



Comprehensive Planning Education and Training Opportunities

Overview and Update of the PlanIt Program

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Regional Planning Process



Plant Education and Training



- Technical assistance
- Regional policy can be complex
- Responsive to the needs of local governments
- Minimum requirements
- Comprehensive plan process

PlanIt History

2016 PlanIt Impact

Workshops

- 19 Events, 786 Attendees

Webinars

- 16 Events, 837 Attendees, 1,324 Views

Tutorials

- 23 Published, 2,332 Views

Podcast

- 13 Episodes, 1,445 Downloads

Expert Articles

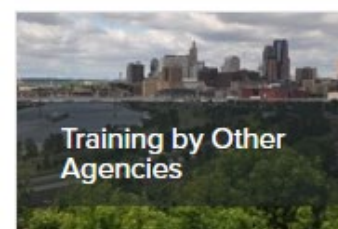
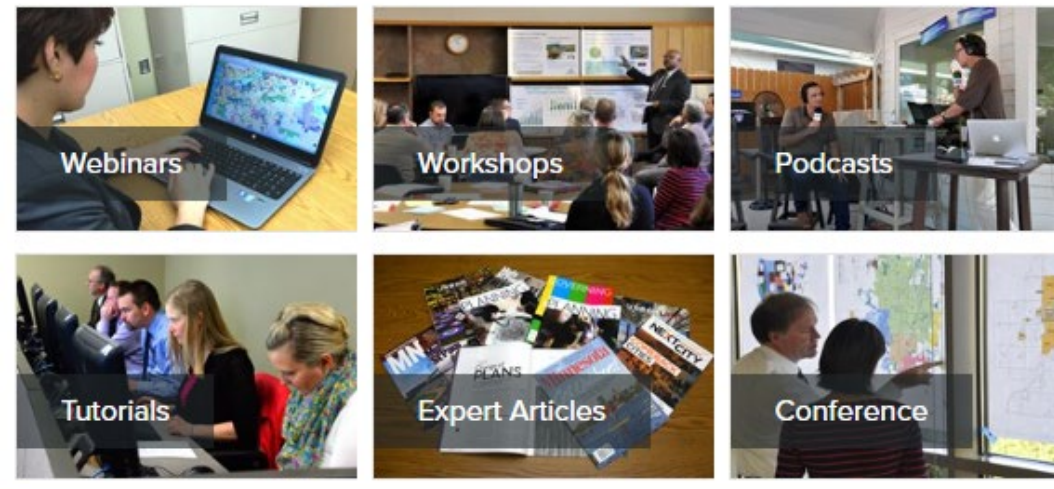
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TRAINING & DEVELOPMENT

PlanIt

PlanIt is the Metropolitan Council's effort to provide educational opportunities for the 2040 comprehensive plan update process. **PlanIt** includes webinars, workshops, and conferences. We are also expanding the Local Planning Handbook's online resources with a series of online tutorials and expert articles on all things related to comprehensive planning. The 2017 program will focus on topics that help you get more out of your plan.

The [PlanIt 2017 Events Schedule](#) is now available.



Sign up for email updates when new opportunities for the PlanIt program become available.

Training and Education Formats

NEW!

Office Hours

Virtual times with for local planners with Council staff

Demo/Tutorial
Short, pre-recorded videos

Workshops
In-person sessions with attendees

Expert Articles
Articles about planning topics



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Conference
Day-long education and training

NEW!

Site/Walk Tours
In-person, onsite tours with Council staff

Webinars
Live, online, with online attendees

2026-27 Program

2026

- Focus on Minimum Requirements
- Some content on going beyond requirements
- Conference

2027

- Focused on going beyond requirements
- Some minimum requirement content

PlanIt: Website

LOCAL PLANNING HANDBOOK

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Local Planning Handbook

Regional Planning Process

Community Pages

Required Plan Elements +

Review Process +

Education and Training -

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Resources +

Test Page

PlanIt

Some intro text for PlanIt

Filter by Topic

Regional Parks and Trails Land Use Water Transportation Housing

Filter by Training Type

Workshop Webinar Tour

March 2026

Another Training!
Short description of another training
Monday, Mar 9, 2026
4:00 PM
Water

Metro Functional Classification Review
Information on functional classification, timeline for proposals, and system update submission expectations
Tuesday, Mar 10, 2026
1:00 PM
Transportation

Using the Local Housing Data Tool
Find out how to use this interactive tool.
Wednesday, Mar 11, 2026
10:00 AM
Housing

Funding Policy, Affordable Housing Programs, and Zoning Changes - LCA and HUD
Information on funding, implementation, and peer connections for advancing housing initiatives
Thursday, Mar 12, 2026
10:00 AM
Housing

Past Trainings

Sample Training
Short description
Saturday, Jan 31, 2026
12:00 PM
Regional Parks and Trails

A Third Training with a Longer Name
Short description to appear on the PlanIt home page
Thursday, Feb 5, 2026
12:00 PM
Transportation

Cross-divisional partners

- Land Use/LPA
- Housing/LCA
- Regional Parks and Trails
- MTS
- Water Resources and Wastewater
- Climate & Natural Systems

Project Support

- Communications
- Information Services

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Beyond PlanIt



Technical Assistance

- Local Planning Handbook
- Small Communities Planning Program
- Planning Assistance Grants
- Climate Action Toolkit
- Local Housing Data Tool
- GHG Strategy Planning Tool
- Natural Systems Planning Tools
- Sector Representatives

Upcoming Events



Metro Cities + Met Council Series

- **March 10:** Foundations of Regional Planning
- **April 9:** Comp Planning in a Regional Context
- **May 7:** Tech Assistance for Comp Planning
- **June 11:** Understanding Land Use Review at the Council

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Upcoming Events for Planners



June

- Pedestrian and Bicycling Planning Tools (Webinar) - 6/4
- Pedestrian and Bicycling Counting Program and Resources (Site Tour/Visit) - 6/4
- Regional Housing Nexus Study (Webinar) - 6/17

July

- Pedestrian Planning in Comp Planning (Webinar) - 7/10
- Implementing Local Fair Housing Policy (Webinar) - 7/14
- How to Demand Projection (Expert Article) – 7/15
- Bikeway and Pedestrian Facility Data Resources (Tutorial/Demo)



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