served as the Director of Planning and Development for the Village of Port Chester, NY where he spearheaded the adoption of the village's award-winning comprehensive plan, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program, and substantial downtown zoning amendments that helped spur the village's recent development renaissance. In the role of Associate Land Use Planner with the Westchester County Planning Department, Chris served as consultant to 43 cities, towns and villages in delivering ***Westchester 2025/Plan Together***, the county's long-range regional planning initiative.

Chris has an undergraduate degree in architecture and urban studies from Lehigh University and earned his Master of Planning degree from Columbia University. In addition to achieving professional certification by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), Chris also maintains credentials from the National Form Based Code Institute, National Development Council, Urban Land Institute, and National Charrette Institute.