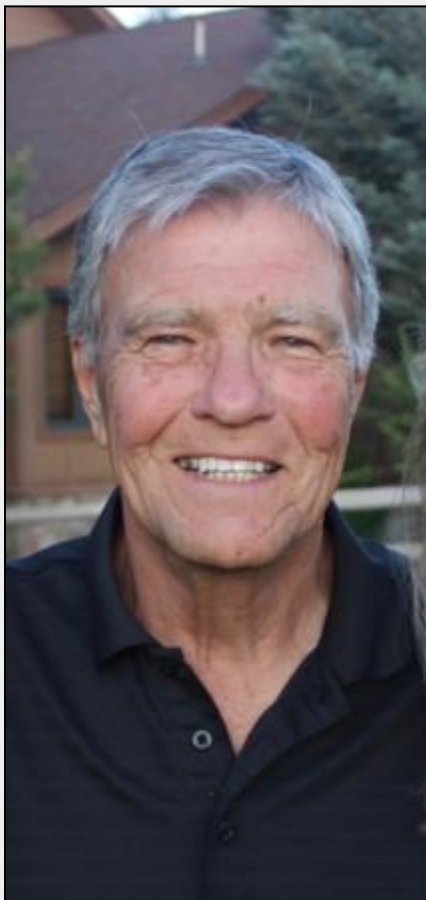


2019 President Award for Planning Pioneer

**William Lamont Jr. (known as Bill Lamont) was presented with the Pioneer Planner State Award
In Snowmass Village at the 2019 Colorado APA State Conference**



Bill served as the President of the Colorado Chapter of the APA 1998-1999.

In 1997-1998, Bill led the statewide initiative for the Responsible Growth Act which unfortunately was not passed, but gained a lot of recognition throughout the state.

Bill's planning career in the state of Colorado is extensive. He was the Director of the Graduate School of Urban and Regional Planning from 1974-1975. As the Planning Director of Boulder from 1967-1974, he forged the open space program and took charge of the Pearl Street Mall. He was the Planning Director for the City of Denver, working for Mayor Pena Imagining a Great City. He and his team crafted the Lower Downtown Plan, envisioned DIA, and wrote master plans for every neighborhood in Denver.

In private practice, Briscoe, Maphis, Murray and Lamont developed the Action Handbook for communities grappling with the boom/bust cycle of resource extraction.

Now, in retirement, Bill continues to serve his community. Post retirement accomplishments include the formation of the Garfield County Library District which renovated three libraries and constructed three new libraries in Garfield County. He served on the RE-1 school district board, and was a pre-collegiate mentor to 15 first-generation college students guiding them from 7th grade through 12th grade. All graduated high school and are currently enrolled in college.

Currently, Bill is championing a Regional Affordable Housing Authority for the Roaring Fork Valley. His team has successfully rallied three counties and four municipalities to conduct a study and evaluate the potential for a regional authority that can address the Valley's affordable housing predicament. Such an amazing example of a life well live in the planning profession!