

INSTRUCTORS

Instructors for the training program include members of MSU Extension staff, practicing planners, attorneys, university faculty, government officials, developers and other leaders involved in the local planning process.

Curriculum for the first two sessions was developed by the Michigan Society of Planning, and is taught by MSP-certified instructors.

PROGRAM FEE

The course fee is \$210.00 per participant for the core six sessions. The fee covers registration, course materials in an expandable notebook and refreshment breaks. Individual sessions are \$35.00 each.

Group discounts for four or more registrants from the same municipality are available. The course fee is discounted to \$150.00 per participant. Please mail group registrations in same envelope to insure group discount.

Scholarships are available through your township's Par-Plan liability insurance carrier, contact Peggy Cash at (800) 783-1370 for more information.

Scholarships may be available through the MI Farmland and Community Alliance, contact Dennie Olson at (517) 323-6551 for more information.

PROGRAM LOCATION AND COUNTY CONTACTS

The Western Upper Peninsula Citizen Planner sessions will be held from 7:30–10:00 p.m. Eastern Time/6:30–9:00 p.m. Central Time at the Ewen–Trout Creek School located at 144 Airport Road, 1/4 mile west of Ewen on M28 in Ontonagon County. Please contact the Baraga County MSU Extension office at 906-524-6300 for directions.

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CITIZEN PLANNER PROGRAM

*A land use training and certificate program
for volunteer land use decision makers*



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INTRODUCTION

Local Planning Commissioners and Zoning Boards of Appeals are often called upon to make important decisions to guide the growth and development of their communities. Land use planning and regulation, and the tools and techniques available within Michigan have become increasingly complex.

Michigan State University Extension's Citizen Planner Program was developed to address the basic, ongoing training needs of citizens appointed to serve on local land use planning bodies. The statewide program is being made available, in part, by funding support from People and Land. The Program is delivered at the local level in conjunction with county MSU Extension Offices. The Citizen Planner Program's objective is to equip volunteer community leaders with the technical knowledge and leadership skills needed to perform their duties more effectively and responsibly. Western Upper Peninsula MSU Extension staff worked with a committee of area residents, public officials and professionals to develop a program customized for the UP area.

THE PROGRAM

Citizen Planner is a non-credit course series leading to an optional certificate of competency awarded by MSU Extension. Earning the certificate involves the successful completion of the six courses and 30 hours of community-oriented service in land use planning or related activities. Time spent on planning commissions and similar public boards qualifies for community service hours.



PARTNERS

Curriculum for Basic Training for Planning and Zoning parts I and II was developed by the Michigan Society of Planning (MSP), and is taught by MSP certified instructors.

OVERVIEW

Courses will be held weekly on **Thursdays from 7:30 - 10:00 p.m. Eastern time/6:30–9:00 p.m. Central time at the Ewen-Trout Creek School. Please note, one session will be held on Saturday, September 20th from 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Eastern time/9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. Central time.** The core six sessions provide a basic skill set and are required for certification.

Core Curriculum

- 9/18/03 Legal Foundations of Planning and Zoning:** Regulatory Authority in the U.S. and Michigan
- 9/20/03 Basic Training for Planning and Zoning Part I:** Introduction to Planning, the Comprehensive Plan, and Site Plan Review (in conjunction with MSP)
- Basic Training for Planning and Zoning Part II:** Introduction to Zoning, the Zoning Process, and Zoning Board of Appeals (in conjunction with MSP)
- 9/25/03 Plan Implementation Tools and Techniques:** Subdivision Regulation and Development Controls
- 10/2/03 Art of Community Planning:** Participation, Effective Meetings and Managing Conflict
- 10/9/03 Best Practices for Innovative Planning and Zoning Techniques:** Conservation and Preservation of Community Character

Locally Selected Topics

- 10/16/03 Community and Economic Development**
- 10/23/03 Native American Considerations in Land Use**
- 10/30/03 Topic will be selected by participants**

All six core sessions are required to earn a Citizen Planner MSU Extension certificate.

Two sessions will be held on SATURDAY, September 20, 2003 FROM 10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Eastern time/9:00–2:00 Central time.

CITIZEN PLANNER REGISTRATION FORM

Please print. This form may be duplicated. One form per person please.

Name: _____

Title: _____

Organization/Unit of Govt: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zip: _____ Day Phone: _____

Other Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

_____ Check here if you have been a Planning Commission Member for one year or less.

Sessions 1 through 6 must be completed to earn a MSUE Citizen Planner certificate, however individual sessions will be honored. Sessions 7 through 9 have been identified as important local issues and are offered at a cost of \$35 each. Please indicate your selections below.

Circle requested sessions: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

_____ (Number of Classes) x \$35.00 = _____ (TOTAL)

Make checks payable to: Baraga County MSU Extension and submit to the address below by September 4, 2003:

Cancellation Policy: Registration fee will be refunded less a \$35 cancellation fee if received by September 11, 2003. No refunds after that date.

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