

Community Development Committee

Meeting date: January 16, 2017

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 / Local Planning Assistance

Proposed Action

Information item only. No action required.

Background

Staff will provide a summary of activity for the 2016 PlanIt program including the December Conference and will also outline the 2017 program. 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 2016 of the project events for [webinars](#), [workshops](#), [expert articles](#), and [online tutorials](#). The Council hosted a day-long [conference](#) on December 13th at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center. Staff will give a short presentation to update the Committee on the implementation of the program to-date. Staff will also introduce elements of the 2017 program and announce upcoming events.

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](#).

Thrive Lens Analysis

The PlanIt project advances Outcomes in Thrive MSP 2040. The project creates and implements events and resources focused on local comprehensive plan topics that include value-added elements and provides technical assistance with policy requirements.