**Welcome to the [COMMUNITY] Planning Commission!**

We’re glad to have you with us and thanks for your willingness to serve your community in this important role. Over the coming months you’ll be gaining firsthand experience in how this board supports our community as it grows. But to get you started, check out the resources below for information on how the board operates, existing plans and where you can get some basic training on topics related to your new role.

Basic/Legal Information

* **Michigan Planning Enabling Act**: <https://www.canr.msu.edu/uploads/resources/pdfs/statute_1235.3801_mpea.pdf>
* **Planning Commission Bylaws**: [Link]
* **Zoning Ordinance**: [Link]
* **Master Plan**: [Link]

Planning and Zoning Essentials – Training Resources*Note: Planning Commission members have access to funds for training – talk to XXXX for details on how to use those funds.*

* **MSU Extension Citizen Planner (online or in-person):** <https://www.canr.msu.edu/michigan_citizen_planner/>
* **Planning Commission Handbook (MML):**

<https://www.mml.org/pdf/pcebook.pdf>

* **Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) Best Practice Training (online or in person)**

<https://www.miplace.org/rrctraining>

Other planning and zoning resources (general information)

* **Michigan Association of Planning:** [www.planningmi.org](http://www.planningmi.org)
* **Michigan Municipal League:** [www.mml.org](http://www.mml.org)
* **Michigan Economic Development Corporation - Community Development:** [www.miplace.org](http://www.miplace.org)
* **American Planning Association:** [www.planning.org](http://www.planning.org)
* **StrongTowns** (planning nonprofit): <https://www.strongtowns.org/>
* **Planetizen** (planning news):<https://www.planetizen.com/>
* **CityLab** (planning blog) - <https://www.citylab.com/>