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Michigan Association of Planning
Your link to *education, information, and advocacy*



So many perks, so little time...

Stay up-to-date on contemporary planning and zoning techniques and best practices; learn what other communities are doing; and read about MAP activities in the *Michigan Planner magazine*, the *Michigan Planner E-dition*, and *Education Update* e-mails.

Increase your knowledge and improve your decision-making skills by attending top-notch educational workshops and conferences. We provide training specifically designed for local elected and appointed officials throughout the year at convenient locations. We can create customized programs that meet the specific needs of your community and deliver them to your door through our on-site workshop program.

Network with other community planners and officials at MAP events like the annual conference, workshops and institutes; trade "war stories" and share strategies and ideas for improving your community.

Receive serious discounts on registration fees for MAP workshops and conferences, and on all of our publications, books, and educational materials.

Help shape the policies that address the issues facing communities across Michigan by providing commentary through the Association on legislative matters in Lansing.

Be a local advocate for best planning practices that benefit your community. Support MAP through a membership and you support the only organization in Michigan devoted *solely* to land use planning for professional planners and elected and appointed officials.



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Your Michigan Association of Planning membership designed for you!



The Michigan Association of Planning is one of the largest state chapters of the American Planning Association. MAP recognizes that the educational needs of professional planners differ significantly from those of planning and zoning officials, and we create the **programs, policies, resources and tools** necessary for each group to work **optimally** together.

EDUCATION and NETWORKING

MAP provides training programs to hundreds of elected and appointed officials and professionals each year:

- **Transportation Bonanza**—held in Lansing, a whole day is devoted to the latest transportation trends and issues.
- **Planning and Zoning workshops**—held throughout the state in the spring, they provide the nuts and bolts of planning and zoning for Michigan’s elected and appointed officials.
- **Spring Institute**—held in Lansing, hot topics, national speakers, and advanced training opportunities are packed into this one-day event.
- **Planning Michigan annual conference**—drawing more than 500 attendees, the conference delivers basic and advanced sessions that meet the needs of all local officials and planning professionals plus lots of opportunities to network and share stories with other like-minded local leaders.
- **Other Opportunities** —MAP BBB’s, MAP Reads, and other educational events offer learning and networking opportunities.
- **On-site workshops**—With over 12 topics to choose from, plus the option to customize, this popular program is delivered right to your community. Topics include **Planning and Zoning Essentials, Community Engagement, Master Planning, Risk Management, Site Plan Review and Zoning Board of Appeals.**

PUBLICATIONS

The *Michigan Planner* magazine and the *Michigan Planner E-dition* blend the needs of MAP’s diverse members into a package of timely, information available to you monthly. Highlighting in-depth articles on advanced topics, and features like ‘Officially Yours’ written specifically for appointed and elected officials, the *Michigan Planner* is a must-read.

And when you’re ready for a deeper dive, MAP’s original publications cover planning and zoning topics. The popular Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commissioner Toolkits give you essential information for effectively fulfilling your role.

ADVOCACY

In addition to legislative activities in the state capitol, MAP champions **best planning practices** at every turn, strengthening relationships with state agencies, other non-profit organizations, and with planning leaders in Michigan. MAP’s expertise is requested by state agencies such as the **Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)**, the **Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA)**, the **Michigan Department of Natural Resources (Michigan DNR)**, and the **Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC)** to work on countless initiatives. MAP frequently calls upon planning leaders across the state to provide input, advice and counsel, building our knowledge base and further enhancing our reputation and credibility by bringing in the experts. Advocacy is integral to everything we do.