



# BUILDING FOUNDATIONS:

## Making Solid Land Use Decisions

MAY 19, 2017 | 8:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

STEARNS COUNTY SERVICE CENTER  
3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN

As rural, suburban, and metropolitan land issues come in conflict, local policy makers must struggle with difficult zoning decisions. The process the public entity follows to reach a decision often comes under attack by affected landowners. These emotionally charged conflicts often result in litigation. The number of lawsuits regarding land use in the State of Minnesota is increasing in frequency and severity.

The Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) and the Minnesota Association of County Planning and Zoning Administrators (MACPZA) are sponsoring this training to assist local planning boards with land use decisions. This program has been designed to help participants in the decision making process and to build a solid foundation to defend them in the event of a lawsuit.

These sessions were designed for everyone involved with making county land use decisions, including:

- County Commissioners
- County Administrators & Coordinators
- County Attorneys
- Planning & Zoning Administrators
- Watershed Districts
- Soil & Water Conservation Districts
- Planning Commission & Board of Adjustment Members

CLE (continuing legal education) accreditation pending approval.

If you have any questions about the session's content, please contact Jennifer Berquam, AMC Environment & Natural Resources Policy Analyst, at 651-789-4322 or [jberquam@mncounties.org](mailto:jberquam@mncounties.org).

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Schedule:

**8:30 A.M. Registration**

**9:00 A.M. Morning Session**

### GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF LAND USE CONTROLS

- General Background Principles
- Highlights of Chapter 394 (County Planning Act)
- Ordinance Administration
- Processing of Application
- Risk Management
- Damages in Land Use Cases

### FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC HEARING

- Preparation for the Contested Case
- Findings When Granting or Denying the Application
- Judicial Review of County Zoning Actions

**12:00 P.M. Lunch**

**1:00 P.M. Afternoon Session**

### THE HEARING PROCESS

- The Open Meeting Law
- Notice of Meetings
- Record Keeping
- Applications
- Conducting the Hearing

### STANDARDS FOR VARIANCES AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

- Conditional Use Permits
- Variances

**3:00 P.M. Adjourn**

### PRESENTERS:

Jay Squires, Attorney  
Scott Anderson, Attorney  
Rupp, Anderson, Squires, & Waldspurger, P.A.

# The training is now full and registration is closed.

If you have questions about registration, please contact Ben Baglio at 651-789-4320 or [bbaglio@mncounties.org](mailto:bbaglio@mncounties.org)