2014 MCP Webinar Series

April 17 - Capital Improvement Plans
This webinar will provide an overview of developing a Capital Improvement Program (CIP). A CIP is an important component of implementing a community’s plan. All local units of government (except townships that do not own or operate a water supply or sewage disposal system) are required to prepare and update a CIP each year. This session will emphasize the role the planning commission has in the process.

Julie Pioch, MSU Extension Educator

June 19 - Restrictions on Zoning Authority: Wireless Communication Facilities
This webinar will provide an overview of zoning authority, and federal, state and FCC limitations on local control over wireless communication facilities. Antennas and structures for cell phones, WiFi and more are severely restricted through a battery of laws. This includes deadlines for making decisions, certain assumptions which must be taken as a “given” for local decisions, and more. This session will emphasize these points to help define the role the local government/planning commission has.

Kurt Schindler, AICP, MSU Extension Educator

August 21 - Introduction to Shoreline Zoning
Michigan is blessed with outstanding inland lakes that are highly valued for their recreational and scenic qualities. Lake shorelines are also great places to live, but are under pressure from new residential development and conversion from seasonal to year-round uses. Protecting inland lake shorelines is vital to economic development and environmental protection. During this webinar, you will learn basic concepts on how to assess the situation on lakes in your area, and practical zoning options for shoreline setbacks, buffer strips, shoreline erosion control, lot area coverage and site plan review.

Dean Solomon, MSU Extension Educator

October 16 - Tactical Placemaking
Tactical placemaking is the process of creating or activating quality places that uses a deliberate approach to change. It begins with short term commitment and realistic expectations that can start quickly. It targets public spaces such as streets and plazas and is low risk. It is designed to be an ongoing process in neighborhoods and commercial districts. Over time Tactical Placemaking can transform an area into a high quality place that is attractive and welcoming to people. This webinar will cover the basics of place and explore proven tools to implement Tactical Placemaking in your community.

Glenn Pape, MSU Extension Educator

December 18 - Complete Streets Update
Complete streets are roadways planned, designed, and constructed to provide appropriate access to all legal users...whether by car, truck, transit, assistive device, foot or bicycle. The concept of complete streets has officially been on the radar of local governments and transportation agencies in Michigan since 2010, when communities were given new planning and coordination responsibilities related to multimodal transportation planning. Since then, design guidance has improved and additional research into the benefits of complete streets has emerged. Learn about some of the latest research on complete streets, engineering/design guidelines that your transportation authority should be aware of, and examples of progress made by communities around the state.

Brad Neumann, AICP, MSU Extension Educator