

MASTER PLANNER PROGRAM

Acquiring good skills for good decisions

Community Planning

Tuesdays at Octorara

June 1, 8, 15 2010

Thursdays at WCUPA

October 7, 14, 21 2010

Zoning

Tuesdays at Octorara

November 2, 9, 16 2010

Thursdays at WCUPA

Mar 3, 10, 17 2011

Subdivision & Land Development Review

Tuesdays at Octorara

Apr 5, 12, 19 2011

Thursdays at WCUPA

May 5, 12, 19 2011

All participants receive copies of the Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Code and a Course Handbook that is used for hands-on experience with the course content. All courses are continuously updated to reflect the most current amendments to the Planning Code.

This course targets the responsibilities of municipal officials and members of planning commissions. Classes will address the role of planning in local government, and how planning commissions relate to the governing body, zoning hearing board and zoning officer. Specific topics include basic knowledge of the Municipalities Planning Code, comprehensive planning, plan implementation including zoning, subdivision and land development regulation, official mapping and how effective planning commissions approach their responsibilities. The course is designed as introductory for new and as a refresher for experienced students.

Zoning is probably the most fascinating, complex and provocative topic in local planning. This course addresses the evolution of zoning in the United States and how it continues to structure the way zoning is practiced in Pennsylvania. Classes will study the fundamentals of drafting zoning ordinances and amendments, beginning with the MPC authority for zoning. Included are advanced technical techniques such as overlay and performance zoning, as well as planned residential and traditional neighborhood development. The relationship of zoning to comprehensive planning and the need for consistency is emphasized. The course includes mapping exercises, reviews of zoning ordinance provisions, and instruction in how to do a "build-out analysis." Problem situations and ethical dilemmas are discussed. Detailed attention is paid to the role of the planning commission, individuals, and local agencies in zoning administration as well as to procedures for enacting zoning ordinances and guidelines for rezoning.

This course deals with the work of planning commissions in completing the subdivision review process, from pre-application meetings through project completion. The curriculum is organized into three major sections: 1) principles of subdivision and land development regulation and ordinance requirements, 2) subdivision and land development review procedures, and 3) design and technical standards of subdivision development. Classes will gain from hands-on experience.

LOCATIONS:

West Chester University

Graduate Business Center

1160 McDermott Drive (off Greenhill Rd.)

West Chester, PA

Octorara Middle School

228 Highland Rd. (1/4 mi east of PA Rte. 41)

Atglen Pa

REGISTRATION:

REGISTRATION FEE: \$115 per course

Checks are payable to MPP/CC2020.

Registration requires student names, course choice, and contact information:

Mail student names and fee to:

Chester County 2020

Master Planner Program

217 West State Street

Kennett Square, PA 19348

Register on-line at ww.CC2020.org – use 'Comment' field to designate course and students' names.

Fax your students' names and billing information to: 610-925-0902; you will be contacted and invoiced.

The sponsors provide a series of courses in municipal planning for municipal officials, planning commissions, zoning hearing boards, citizens and the corporate community. The courses have been developed by the Pennsylvania Planning Association (PPA) and Penn State Cooperative Extension through their training agency, Pennsylvania Municipal Planning Education Institute (PMPEI). Each in-depth, ten-hour course, taught by certified PMPEI instructors /planners, is completed through attendance at three evening classes, over a three-week period. PMPEI provides a certificate of course completion.

Participants completing the three basic courses within three years will be recognized with a “Master Planner Certificate of Completion.”

The Master Planner Program offers municipal officials and others the opportunity to acquire a comprehensive background in municipal planning. The allied goals are to build a pool of qualified individuals for appointment or reappointment to planning commissions, and to provide citizens and the business community with a better understanding of community planning and development.

Each individual who meets the course requirements may request Continuing Education Credit from Penn State at an additional fee (one CEU unit for each 10 class hours). Additional forms are available for lawyers and real estate professionals for submission to their respective accrediting agencies for continuing professional education credits.

Master Planner Courses are Presented By:

Chester County 2020

Chester County Planning Commission

West Chester University,
College of Business
Department of Geography & Planning

Chester County Association of Township Officials (CCATO)

Octorara Area School District

Students interested in completing the full Master Planner Program in as little as 4 months can take courses at WCUPA as well as Octorara.

Email chestercounty2020@ccis for details

- Master Planner students are provided with a light supper every class night.
- Course materials include application forms for continuing education credit.
- Master Planner courses are currently approved for continuing education credit for Attorneys, Realtors, and Appraisers.
- MPP students who miss a class session are entitled to make that session up at no charge.
- Presenting Partner staff will help students arrange make-ups.
- Completion of each course earns a Course Completion Certificate, in addition to the Master Planner Certificate of Completion earned by completing all 3 Master Planner Courses.

