



Fall Newsletter: Events Around the Region

School is starting, the leaves are changing, and fall trainings and events are rolling in! To stay up to date please visit our website or follow us on Facebook!

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Michigan Association of Planning's Annual Planning Michigan Conference

There's still time to register for the Annual Planning Michigan Conference, happening this year in **Kalamazoo** on **September 25-27**.

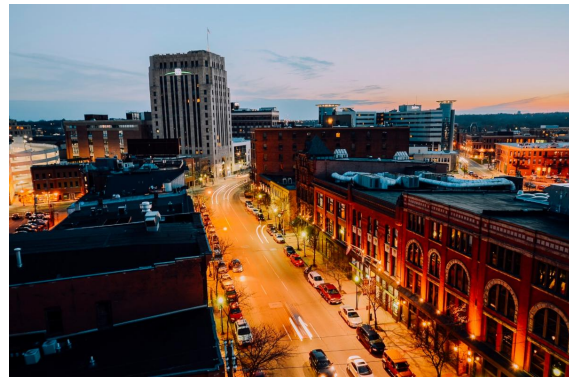
Highlights include:

-Zoning Administration Workshop - This workshop will delve into legal basics, development reviews including zoning board of appeals, good meeting practices, enforcement and public relations.

-Framing Messages of Maximum Success - Knowing what to say about an issue, what to avoid, and why can foster more meaningful conversations with the public and increase people's support for planning, policies, and programs that can help communities thrive.

-Keynote Speaker Alan Mallach is a senior fellow at the Center for Community Progress in Washington, DC. He is the author of many works on housing and planning, including *Bringing Buildings Back* and *Building a Better Urban Future: New Directions for Housing Policies in Weak Market Cities*.

-Michigan State University Extension is providing the opportunity for conference attendees to complete the MSU Extension Citizen Planner Program in only three (3) days. All sessions will be available beginning on Wednesday morning, September 25, 2019, and ending Friday afternoon, on September 27, 2019. Only people who register for the program (and pay the additional fee of \$125) can attend the Citizen Planner Program sessions. [For more information about the Citizen Planner Sessions and to register, click here.](#)



[Conference Information and Registration](#)

Redevelopment Ready Communities Hands-on Training

MEDC's Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) representatives will be giving a **FREE** hands-on workshop in **Negaunee** on **Wednesday, October 9th**, from **9am - 3pm** for RRC engaged UP communities. Breakfast, coffee, and lunch are included. It is recommended that 2-4 members of your community attend.



Communities who attend the workshop will leave with tangible items to address several RRC best practices including:

- A first pass at documenting your internal review process to meet best practice 3.1

- A draft outline of what to include in your community's guide to development (best practice 3.2); the focus here will be on creating a guide that is user-friendly to remove knowledge barriers that may stop first-time, local investors from engaging in the process;
- A draft training strategy for your boards which doesn't require a ton of funding or travel (best practice 4.2)
- A draft outline of an RRC-aligned marketing strategy for your community to meet best practice 5.2 (or 6.2)

Register by **September 27th** by emailing Christopher Germain at germainc2@michigan.org!

Zoning Administrator Training

MSU Extension is offering a zoning administrator certificate program designed to offer zoning administration techniques in ways that reduce legal risks to the administrator and the community. Discussed in the program is job responsibilities and ethics, legal issues, reviewing applications, reviewing plot plans and site plans, inspections and violation, preparing files and record keeping, and customer service.



[Register at the MSU Extension Website](#)

Final Countywide Stakeholder Workshop for Marquette Area Climate and Health Adaptation

At the workshop, participants will hear an update on progress related to our four climate and health action areas, engage in group work to detail short-term steps for further implementation, and learn about available implementation funding. Volume III of the *Marquette Area Climate and Health Adaptation Guidebook* will also be released. The workshop will be held at the **Marquette Township Hall** on **September 18th** from **2:30 - 5pm EST**.

Please RSVP by emailing Brad Neumann at neuman36@msu.edu

TAMC Transportation Asset Management Conference: Setting the PACE for Every Day - Plan - Action - Communication - Evaluation

The Transportation Asset Management Conference will be held in **Marquette** on **October 30th** from 7am until 2pm at the Holiday Inn.



Michigan
Transportation Asset
Management Council

Topics addressed will include updates from TAMC, reporting of Michigan road and bridge conditions and forecasts, asset management plans, and investment reporting and learning from past data. Join us to learn more about our state's transportation assets!

[View the Agenda and Register Here](#)

Fall Asset Management Summit

CUPPAD is hosting a Fall Regional Asset Management Summit October 29th in Escanaba and October 30th in Marquette immediately following the TAMC conference.



Learn about asset management plans, collaborate with peers, prepare future plans for transportation, water, utilities, and communications. This even is **FREE** of charge, but registration is required.

Escanaba: Tuesday, **Oct 29**,
2019 2 - 4:30pm at the Michigan
Works! Board Room

Marquette: Wednesday, **Oct 30**,
2019 2 4:30pm at the Marquette

Delta County Master Plan Survey

Delta County is seeking public input on their future Master Plan update. Delta County has launched an initiative to update its Master Plan and we need your help! Your feedback is valuable in developing a long-term vision for the future of development and overall quality of life in Delta County.



[Please Take the Survey Today!](#)

MDARD Rural Development Grant Opportunity

Rural Development grants are now available from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development! These grants are designed to promote the sustainability of land-based industries and support infrastructure that benefits rural communities. Funding areas include, Infrastructure Development, Rural Capacity Building, Business Development, and Talent Development and Training.

Proposals are due October 29, 2019 at 3pm EST

If you or your organization would like assistance in preparing an application, please contact us today! We can help!

[Guidelines, Requirements, and Application](#)

