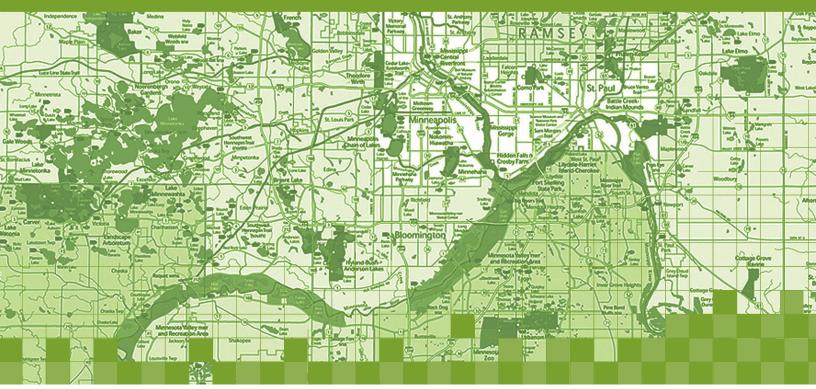


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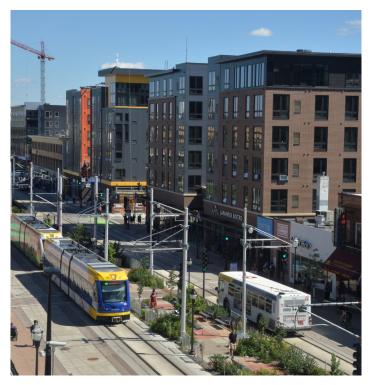
Regional Industrial Lands Inventory Presented by Todd Graham and Corrin Wendell Thursday, February 23, 2017 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Manufacturing and other export industries may not be the most visible employers in today's economy. But these remain crucial for regional economic prosperity. Planners need to consider manufacturing's real estate needs, how industrial use fits with neighboring land uses, and the benefits of industrial land preservation. An Industrial Land Inventory, demonstrated in this webinar, is a first step toward understanding the regional geography of industrial land. While not every community has industrial land, economic activities on industrial sites often have transportation and workforce demand implications that cut across city lines.

School Districts: More Than Just An Affected Jurisdiction Presented by Tara Beard Thursday, March 9, 2017 12:00 – 1:00 PM

The Metropolitan Land Planning Act requires that communities submit proposed comprehensive plan updates to affected school districts for review and comment at least six months prior to submitting the plan to the Metropolitan Council. Historically, however, very few school districts have taken advantage of this opportunity to provide feedback. Council staff has spent the last year speaking with school district staff to learn more about how comprehensive planning and school district planning intersect.

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Population Estimates Presented by Matt Schroeder Thursday, April 20, 2017 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Each year, the Metropolitan Council estimates the population of each city and township in the seven county Twin Cities region. After review and comment by communities, these estimates are used for official state government purposes such as Local Government Aid. Like most organizations that estimate populations for cities and townships, the Council relies on a housing stock model, which uses detailed data on communities' housing units, occupancy rates, and average household sizes to estimate population. This webinar will explain the data inputs and calculations and show how community input can help improve the estimates.

Integrating Economic Development Strategies into Everyday Planning Presented by Corrin Wendell Thursday, July 13, 2017 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Economic development is a valuable component in setting the course for how your community will grow and thrive. Learn about a variety of economic development policies and tools that can be integrated into your community's comprehensive plan including identification of opportunity sites for development and redevelopment, workforce housing plans, the development of a high performing zoning code, business retention and expansion programs, and many others. This webinar will explore the connections among these tools and the value of creatively integrating these strategies into everyday planning practice that will ultimately benefit your community's economic growth and prosperity.

Implementing A Local Fair Housing Policy Presented by Jonathan Stanley Thursday, October 19, 2017 12:00 – 1:00 PM

A local fair housing policy can help local governments raise awareness of local housing issues, as well as identify and address potential violations of fair housing laws and regulations. Many communities in the metro do not currently have fair housing policies at the municipal-wide level, except as at times adopted by local departments such as housing and redevelopment authorities, public housing authorities or community development authorities. We will introduce the new model local Fair Housing Policy and its content, and explore how it can be used in your community.

It's Not Just A Color on the Map: Zoning in Plan Implementation

Presented by LisaBeth Barajas and Michael Larson Thursday, November 16, 2017 12:00 – 1:00 PM

Land use regulations are an important part of comprehensive plan implementation. State statue says that zoning must not conflict with the comprehensive plan. However, it also states that comprehensive plans shall provide guidelines for the timing and sequencing of adoption of official controls to ensure planned, orderly, and staged development and redevelopment consistent with the comprehensive plan. This webinar will discuss how land use regulations fit within a broader implementation framework. Communities will hear about approaches that provide a framework for changes in land use regulations, including the timing of those changes.





WORKSHOPS

April 2017

Affordable Housing: Tools and Financing Mechanisms

Thursday, April 13, 2017 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM **Presenters:** Tara Beard and Jonathan Stanley

The lack of fiscal resources for development and preservation of affordable housing threatens our regional ability to accommodate existing and future need. As communities embark on their comprehensive plan updates, it is important to be aware of both the potential and the limitations of available housing programs and financial resources. Attendees of this workshop will leave with increased knowledge of programs for the new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of both owner-occupied and multifamily affordable housing that can support more focused and effective housing elements and implementation programs within their comprehensive plans.

June 2017

Redevelopment Presenters: Council Staff and Partners TBD

Redevelopment of underused, obsolete or aging properties and areas of disinvestment presents challenges and opportunities for many communities. Goals, policies, and strategies for redevelopment in local comprehensive plan updates will affect their tax base, economic competitiveness, livability, and community character. Many communities have experience implementing and applying approaches to redevelopment and can share lessons learned on redevelopment issues and projects.

July 2017

Climate Vulnerability Assessment Local Application Presenters: Kelly Muellman and Eric Wojchik

Minnesota is facing the challenge of a rapidly changing climate. Local and regional approaches can identify the sensitivity of communities/systems to climate change impacts and provide strategies for adaptation. Assessing the impacts of climate change at the regional and local scale can assist communities in their resilience planning efforts. If communities are able to plan for potential impacts, they can enhance public safety, save city expenses, and adapt to the impacts as they occur. Regional and local practitioners will share how climate assessment work can prepare local communities for the uncertainties of climatic impacts.

August 2017

Neighborhood Level Analysis and Planning Approaches

Presenters: LisaBeth Barajas, Baris Gumus-Dawes, and Angela Torres

As the region grows and as our cities age, neighborhoods within a city change. Neighborhoods change in different ways and at different rates despite being in the same city. Explore characteristics of neighborhoods around the region, like the land use mix, housing diversity, and proximity to amenities, that can affect a neighborhood's capacity to transition with growth. We will introduce a new methodology to more closely look at multiple variables across neighborhoods throughout the region in order to assist communities in anticipating where, when, and how opportunity might be maximized or disinvestment might be mitigated. Using this analysis, we will present tailored planning approaches, strategies, and typologies that you can use in your community to help plan for neighborhoods in transition.



September 2017 Water Management Tools: Going Beyond the Comprehensive Plan

Presenters: Karen Jensen and Lanya Ross

There are a variety of approaches communities can take to go above and beyond their minimum comprehensive plan requirements to implement sustainable water resources strategies. This workshop will explore water management activities which can provide multiple benefits in communities. The event will showcase local examples of integrated water management strategies, such as stormwater best management practices that also protect source water. Attendees will leave with tools they can use, such as model ordinances as well as information about current grant opportunities and stronger partnerships for doing the work.

October 2017

Resilience Planning: Open Space Meeting Presenters: Jen Kader, Eric Wojchik and Leslie Yetka

Given that communities are in the midst of the comprehensive planning process, this participant-run meeting format provides an opportunity to dig into possible projects related to resilience planning, and help those who might feel stuck in this work. An Open Space meeting allows metropolitan communities the opportunity to pose a question, identify a project need and purpose, and subsequently frame a project outline related to building resilience in the community. Beyond the community-specific application of the meeting, the format also allows for benchmarking with other communities. Those who participate will leave the meeting with an robust outline for project planning.

December 2017

Planning for Solar

Presenters: Brian Ross, Eric Wojchik, and SolSmart Advisor

This session provides guidance on how to protect and develop access to direct sunlight for solar energy systems while emphasizing the importance of measuring and mapping solar resources and integrating these mechanisms into the Comprehensive Plan. We will demonstrate that solar energy development captures community benefits and different types of solar energy systems should be addressed in community policy and land use regulations. We will describe opportunities for using solar energy systems to increase a community's resiliency, augmenting its revenue base, and enhancing energy efficiency. The Metropolitan Council's SolSmart Advisor will illustrate the solar technical assistance provided to communities.



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

Effective and equitable engagement brings us together to discuss community needs and implement a vision for the community. In 2017, we are providing quarterly workshops focusing on community engagement. We will be collaborating with James Rojas to provide us with a pair of workshops that delve into interactive community engagement. We will discuss problem solving for engagement challenges, barriers to effective engagement, strategies to reach underrepresented communities, and framing conversations to effectively communicate. In total, the four community engagement workshops will provide planners with new experiences, ideas, and inspiration on how to best connect with your residents. Additional information on upcoming workshops will be published as program content becomes available.

February 2017

Interactive Community Engagement Workshop with James Rojas

Thursday, February 16, 2017 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Award winning Urban Planner James Rojas will lead an interactive workshop/demonstration on techniques and strategies that planners can use to facilitate inclusive, meaningful, and productive community meetings. James Rojas, founder of Placelt, is an MIT-trained urban planner who has developed an innovative public engagement and community visioning method that uses art-making as its medium. Through this method he has engaged thousands of people by facilitating more than 400 workshops and building more than 50 interactive models around the world.

GOVERNMENT ALLIANCE ON RACE & EQUITY (GARE) SPEAKER SERIES

March 2017

Introduction to Comprehensive Plans and Equity

This workshop will provide an introduction to the vision, role, responsibilities and opportunities for government to advance racial equity via comprehensive plans. The workshop will focus on normalizing racial equity as a key value with clear definitions of key terminology, operationalizing racial equity via new policies and institutional practice, and organizing, both internally and in partnership with other institutions and the community. We will introduce examples of integrating racial equity into comprehensive plans.

June 2017

Planning for Equitable Development, Including Land Use, Housing, Parks, and Transportation

Integrating racial equity into the plan for growth in communities increases the likelihood that benefits and burdens will be equitably distributed. We must plan for people and our environment. Land use policies drive the creation of communities, and housing, parks and transportation are critical for creating equitable communities.

September 2017

Planning for the Environment, Including Water and Resiliency

Integrating racial equity into the plan for growth in communities increases the likelihood that benefits and burdens will be equitably distributed. We must plan for people and our environment. Resiliency and environmental justice policies and practices will help ensure the sustainability of our environment.

December 2017

Plan Implementation, Including Communicating about Race and Equity

As we formulate plans, it is important for us to prepare for implementation. We must be able to not only identify and measure current disproportionalities, we must also be able to set goals for making a difference and measure our progress in achieving results. Comprehensive Plans can align community quality of life improvements with policies and programs. In addition, we must also be thoughtful about how we communicate about race so that we are increasing buy-in and commitment.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR NON-PLANNING PROFESSIONALS (ELECTED OFFICIALS, COMMISSIONS, AND ADVISORY BOARDS)

Upon request, at any time, Metropolitan Council staff are available to provide technical assistance to communities, particularly as you work on your comprehensive plan updates. This is coordinated through our staff of professional planners – Sector Representatives – assigned to serve specific communities throughout the region. The Council has a vast library of resources and staff with technical specialties that assist with planning topics at issue in communities.

You may want to make educational opportunities available for city councils, boards, commissions, advisory groups, or other audiences participating in local planning issues. A localized training program can help to connect the community at different levels. Metropolitan Council members are available to attend any of these opportunities (depending on scheduling). Contact your Sector Representative to schedule any of the options below for your City. **Please allow 30-45 days prior to needed presentation to coordinate details and schedule events.**

Setting the Stage for Comprehensive Plan Conversations Upon Request. Scheduled Individually.

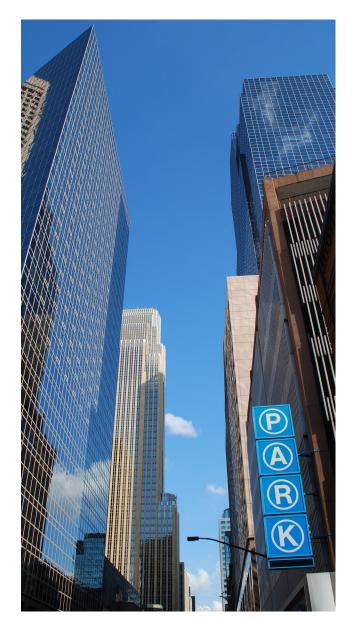
We can provide information on the basics of comprehensive planning to city councils, boards, commissions, advisory groups, or other audiences participating in local planning issues. The basics include a description of the ten-year planning cycle, regional trends, the role of regional system plans and policies, what drives required plan elements, and how you can get assistance for your plan update. The discussion and presentation is tailored to the needs of your community, the audience, and requested content. Contact your Sector Representative.

Comprehensive Plan Topics Upon Request. Scheduled Individually.

We are available to offer technical expertise on planning topics relevant to the local comprehensive plan updates. Topics include land use, transportation, water resources, parks, housing, resiliency, economic competitiveness, and the many subtopics of each. Other topics can also be suggested. Based on a topic of interest to the community, a discussion format and presentation is prepared, tailored to the needs of the community, the audience, and the requested content. Contact your Sector Representative.

Comprehensive Plan Customized Sessions Upon Request. Scheduled Individually.

We can coordinate to assist in a way tailored to individual community needs to assist with local comprehensive planning. Be creative! This can include specialized presentation formats, various topics, diverse audiences, etc. We provide technical assistance and resources in many ways and customized sessions for individualized training are available upon request. Contact your Sector Representative.



PODCASTS PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

Plant Podcasts is a series you can sign up for through either iTunes Podcasts or SoundCloud. In each episode of this series, we will be focusing on one planning related topic through a conversation with a local expert. They will respond to various questions in these 20 to 30 minute episodes.

March 2017 Value of Conducting Bike/Ped Counts

April 2017 Neighborhood and Small Area Planning

May 2017 Arts in Planning

June 2017 Engaging Youth in the Planning Process

July 2017 MIDS and the Minnesota Stormwater Manual

August 2017 Redevelopment: Site Cleanup, LCA, and the Community

September 2017 Planning for a Diversifying Population

October 2017 Working with Advocacy Groups

November 2017 Diversifying your Community's Housing Stock

December 2017 Historic Preservation





ONLINE RESOURCES PUBLICATION SCHEDULE

January 2017

- Solar Energy Guidelines for Comp Plans Fact Sheet (Resource Library)
- Examples of Flexible Development for Rural Communities Fact Sheet (Resource Library)
- Creative Placemaking By Max Musicant, The Musicant Group (Expert Article)

February 2017

- Mapping RBTN Data and Using the Regional Bicycle System Inventory (Online Tutorial)
- Surface Water Management Model Ordinances
 (Resource Library)
- Making Ethical Policy Decisions By David Schultz
 (Expert Article)

March 2017

- Developing Wastewater Flow Projections (Online Tutorial)
- Data Sources for Economic Development Planning (Online Tutorial)
- Considering Implementation During Development of the Update (Expert Article)

April 2017

- Watewater Related Data and Assistance (Resource Library)
- Regional Truck Highway Corridors Study Fact Sheet (Resource Library)
- Pollinators and Comp Planning (Expert Article)

May 2017

- Critical Area Fact Sheet (Resource Library)
- Regional Bicycle Barriers Study Fact Sheet (Resource Library)
- How to Enhance the Urban Canopy Through Ordinance & Collaboration (Expert Article)

June 2017

- Equity Tools and Resources (Resource Library)
- The Precautionary Principle (Expert Article)

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July 2017

- How and Why to Use Mixed Use Categories (Online Tutorial)
- Calculating Housing Density and How the Council reviews calculations (Online Tutorial)
- Historic Preservation; What It Is and Why It's Important (Expert Article)

August 2017

- Principal Arterial Intersection Conversion Study (Online Tutorial)
- Capital Improvement Plan Fact Sheet (Resource Library)
- Creating Desirable Spaces (Expert Article)

September 2017

- Using GIS to Identify Candidate Sites for Jobs-Focused Redevelopment (Online Tutorial)
- Energy Planning at the Community-Scale (Expert Article)

October 2017

- Natural Resource Conservation (Online Tutorial)
- Planning for the Aging Population (Expert Article)

November 2017

- How to Review Your Neighbor's Comp Plan (Online Tutorial)
- Engaging Underrepresented Communities (Expert Article)

December 2017

• The Council's Review of Comp Plan Updates (Online Tutorial)



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