

Selected Reading List for the MSUE Citizen Planner Program – #6

What should be in every Planning Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals Library

The primary purpose of this reading list is to provide citizen planners with references to the kind of background material they need to do the best possible job as a planning commissioner.

This reading list is neither exhaustive of materials available on the subjects listed, nor does it represent an endorsement of the accuracy or efficacy of any material presented. Many materials are listed from a wide variety of perspectives in order to ensure a representative sampling of materials from different points of view.

A secondary purpose of this reading list is to provide planning directors and consultants with references to materials that could bolster the local planning library. Last, this reading list is also provided as a source for reporters, citizens, students, developers, realtors and others interested in helping shape the future of Michigan's communities.

If a publication is available online, the web address is listed at the end of the citation. All listings have been classified as basic, intermediate or advanced based on content. The classifications are defined and abbreviated as follows:

- Basic. Material that is easy to read, relatively short, and does not require much prior knowledge, but does not go into much depth on a subject.
- Intermediate. Material that is easy to read or written for a more sophisticated reader; material may be of any length and may or may not require some prior knowledge and goes into some depth on a subject.
- Advanced. Material of various reading levels that is generally longer and goes into greater depth, and requires some prior knowledge on a subject.

Session 6. Best Practices for Innovative Planning and Zoning

American Farmland Trust. *Forging New Protections: Purchasing Development Rights to Save Farmland*, American Farmland Trust, 1996, 80 pages, paperback. [Intermediate]

Arendt, Randall. *Crossroads, Hamlet, Village, Town: Design Characteristics of Traditional Neighborhoods, Old and New*, APA Planners Press, 1999, 144 pages, paperback.* [Intermediate]

Arendt, Randall. *Conservation Design for Subdivisions: A Practical Guide to Creating Open Space Networks*, Island Press, 1996, 184 pages, paperback.* [Intermediate]

Arendt, Randall. *Growing Greener: Putting Conservation into Local Plans and Ordinances*, Island Press, 1999, 236 pages, paperback.* [Intermediate]

Burchell, Robert, et al. *Costs of Sprawl 2000: TCRP Report 74*, National Academy Press, 2002, 605 pages, paperback.* [Advanced]

Burden, Dan. *Streets and Sidewalks, People and Cars: The Citizen's Guide to Traffic Calming*, Center for Livable Communities, 2000, 52 pages, paperback.* [Intermediate]

Chasing the Past or Investing in Our Future, Placemaking for Prosperity in the New Economy LPR-2009-NE-02.

http://www.landpolicy.msu.edu/modules.php?name=Documents&op=viewlive&sp_id=944

Cortright, Rod and Arendt, Randall. *Better Designs for Development in Michigan: Putting Conservation into Local Land Use Regulations*, Michigan State University Extension, 2003, 11 pages,

<http://ntweb11a.ais.msu.edu/luaoe/downloadables/publications/Bulletins/BDBrochure.pdf>* [Basic]

Eidelson, Mark. "Open Space Zoning: Technical Considerations," *Planning and Zoning News*, March 1992, 9-17. [Basic]

FORM BASED CODE INSTITUTE. <http://www.formbasedcodes.org/>. Web. n.d.

- Gerhart, Andrea. "David Rusk's Message: Sprawl and Race Shaping the Land," *Planning and Zoning News*, May 1999, p. 5-12.* [Basic]
- Gillham, Oliver. *The Limitless City: A Primer on the Urban Sprawl Debate*, Island Press, 2002, 309 pages, paperback. [Basic]
- Fisher, Gerald. "Maintaining the Equilibrium of Fairness by Transferring Development Rights," *Planning and Zoning News*, March 2003, p. 6-13.* [Intermediate]
- Misseldine, Carol. "Planning for Prime and Unique Farmlands," *Michigan Planner*, Winter 1992, p. 8. [Basic]
- Kilpatrick, Jay. "Rural Preservation: The Key is Defining the Objective," *Michigan Planner*, September 1997, p. 1. [Basic]
- Pruetz, Rick. *Saved by Development*, Arje Press, 1997, 440 pages, paperback.* [Advanced]

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