

Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute (PMPEI)

2018 Fall Schedule

The Course in Community Planning

This course teaches planning commissioners, local officials, and others how to carry out their responsibilities under the PA Municipalities Planning Code. Participants learn where planning fits in the framework of local government, how planning commissioners relate to the governing body, zoning hearing board, and zoning officer. Topics include basic knowledge of the Municipalities Planning Code, comprehensive planning, plan implementation including zoning, subdivision and land development regulations, the Official Map, and how effective planning commissions work together. Multi-municipal planning and implementing planning agreements is emphasized. The course is designed for new and experienced planners and officials. A planning exercise based on Marcellus Shale natural gas exploration is included in the course.

Lehigh County – September 6, 13 & 20 – Lehigh Valley Planning 961 Marcon Blvd, Suite 310, Allentown, PA
Contact: Tracy Oscavich - toscavich@lvpc.org or call (610) 264-4544 to register

Wayne County – September 11, 18 & 25 – 925 Court St. Honesdale, PA Directions: [570-253-5970](tel:570-253-5970)
Contact: Peter Wulforst - ptw3@psu.edu call (570)296-3400 ext. 1445 to register

Berks County – September 27, October 4 & 11 – Albright College 100 Roessner Hall, 1940 N. 13th St. Reading, PA
Contact: Andrea Weist – aweist@albright.edu or call 610-929-6503 to register

Dauphin County – October 9, 16 & 23 – Swatara Twp. 599 Eisenhower Blvd., Harrisburg, PA
Contact: Andrew Bomberger – abomberger@tcrpc-pa.org 717-234-2639 register on-line at www.tcrpc-pa.org/edtraining/

Blair County – November 13, 20 & 27 – Logan Township Municipal Bldg. 100 Chief Logan Circle, Altoona, PA
Contact: Cassandra Schmick - schmickc@logantownship-pa.gov (814)944-5349 to register

The Course in Subdivision & Land Development Review

This course deals with the work of planning commissions in the subdivision and land development review process – from pre-application meetings through project completion. Extensively revised in 2005, the course emphasizes the MPC as the source of authority to regulate development. Planning commissions have a central role play in the land development process which is an integral part of a community's comprehensive planning program. New in the course are flexible design concepts and options for better project design. Participants learn new skills for administering the review process, reviewing plans, and calculating impacts of development. The course also covers techniques for incorporating internal and external reviews in plan review, and information sharing can improve local and regional planning.

Cumberland County – July 19, 26 & August 2 – Cumberland Co. Planning Conf Rm B 310 Allen Rd. Carlisle, PA
Contact: BarbaraSue Hershey – bhershey@ccpa.net (717) 240-5362 to register

Luzerne County – September 15 & 22* – Luzerne Co. Emergency Mgt. Agency 185 Water St. Wilkes-Barre (9-3pm)*
Contact: Terri Dickow – tdickow@boroughs.org or call (800) 232-7722 to register and (570) 820-4400 for directions

Monroe County – September 18, 25 & October 2 – Middle Smithfield Twp. Mun. 147 Municipal Dr. East Stroudsburg
Contact: Terri Dickow – tdickow@boroughs.org or call (800) 232-7722 to register (570) 223-8920 ext.112 directions

Chester County – October 17, 23 & 30 – Graduate Center, 1160 McDermott Drive, Room 306 West Chester, PA
Contact: William Stevens – info@2020.org or 484-680-5570 register on-line at www.cc2020.org

Lehigh County – November 1, 8 & 15 – Lehigh Valley Planning 961 Marcon Blvd, Suite 310, Allentown, PA
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The Course in Zoning

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This course addresses the fascinating, complex, provocative, and contentious topic of zoning. It examines how zoning evolved in the United States and how this history continues to shape the way zoning is practiced in 21st century Pennsylvania. The course begins with a review of the MPC authority for zoning and presents “nuts and bolts” fundamentals for drafting zoning ordinances and amendments. Included in the course are advanced techniques like overlay and performance zoning, planned residential development, and traditional neighborhood development. The relationship of zoning to comprehensive planning and the need for them to be consistent is emphasized. Also in the course are mapping exercises and analyses of zoning ordinance provisions. Problem situations and ethical dilemmas in zoning are discussed. The role of the planning commission with other individuals and local agencies in zoning administration, as well as procedures for enacting zoning ordinances and guidelines for rezoning, are discussed in detail.

Montgomery County – September 13, 20 & 27 – Lansdale Boro Hall, Ste 201, One Vine Street, Lansdale, PA
Contact: Rita McKelvey – rmckelvey@montcopa.org 610- 278-3753 www.montcopa.org/PlanningCourses

Westmoreland County – September/Oct TBD – Ligonier Township Mun. Bldg., One Municipal Park Dr. Ligonier, PA
Contact: Terry Carcella – tcarcella@ligoniertownship.com (724) 238-2725

Allegheny County – October 22, 29 & Nov 5 – Allegheny Co. College West Hills Center, 1000 McKee Rd., Oakdale,
Contact: Terri Dickow – tdickow@boroughs.org call 1-800-232-7722 ext. 1042 to register 412-788-6464 (directions)

The Course in Zoning Administration

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In this course zoning hearing board members, zoning officials, and elected officials – regardless of experience – learn the basic principles, procedures and information needed to effectively carry out their functions in the administration of municipal zoning. The course covers the technical aspects of zoning and how to build effective relationships with the public. Hands-on experiences and practice exercises are built into each session. Participants learn how to conduct effective and fair zoning hearings in a mock zoning hearing session. Course topics include the principles of zoning, key zoning terms, the zoning administration team, zoning officer duties, enforcement notices, and zoning hearing procedures, variances, special exceptions/conditional uses, and nonconformities. **10 CBO Credit Hours*

York County – October 10, 17 & 24 – York County Planning Commission (site to be determined)
Contact: Pam Shellenberger – pshellenberger@ycpc.org or call 717-771-9870 to register

Lehigh County – October 16, 23 & 30 – Lehigh Valley Planning 961 Marcon Blvd, Suite 310, Allentown, PA
Contact: Tracy Oscavich - toscavich@lvpc.org or call (610) 264-4544 to register

Mercer County – October 16, 23 & 30 – Wilmington Township Mun. Bldg, 35 Auction Road, New Wilmington, PA
Contact: Terri Dickow – tdickow@boroughs.org or 800-232-7722 ext. 1042 to register (724)946-8074 for directions

COURSE TIMES: The courses listed are all 3-session programs that meet on successive weeks. Classes begin at approximately 6:00 PM and end at approximately 9:30 PM. (unless otherwise noted)

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PMPEI Continuing Education Credits

Registered Landscape Architects must take all 10 hours of the course to earn 10 credits.

Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors and Professional Geologists they may earn credits for the class hours they attended (maximum 10.) They would indicate the number of hours attended in the box titled: Endorsement on page 2 of Form A.

Uniform Construction Code officials, they may earn credits for the class hours they attended (maximum 10.) They would indicate the number of hours attended in the box titled Endorsement on page 2 pf Form A.

CLE Attorneys may receive Continuing Legal Education credits up to a maximum of 9. They receive credit for the hours of instruction attended. The fee for Continuing Legal Education Credit is \$90, regardless of the number of credits; it is a flat fee. (Form B)

CEU PMPEI does not give CEU credit. CEU (continuing education unit) is a standard measurement used by educational institutions.

***Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute** the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute (PMPEI) was established in 1992 for providing courses in community planning and land use regulations for planning commissioners, zoning hearing board members, zoning administrators, elected officials, and others with an interest or involvement in planning.*