

Land Use Planning 101


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Description

The Planning 101 training provides elected and appointed officials and city staff with general land use planning information. Topics covered typically include roles and responsibilities, authority to plan, decision making and public meetings, long range planning, implementation tools such as zoning and land use codes, planning integration, and a discussion on legal and ethical issues often faced by elected and appointed officials. CDO staff will work with the community requesting the training to develop an agenda according to their desired educational needs. This training can go into further detail on specific topics by request.

How to use the information

Requests for this training are made directly to Community Development Office (CDO) staff. The workshop runs anywhere from 1.5 to 3 hours depending on the specific topics covered. We also ask communities to invite their neighboring jurisdictions to make best use of state resources and reach a broader audience. This provides a forum to discuss planning issues of a regional or intergovernmental nature. Attendees are given materials to supplement the training.

Why this is important

Elected and appointed officials are often term-limited, which equates to frequent turn over. This training helps to establish a common set of facts and tools to work with. For some, this training will simply serve as a reminder. For others, the information will provide them with a comprehensive framework on general land use planning techniques and the purpose of sound planning and decision making. The training also provides a unique opportunity for elected officials to meet with appointed officials and staff for an educational, yet fun, event.