

## Selected Reading List for the MSUE Citizen Planner Program – #1

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 I. Introduction to Planning and Zoning

Adelaja, Soji *et al.*; *Chasing the Past or Investing in Our Future: Placemaking for Prosperity in the New Economy*; MSU Land Policy Institute; May 20, 2009.

[http://www.landpolicy.msu.edu/modules.php?name=Documents&op=viewlive&sp\\_id=988](http://www.landpolicy.msu.edu/modules.php?name=Documents&op=viewlive&sp_id=988) (found on web page [http://www.landpolicy.msu.edu/modules.php?name=News&op=viewlive&sp\\_id=85](http://www.landpolicy.msu.edu/modules.php?name=News&op=viewlive&sp_id=85)).

Birch, Eugene L. "Living By the Plan;" *Planning*; July 2007, pages 39-41.

Citizen Planner; *Selected Reading List; For MSUE Citizen Planner Program, What should be in every Planning*

*Commission/Zoning Board of Appeals Library*; A web site of resources found at

[http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/michigan\\_citizen\\_planner](http://msue.anr.msu.edu/program/info/michigan_citizen_planner)

Clark, John; "Reston Revisited;" *Planning*; August/September 2011, pages 19-21.

Congress for the New Urbanism. *Charter of the New Urbanism*, McGraw-Hill, 2000, 194 pages, paperback. [Basic]

Freilich, Robert. *From Sprawl to Smart Growth*, American Bar Association, 1999, 346 pages, paperback.

[Intermediate]

Heideman, MaryAnn; "What's Expected of a Planning Commissioner"; *Michigan Planner*; June 1997.

International City/County Management Association. *Getting to Smart Growth*, ICMA and the Smart Growth Network, 2001, 100 pages, available in PDF format at <http://www.smartgrowth.org/pdf/gettosg.pdf>

[Basic]

International City/County Management Association. *Getting to Smart Growth II*, ICMA and the Smart Growth Network, 2003, 122 pages, available in PDF format at <http://www.smartgrowth.org/pdf/gettosg2.pdf>

[Basic]

- Kaiser, Edward; Godschalk, David; and Chapin, F. Stuart. *Urban Land Use Planning*, 4th edition, University of Illinois Press, 1995, 493 pages, hardcover.\* [Advanced]
- Kinsley, Michael and Lovins, L. Hunter. "Paying for Growth, Prospering from Development," *Planning and Zoning News*, July 1995, p. 11-16.\* [Basic]
- Moe, Richard. "Restoring Communities and Making them Livable," *Planning and Zoning News*, November 1998, p. 10-14.\* [Basic]
- Orfield, Myron, *American Metropolitcs: The New Suburban Reality*, Brookings Institution Press, 2002, hardcover.\* [Intermediate]
- Planning and Zoning Center. *Planning and Zoning News*, Special Issue on Ethics, December 1994.\* [Intermediate]
- Porter, Douglas, et al. *The Practice of Sustainable Development*, ULI, 162 pages, paperback. [Intermediate]
- Public Sector Consultants. *Michigan's Land, Michigan's Future: The Final Report of the Michigan Land Use Leadership Council*, August 2003, 100 pages. [www.michiganlanduse.org](http://www.michiganlanduse.org).\* [Basic]
- Salkin, Patricia, editor. *Ethical Standards in the Public Sector: A Guide for Government Lawyers, Clients, and Public Officials*, American Bar Association, 319 pages, paperback. [Intermediate]
- Schindler, Kurt H.; *Land Use Series* "Elected Officials: Dealing the Constituent Complaints on Planning and Zoning Issues"; MSU Extension; September 29, 2008.  
<http://lu.msue.msu.edu/pamphlet/Blaw/pamphlet%20Elected%20Body%20Intervention.pdf> (found at web page <http://lu.msue.msu.edu/pamphlets.htm#Boma>).
- Schindler, Kurt H.; *Michigan Local Government: New Economy Preparation Checklist*;  
<http://lu.msue.msu.edu/pamphlets.htm#NewEconChecklist> (found at web page <http://lu.msue.msu.edu/pamphlets.htm#Zecon>) [this item periodically changes, thus wise to periodically check for an updated copy]
- Scott, Mel. *American City Planning Since 1890*, APA Planners Press, 1971, 745 pages, paperback. [Intermediate]
- Smyth, Paul. *Patterns on the Land: Our Choices, Our Future*, Michigan Association of Planning, 1995, soft-bound booklet. [Basic]
- Wyckoff, Mark. "Highlights of Michigan's Land, Michigan's Future: The Final Report of the Michigan Land Use Leadership Council," *Planning and Zoning News*, August 2003, p. 5-13. [Basic]

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