



Planning Officials Training Track – Thursday, September 30, 2010

Planning and Zoning Essentials

9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

This session will provide an overview of the roles and responsibilities of appointed planning officials, the functions of the planning/zoning board/s and the main tools of planning and zoning. It will also include a brief overview of the primary guiding policies and major sources of information and support for appointed planning officials.

Break -- 10:15 – 10:30 am

Staying in "Character," Balancing urban growth in rural areas

10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

In many rural areas, communities are challenged to accommodate growth while still preserving "small town character." This session will provide an overview of how communities can preserve community values and implement quality growth principles and strategies.

Lunch (provided) -- 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Conservation and Community Planning

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

This session will introduce participants to strategies intended to incorporate conservation and open space planning into community planning. This includes strategies and policies that consider how parks and recreation can be incorporated into various aspects of the planning process.

Break -- 1:45 – 2:00 p.m.

Land Use Law

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

This session will provide an overview of land use laws in Georgia including perspective on how this impacts the roles and responsibilities of appointed planners.

Break -- 3:00 – 3:15 p.m.

Hot Topics and Emerging Community Planning Issues

3:15 – 4:15 p.m.

This session will provide participants with an overview of state, local and national "trends" and hot topics related to planning. This includes, but is not limited to sustainability planning, planning for older adults, community gardening/locally grown food production, farmers markets and the concept of healthy communities.

Adjourn -- 4:15 p.m.
