



BUILDING FOUNDATIONS: Making Solid Land Use Decisions

Friday, April 26, 2019 — Baxter
Thursday, May 2, 2019 — Mankato

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 Brian Martinson, AMC Environment & Natural Resources Policy Analyst, at 651-789-4322 or bmartinson@mncounties.org.

[Click here to register online](#) for one of the following sessions:

Friday, April 26, 2019

**Arrowwood Lodge
at Brainerd Lakes**

6967 Lake Forest Road
Baxter, MN 56425

Lodging Reservations: 218- 822-5634

Thursday, May 2, 2019

**Country Inn & Suites Mankato
Hotel and Conference Center**

1900 Premier Drive
Mankato, MN 56001

Lodging Reservations: 507-388-3646

The registration fee is \$75 per person and you will be billed for your registration.

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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
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