

County Planning Connection August 2022 News

Livingston County Citizen Planner Program

The Livingston County Planning Department and Livingston County Planning Commission are once again pleased to partner with Michigan State University Extension to host a **Livingston County Citizen Planner Program in Fall 2022!** The last time we co-hosted this excellent educational series was Fall 2017. The majority of Livingston County local units of government sent participants, and in some instances, all members of their planning commission. We hope to repeat this success!

The Citizen Planner instructors include MSU Faculty, MSU Extension educators, planners and attorneys. The core classroom program consists of six sessions on the following Thursday dates at the Livingston County Public Safety Complex, 1911 Tooley Road:

October 27	Understanding the Planning and Zoning Context: Learn the legal sources and limitations of planning and zoning authority, and explore your understanding of ethical decision-making.
November 3	Planning for the Future of Your Community: Recognize the function and importance of a master plan, know the process for developing one and its relationship to zoning.
November 10	Implementing the Plan with Zoning: Discover the importance of zoning, learn how zoning is administered and gain confidence in your zoning reviews, including site plans.
December 1	Making Zoning Decisions: Learn how to adopt and amend a zoning ordinance, understand the role of the zoning board of appeals and obtain skills in basic property development methods.
December 8	Using Innovative Planning and Zoning: Strategize with placemaking and design-based solutions for local and regional success in the New Economy.
December 15	Successfully Fulfilling Your Role: Strengthen your ethical decision-making skills, apply standards to your decision-making.

The course fee is \$250 per participant for the complete core program. The fee covers registration and course materials. A group discount is available (for a group of 4 or more). Grants and scholarships may also be available from your community's liability insurance provider. For further information visit <http://citizenplanner.msu.edu>, or contact **Kara Kelly, Citizen Planner Coordinator** at cplanner@msu.edu. Online registration is available at: <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CPLivingston22/>. The registration deadline is **October 11, 2022**.



Fall means back to school for the kids and for planners too! If you are interested in participating in our next Livingston County Planning Department Brown Bag Lunch, please mark your calendars for the following educational presentation on a planning & zoning subject:

Glenn Pape, Agricultural Economic Development Plans September 20, Noon—1:00 p.m., Genoa Township Hall

Full flyers on this event will be distributed in the coming weeks. Anyone is welcome and no RSVP required. Please use Covid PPE at your own comfort level.