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Programming Areas

- Land use and community planning
- Training for local land use officials
- Virtual worlds for stakeholder engagement
- Fiscal impacts of land use decisions

Audience and Partners

- Extension educators
- Plan commission members
- Zoning board of adjustment/appeals members
- Other local government officials
- Planning and zoning staff

Team Membership

- Local Government – Community Planning and Plan Implementation
- Economic Development – Downtown Vitality and Community Placemaking

Educational Resources

Publications

- 2004 - Present, Land Use Tracker newsletter. Editor and contributor. www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/newsletters.html
- 2005 - Present, Wisconsin Land Use Megatrends: Forests, Housing, Recreation, Energy, Climate Change, and Agriculture. Co-author and editor. www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/megatrends

- 2008 – 2010, Planning Implementation Tool Factsheets: Zoning Ordinances, Land Division Ordinances, Adequate Public Facilities, Impact Fees, Capital Improvement Plans, Tax Increment Financing. Author. www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/pubs-factsheets.html
- 2006, Zoning Board Handbook: for Zoning Boards of Adjustment and Appeals, 2nd Edition. Markham and Roberts. www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/Publications/BOA2006/BOA2006.pdf
- 2005-2007, Understanding the Cost to Provide Community Services, prepared for various Wisconsin Communities. Co-author. www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/COCS/COCS.html
- 2005, Land Use Resource Guide: A Guide to Preparing the Land Use Element of a Local Comprehensive Plan, Haines, et. al. <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/elementguides.html>
- 2003, Planning to Protect Lake Michigan: An Evaluation of Land Use Efforts, Barbara Frommell and Rebecca Vander Kelen-Roberts. http://www.lakemichigan.org/land_use/Land_Conservation_Study.v1.pdf

Workshops, Wislines and Other Programs

The following workshops are offered on an ongoing basis and can be tailored to address local needs:

- Zoning Board of Adjustment/Appeals Workshops - Beginning or advanced workshops focused on zoning board decisions, procedural responsibilities, and recent case law. www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/workshopszb.html
- Plan Commission Workshops - Beginning or advanced workshops focused on plan commission roles and responsibilities, community planning, plan implementation, public participation, and other topics. www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/workshopspc.html
- Fiscal Impacts of Land Use Decisions – Results and implications from cost of community services studies and related research. <http://www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/COCS/COCS.html>
- Wisconsin Land Use and Zoning Leadership Seminars - Leadership development program for early career planning, zoning and code enforcement staff.

Online Tools

- Land use and community planning calendar of events: www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/events.html

Research and Outreach

- 2005 - 2010, Wisconsin Land Use Megatrends: Forests, Housing, Recreation, Energy, Climate Change, and Agriculture. R. Roberts, A. Haines, L. Markham, D. McFarlane, D. Miskowiak, L. Stoll. www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/megatrends
- 2005, The Impact of Agricultural Use Valuation on the Cost to Provide Services to Wisconsin Communities, R. Roberts, A. Haines, R. Hammer, A. Acken-Cosgrove. www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/COCS/COCS.html
- 2005, Factors Influencing Land Parcelization in Amenity-Rich Rural Areas and the Potential Consequences of Planning and Policy Variables, A. Haines, E. Olson, R. Roberts, and D. Miskowiak. www.uwsp.edu/cnr/landcenter/parcelizationstudy/index.html

