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**TO:** Land Use Advisory Committee

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**SUBJECT:** Update on PlanIt: Water Management Tools Workshop - Going Beyond the Comprehensive Plan

PlanIt 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 program provides guidance on planning requirements, value-added planning, and topics encouraged by Council policy to be included in plan updates.

At the May 18, 2017, LUAC meeting, staff asked for feedback from the Committee to help develop a PlanIt workshop that focused on water resources and water management tools that could help communities go beyond the minimum requirements of the comprehensive plan. Throughout the PlanIt program, local stakeholders have expressed high interest in learning more about approaches for managing water resources. The workshop was held on September 12<sup>th</sup> at the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization offices in Minneapolis.

At the LUAC meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup>, staff will provide a brief update on the workshop and feedback from the participants. Attached is the agenda from the workshop.

If you are interested, please review the PlanIt page to see all of the resources for the PlanIt project, by visiting the [PlanIt](#) page of the [Local Planning Handbook](#). We began implementation in May 2016 of the project events for [webinars](#), [workshops](#), [expert articles](#), and [online tutorials](#). We added [podcasts](#) as a new resource format in 2017. A comprehensive list of events and resources is available in the [PlanIt 2017 Events Schedule](#).