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News and Notes

from the Michigan Association of Planning, A Chapter of the American Planning Association

AICP Preparation Webinar

April 12, 2008
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

The Ohio, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York Upstate, Ohio, Virginia and National Capital Area Chapters of the American Planning Association are co-sponsoring a one-day on-line AICP workshop.

This is an exciting and effective workshop for AICP Exam test-takers. Jennifer Evans-Cowley, PhD, AICP will present six hours of training on how to effectively prepare for the AICP exam.

This innovative workshop is offered using Yugma.com. Participants need access to a high speed internet connection and a telephone. Participants will login to Yugma.com and will dial-in to a specific phone number to join the event.

Registration is required to participate in this event. All registration forms must be received no later than April 9th. No late registration will be permitted. Registration is free; however registrants are responsible for the cost of the long distance phone call to join the web conference.

Register no later than April 9th using the below link:

<http://www.planningmi.org/aicpprep.asp>

Questions? Contact Jennifer Evans-Cowley, PhD, AICP, at cowley.11@osu.edu

Participants will be provided with their access code and the telephone number to dial-in to on Friday April 11th.



Greetings!

When it rains it pours!

The Planning and Zoning Bills Clear House and Senate Committees.

Michigan Planning Enabling Act. After nearly 18 months, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (SB 206) was reported out of the House Intergovernmental, Urban and Regional Affairs Committee, chaired by Representative Barb Byrum, on February 13, 2008. It is expected to be taken up by the full house in a couple of weeks, with the Governor's signature expected within one month of House passage.

Introduced by Senator Patricia Birkholz on February 15, 2007, the bill sought to unify the state's three planning acts (Township, Municipal, and County) into a single act. The Municipal Planning Act was used as the base because it is more comprehensive. A stakeholder work group with representatives from MAP, MML, MTA, the homebuilders and realtors, and several state agencies met regularly during 2007 to come to consensus on provisions of the act. Significant improvements were made to the act, although few substantive changes were made. Major changes include the addition of a definitions section, reorganization which includes numbered articles (making it much easier to use,) and the addition of consistent notification requirements. The workgroup reconvened in late 2007, when the bill was referred Representative Byrum's committee.

Click the links to review a copy of the [bill](#) that was reported out of the House committee, or the [house analysis](#).

Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, Corrective Amendments.

Also, on Tuesday, February 12, 2008, the Zoning Enabling Act (ZEA) Corrective Amendments Bill (HB 5032) was reported out of the Senate Local, Urban and state Affairs Committee, and will now go on to the full senate, with signing by the Governor expected by the end of March. This is a clean-up bill fixing issues that resulted from the consolidation of the three zoning acts into the Zoning Enabling Act (PA 110 of 2006). A copy of the [bill](#) or the [senate committee summary](#) is available.

Sincerely,

Michigan Association of Planning
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"Making Great Places Happen"

Michigan Association of Planning

Land Information Access Association (LIAA)

A Chapter of the American Planning Association
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The Partnerships for Change Sustainable Communities program is seeking proposals for cooperative planning projects from partnerships composed of two or more cities, townships and villages. Please visit www.partnershipsforchange.cc/rfp.asp for more information and to obtain copies of the Request for Proposals. Service grants valued at more than \$60,000 are available to selected communities. Applications are due April 30, 2008.

In late June 2007, LIAA, in partnership with MAP and other organizations, presented a seminar on the importance of inter-jurisdictional cooperation. The seminar was organized by the Partnerships for Change program, and is available on DVD by visiting www.partnershipsforchange.cc/orderdvd.asp.

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