



Genesee County

SEPTEMBER 14 — OCTOBER 26, 2017, 6:00PM—9:00PM



Citizen Planner Program

A Land Use Training and Certificate Course for Community Land Use Decision Makers
CITIZEN PLANNER IS A PROGRAM OF MSU EXTENSION

ABOUT CITIZEN PLANNER

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 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. The Citizen Planner empowers local officials to shape the future of their communities by providing them with the tools and education they need to lead.


The Citizen Planner Classroom program consists of 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 entire course, a final exam and a capstone presentation. 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
Thursday, September 14, 2017
6:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Legal Foundations of Planning and Zoning
Thursday, September 21, 2017
6:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Roles and Responsibilities, Part I
Thursday, September 28, 2017
6:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Roles and Responsibilities, Part II
Thursday, October 5, 2017
6:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Plan Implementation and Development Controls
Thursday, October 12, 2017
6:00 PM — 9:00 PM

Best Practices for Innovative Planning and Zoning
Thursday, October 19, 2017
6:00 PM — 9:00 PM

The Art of Community Planning
Thursday, October 26, 2017
6:00 PM — 9:00 PM

COURSE LOCATION

Genesee County Administration Building
Human Resources Training Rm. Ground floor
1101 Beach Street
Flint, MI 48502

DIRECTIONS

LOCAL CONTACT PERSON

Andy Northrop, Extension Educator
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(810) 989-6331

COURSE FEE

The course fee is \$295 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.

HOW TO REGISTER

Single or group registration is online at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CPGen17> (registration open in July). Payment can be made by credit card, or check. An invoice/confirmation is generated with registration. The registration deadline is **September 7, 2017**.

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). For municipalities obtaining insurance through Nickel & Saph, Inc. Insurance Agency contact Stephen R. Saph, Jr. at 586. 463.4573 or stephenjr@nickelsaph.com. Contact your local community liability risk insurance carrier to see if similar grants or scholarships are available.

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.