

## Michigan State University Extension Citizen Planner Program

**\$190** (in addition to the conference fee)

**CONFERENCE ATTENDEES** can complete the Michigan State University (MSU) Extension Citizen Planner Program in only three days. Only registrants who register for the program (and pay the additional fee) can attend the Citizen Planner Program sessions.

The Citizen Planner Program consists of a six-session course leading to a certificate of completion awarded by MSU Extension. The course is intended for local appointed and elected officials, zoning administrators, and interested citizens. The program cost includes the MSU Extension Citizen Planner Program; notebook with extensive handout materials; lunch during the classroom session Wednesday; the general sessions Wednesday and Thursday, the Keynote Luncheon Thursday, and lunch during the classroom session Friday. This fee is in addition to your conference fee. Sign in and out required.

Participants may also choose to pursue the Master Citizen Planner (MCP) credential by completing the entire course, passing a final exam, and delivering a capstone presentation to their community.

## Michigan State University Extension Citizen Planner Program Schedule

### WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 25, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

#### Session 1: Understanding the Planning and Zoning Context (Lunch provided)

Learn the legal sources and limitations of planning and zoning authority and explore your understanding of ethical decision making.

**Harmony Gmazel, AICP, Michigan State University Extension**

12:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

#### Session 2: Planning for the Future of Your Community

Recognize the function and importance of a master plan, know the process for developing one and its relationship to zoning.

**Brad Neumann, AICP, Michigan State University Extension**

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 26, 2024

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

#### Session 3: Implementing the Plan with Zoning

Discover the importance of zoning, learn how zoning is administered and gain confidence in your zoning reviews, including site plans.

**Mary Reilly, AICP, Michigan State University Extension**

2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

#### Session 4: Making Zoning Decisions

Learn how to adopt and amend a zoning ordinance, understand the role of the zoning board of appeals and obtain skills in basic property development methods.

**Tyler Augst, Michigan State University Extension**

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 27, 2024

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

#### Session 5: Using Innovative Planning and Zoning

Strategize with placemaking and design-based solutions for local and regional success in the New Economy.

**Eric Warman, Michigan State University Extension**

11:15 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

#### Session 6: Successfully Fulfilling Your Role

Strengthen your ethical decision-making skills, apply standards to your decision-making and know when to ask for help. (Light lunch provided)

**Bethany Prykucki, Michigan State University Extension**