

## Community Development Committee

Meeting date: September 19, 2016

**Subject:** PlanIt: Educational Series for Comprehensive Plan Updates

**District(s), Member(s):** All

**Policy/Legal Reference:** Minn. Stat. § 473.191

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**Division/Department:** Community Development / Regional Planning

### Proposed Action

Information item only. No action required.

### Background

At the May 16, 2016 Committee meeting in Crystal, staff introduced the PlanIt project. As a reminder, the PlanIt project is a comprehensive plan educational program for local planners and planning consultants throughout the region. The intent is to provide learning opportunities to local planners working on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Updates. The events and resources developed throughout the PlanIt project provide guidance on planning requirements, value-added planning, and topics encouraged by Council policy to be included in plan updates.

We began implementation in May of the project events for [webinars](#), [workshops](#), [expert articles](#), and [online tutorials](#). Planning for a day-long [conference](#) in December is in progress as well.

Staff will give a short presentation to update the Committee on how the implementation of the program is progressing and discuss the many upcoming events. Staff will also talk briefly about planning efforts that are underway to prepare the 2017 program.

If committee members would like to review the PlanIt page to see completed resources to date and the schedules for publication prior to the meeting, please visit the [PlanIt](#) page of the [Local Planning Handbook](#).