

MICHIGAN CITIZEN PLANNER CLASSROOM SERIES

Kalamazoo County
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS APRIL 17 — MAY 29, 2013



Fundamentals of Planning and Zoning Course

A Land Use Training and Certificate Course for
Community Land Use Decision Makers

MICHIGAN CITIZEN PLANNER IS AN MSU EXTENSION PROGRAM

ABOUT MICHIGAN CITIZEN PLANNER

Michigan Citizen Planner provides time-tested educational programs on important local issues that are proven to be comprehensive without being overwhelming. The program is offered locally to provide a convenient way for busy volunteer community leaders to obtain the latest technical knowledge and information they need to perform their duties more effectively and responsibly.

WHY MICHIGAN CITIZEN PLANNER?

The simple truth is that communities need to change the way they do community planning. Local officials have a responsibility to help their communities manage the impacts of economic change and be part of the solutions to challenges and issues their communities face. Local communities that proactively plan to succeed in the New Economy can improve their quality of life and lead Michigan's recovery and transformation. Michigan Citizen Planner empowers local officials to shape the future of their communities by providing them with the tools and education they need to lead.

Michigan Citizen Planner offers the Fundamentals of Planning and Zoning, a seven-session course leading to a certificate of completion awarded by Michigan State University Extension. The course is intended for local appointed and elected officials, zoning administrators and interested citizens.

Participants may also choose to continue on with the program and earn the Master Citizen Planner (MCP) credential by completing the Fundamentals of Planning and Zoning, an examination and a capstone project. Master Citizen Planners receive course discounts, exclusive training opportunities and other incentives.

CURRICULUM: FUNDAMENTALS OF PLANNING AND ZONING

Instructors for the training program include MSU Extension educators, planners, attorneys and MSU faculty.

1. **Introduction to Planning and Zoning:** Smart Growth and the New Economy, Conflict of Interest and Planning Resources
2. **Legal Foundations of Planning and Zoning:** Cases, Statutes and other Planning Authority
3. **Roles and Responsibilities, Part I:** Master Plan and Planning Process, Sub-Area Plans, and Working with the Public
4. **Roles and Responsibilities, Part II:** Zoning, Site Plans and Zoning Board of Appeals Process
5. **Plan Implementation and Development Controls:** Subdividing Land, Zoning Controls and Non-Regulatory Techniques
6. **Best Practices for Innovative Planning and Zoning:** Green Development, Form-Based Code, Traditional Neighborhood Design and Conservation Design
7. **The Art of Community Planning:** Participation, Effective Meetings and Managing Conflict

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COURSE SCHEDULE

Introduction to Planning and Zoning
Wednesday April 17, 2013
6:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Legal Foundations of Planning and Zoning
Wednesday April 24, 2013
6:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Roles and Responsibilities, Part I
Wednesday May 1, 2013
6:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Roles and Responsibilities, Part II
Wednesday May 8, 2013
6:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Plan Implementation and Development Controls
Wednesday May 15, 2013
6:00 PM — 9:00 PM

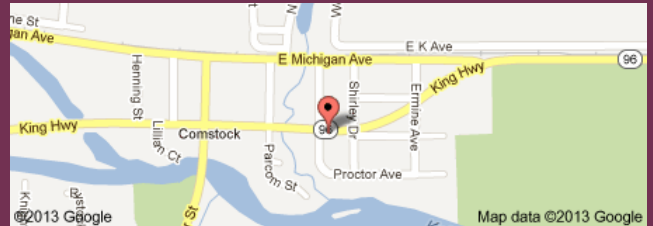
Best Practices for Innovative Planning and Zoning
Wednesday May 22, 2013
6:00 PM — 9:00 PM

The Art of Community Planning
Wednesday May 29, 2013
6:00 PM — 9:00 PM

COURSE LOCATION

Comstock Charter Township Hall
6133 King Hwy,
Comstock MI 49041 269.381.2360

DIRECTIONS



LOCAL CONTACT PERSON

MSU Extension—Van Buren
269.657.8213

COURSE FEE

The course fee is \$350 per participant for the complete core program. Group discounts are available for four or more. The fee covers registration, course materials and refreshments. Participants that complete all seven sessions will receive a certificate of completion. Individual sessions are also available.

HOW TO REGISTER

Online registration is available at <http://events.anr.msu.edu/cpKazoo/>; payment can be made by credit card, check, or invoiced for payment. Group registration is also available online. The registration deadline is **April 10, 2013**.

GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS

A grant program, Risk Reduction Grant Program (RRGP), may be available from your community's liability insurance provider. Michigan Township Participating Plan offers to its municipal members one per community, which covers the complete registration cost for participation in the Michigan Citizen Planner Program. Contact **Rita Evans at 800.783.1370** for more information. For member governments of the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA), contact **Cara Kowal at 800.243.1324** for more information regarding grants for education and training through the Risk Avoidance Program (RAP). Contact your local community liability risk insurance carrier to see if similar grants or scholarships are available.

St. Joseph River Watershed Management Planning Project Scholarships

If your township is located within the St. Joseph Watershed you are eligible to apply for scholarship to receive reimbursement of Citizen Planner registration. Scholarships will be on a competitive basis and the amounts will be based on the number of eligible applications received. If you are interested in more information about this scholarship opportunity please contact cplanner@msu.edu. Scholarship will reimburse recipients upon completion of the course.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Persons with disabilities may request accommodations by calling **Janean Danca (269) 657-8213** two weeks prior to the event to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests made less than two weeks prior to the event will be met when possible.