

MANCHESTER COMMUNITY JOINT PLANNING COMMISSION  
CITIZEN PLANNER TRAINING – Saturday October 27  
Draft Agenda

- 8:00 am      Coffee and informal networking  
(Mid-morning)
- 8:30            Greetings and Introductions
- 8:40            Background/Review
- History of SWWCOG
  - 2003 Regional Plan Goals
  - LIAA grant goals
  - Review powers and duties enumerated in PA 226 of 2003
- 9:15            Scoping Exercise/ Why a Joint Planning Commission?
- What is the Purpose of Manchester Community Joint Master Plan?
  - What is Your Vision for a Joint Master Plan?
  - What Elements Need to be in the Joint Master Plan?
- 10:15          Break
- 10:30          Joint Master Planning in Michigan
- Examples from other parts of the state
  - Are there strategies/techniques they used that we want to borrow?
- 11:00          Key Land Use Planning Tools: Preserving “The Manchester Experience”
- Assessment of Current Conditions
  - Future Growth Projections/Accommodating Growth
  - Urban Growth Boundaries/Urban Service Districts
  - Cluster Development/Residential Densities
  - Form-Based Zoning
  - Agricultural Preservation Strategies: PA 116, PDR, TDR, etc.
  - Open Space Preservation Strategies: Conservation Easements, etc.
  - Shared Services
  - Coordinated Zoning
- Noon:          Break for Lunch
- 1:00            Citizen Participation
- How can we engage the larger community?
  - What do we want to achieve at the January public meeting?
- 2:00            Adjournment

## OBJECTIVES and METHODS from the CITIZEN PLANNER GRANT

Objective 1: Improve land use decision making

Method: -Increase participants' knowledge of the powers and duties of a joint planning commission by providing examples from communities in Michigan that have created joint planning commissions and joint regional plans.

Objective 2: Increase awareness of existing land use tools

Method: -Presentation, discussion and handouts of key land use planning tools.

Objective 3: Improve working relationships and citizen involvement within and among communities

Method: -Increase awareness of existing methods of citizen participation and how a regional land use plan might alter traditional approaches to citizen involvement.

Objective 4: Enable decision makers to improve and enhance the quality of life of their communities

Method: -Emphasize the roles that will be retained by each planning commission, if any, (e.g. which body is responsible for rezonings, site plan reviews, conditional use permits, etc.).  
-Discuss various approaches to zoning implementation in the region (e.g. a single, common zoning ordinance, separate zoning ordinances that reference the regional plan, etc.)