



Citizen Planner Program Delta County

A Land Use Training and Certificate Course for
Community Land Use Decision-Makers

**Citizen Planner Program -
Delta County**
Begins Thursday
April 10, 2025
6:00 - 9:00 PM

Classes held in person at the:
Escanaba Township Hall, 4618
County 416 20th Rd, Gladstone, MI
49837

Dates: Thursdays, April 10, 17,
24, May 1, 8 and 15.

Citizen Planner is a time-tested educational program proven to be comprehensive without being overwhelming. The program is delivered locally to provide a convenient way for busy community leaders to obtain the latest technical knowledge and the proficiency they need to perform their duties more effectively and responsibly.



Citizen Planner Classroom Sessions

Citizen Planner instructors include MSU Faculty, MSU Extension educators, planners and attorneys. The core classroom program consists of six sessions:

- **Understanding the Planning and Zoning Context** – Learn the legal sources and limitations of planning and zoning authority, and explore your understanding of ethical decision-making.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Using Innovative Planning and Zoning** – Strategize with placemaking and design-based solutions for local and regional success in the New Economy.
- **Successfully Fulfilling Your Role** – Strengthen your ethical decision-making skills, apply standards to your decision-making and know when to ask for help.



The Citizen Planner Program is offered in partnership with
Escanaba Township and with financial support from the Central
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Understanding the Planning and Zoning Context

Thursday, April 10, 2025
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Planning for the Future or Your Community

Thursday, April 17, 2025
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Implementing the Plan with Zoning

Thursday, April 24, 2025
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Making Zoning Decisions

Thursday, May 1, 2025
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Using Innovative Planning and Zoning

Thursday, May 8, 2025
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Successfully Fulfilling Your Role

Thursday, May 15, 2025
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Course Location

Escanaba Township Hall
4618 County 416 20th Rd
Gladstone, MI 49837

Local Contact

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Course Fee

The reduced course fee is \$125 per participant for the complete program. The fee covers registration and course materials. Participants that complete all six sessions will receive a certificate of completion.

CUPPAD has provided a generous sponsorship for the program, so registration costs have been lowered.

How to Register

Online registration is available at <https://events.anr.msu.edu/CPDelta2025/>. Payment can be made by credit card, check; an invoice is created with registration. Group registration is also available online. A \$45 cancellation fee is assessed if registration is canceled after **March 28, 2025, the registration deadline**.

Grants/Scholarships

A grant program, Risk Reduction Grant Program (RRGP), may be available from your community's liability insurance provider. **Michigan Township Participating Plan** offers to its municipal members one per community, which covers the complete registration cost reimbursement for completion of the Citizen Planner Program. For more information, please visit: www.theparplan.com. For member governments of the **Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority** (MMRMA), contact Cara Ceci at 800-243-1324 for more information regarding grants for education and training through the Risk Avoidance Program (RAP). For municipalities obtaining insurance through **Nickel & Saph, Inc. Insurance Agency** contact Stephen R. Saph, Jr. at 586-463-4573 or stephenjr@nickelsaph.com. Contact your local community liability risk insurance carrier to see if similar grants or similar grants or scholarships are available.

Persons with Disabilities

Persons with disabilities may request accommodations by emailing Kara Kelly (cplanner@msu.edu) two weeks prior to the event to ensure sufficient time to make arrangements. Requests made less than two weeks prior to the event will be met if possible.