

# REGISTRATION

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## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### FULL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: WEDNESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

Early Bird Rates: Member \$445 | Non-Member \$520

#### Student \$80

Includes conference handout materials, educational sessions, refreshment breaks, Wednesday reception, and Thursday keynote luncheon (*mobile workshops and MSUE Citizen Planner program are additional charges*).

### REGISTRATION POLICY

A \$65 processing fee will apply to cancel a conference registration on or before August 28, 2026. To cancel, email [info@planningmi.org](mailto:info@planningmi.org). No refunds will be granted on or after September 2, 2026. No-shows the day of the event will be responsible for the full amount of the registration. You may send a substitute (*the difference between a member and non-member will be charged*).

#### Early Bird Registration Rate ends August 31st, 2026

Regular Rate: September 1, 2026; fees increase by \$50 | Late fee: additional \$35 begins on Sept 16th

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## OVERNIGHT ROOM BLOCK Kalamazoo Radisson

- **\$140/night** A 4% Kalamazoo County Event and Convention Assessment District (KCECAD) Assessment will be applied to all guest stays. This new assessment is separate from the existing 5% Occupancy Tax and 6% Michigan Sales Tax. A limited number of rooms available at this rate.
- Parking for conference attendees and overnight guests is \$10 per night. A limited number of rooms available at this rate.

## CITIZEN PLANNER PROGRAM

Michigan State University Extension Citizen Planner Program | \$200 (in addition to the conference fee)

Conference attendees can complete the Michigan State University Extension Citizen Planner Program in only three days. Only registrants who register for the program (and pay the additional fee) may attend the Citizen Planner Program sessions.

## SCHEDULE

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30

10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

#### Session 1

#### **Understanding the Planning and Zoning Context** (Lunch provided)

Learn the legal sources and limitations of planning and zoning authority, and explore your understanding of ethical decision-making.

12:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

#### Session 2

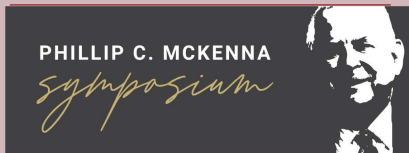
#### **Planning for the Future of Your Community**

Recognize the function and importance of a master plan, know the process for developing one and its relationship to zoning.

3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### General Session

### THURSDAY, OCT. 1



8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

#### Keynote Session

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### Session 3

#### **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.

12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

#### Keynote Luncheon

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### Session 4

#### **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.

### FRIDAY, OCT. 2

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

#### Session 5

#### **Using Innovative Planning and Zoning** (Lunch provided)

Strategize with placemaking and design-based solutions for local and regional success in the New Economy.

11:15 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

#### Session 6

#### **Successfully Fulfilling Your Role**

Strengthen your ethical decision-making skills, apply standards to your decision-making and know when to ask for help.



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