

## REGIONAL LAND USE EDUCATORS

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Michigan's unique natural and cultural resources are the foundation of successful communities

## *In-House Technical Assistance for Planning and Zoning Boards and Local Officials*

MSU Extension land use education staff can offer customized technical assistance to local planning offices, zoning administrators and appointed planning officials. Services can include a review of planning office organization, case management, forms and procedures or legal compliance. Background research or issue analysis is available for complex planning problems.

Call us to discuss particular local issues or tailor services to more specific local needs. Our initial consultation is free, with hourly fees applied only to agreed-upon services. We will help client communities choose the best approach to solving local problems or enhancing current planning activities (see contact information on left panel).

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## REGIONAL LAND USE EDUCATION NETWORK

## *Land Use Education Services*



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Transforming Communities.

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# Regional Land Use Education Program

MSU Extension Land Use Educators offer a broad variety of training courses and presentations on topics related to local planning and zoning tools and techniques, planning policy options, land use and environmental issues, local government, public participation programs and leadership development. These training opportunities are intended for local elected and appointed officials, planners, planning and zoning administrators, professional groups in fields related to community planning, interest groups, civic organizations, and the public at large.



Is a planning or zoning problem bugging your community?

Extension will provide accurate information on basic planning and zoning techniques, as well as current “best practices.” Classes will address land use, community development and environmental issues facing Michigan communities today. Extension educators will also assist local officials by offering training in planning and project management, funding tools, budgeting and recordkeeping.

## Land Use Education Classes

A sample of available class topics is listed below

### Planning and Zoning

- Planning and Zoning Primer
- Plan Implementation Tools
- Making Zoning Decisions
- Site Plan Review
- Planning for Parks
- Also: E-mail Q & A Service

### Community Development

- Local Economic Development
- Historic Preservation
- Downtown Revitalization
- Planning for Tourism

### Public Administration

- Effective Meetings
- How to Stay Out of Court
- Grant Writing
- Hiring and Working with Consultants

### Natural Resources and Environment

- Planning and Zoning for Wind Energy
- Waterfront Development
- Green Infrastructure
- Farmland Preservation

### Customized Classes

- We'll create a class to suit your needs

## Public Involvement Services

Best planning practice recommends a significant element of public involvement throughout the entire planning process. But many planning boards and local planning offices feel ill equipped to reach out effectively. MSU Extension land use educators can work with local planning bodies to engage the public while maintaining timely and lawful decision processes.

### Critical Issue Intervention

When planning topics become too hot to handle, call on our land use education staff for a consultation. We can suggest practical approaches to dealing with hot button planning and zoning issues. Intervention options can be discussed, while preserving long-range community well-being and working relationships.

### Design Charettes and Mapping Workshops

Sometimes a picture really is worth a thousand words. Design charattes and mapping workshops can help local residents and officials literally “see” how various projects, plans and regulatory approaches will affect the visual character of the community.

### Planning Outreach and Public Education Programs

Do you sometimes feel the public has no idea about Planning Commission duties and responsibilities? Are local media outlets more interested in controversy than content? Our land use education staff can help your community work more effectively with the press and with public groups, to help get the word out about proposed planning decisions and pending projects.

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