

What is the Citizen Planner Academy?

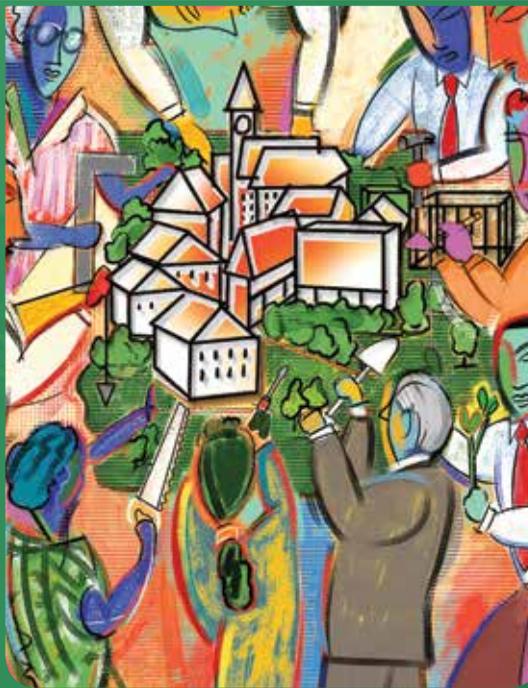
The Orange County Citizen Planner Academy is a series of classes designed to educate the public regarding planning for a sustainable community, the land development process in Orange County and special topics within the planning field.

The goal of the academy is to empower citizens with the tools and knowledge to become active decision makers within their communities.

Core courses and a series of special topics will be offered every year. Instructors will present information and use interactive exercises to help participants apply the principles taught during that class.

Our Mission

To promote citizen engagement through an understanding of the planning process as the means to make sustainable decisions, and to provide an introduction to various planning disciplines.



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Orange County's Citizen Planner Academy Program



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"Connecting Neighbors and Neighborhoods"

Grant Opportunities

Core Classes

Sustainability 101

This workshop will cover the basic concepts of sustainability, with a special focus on efforts being made to preserve natural resources and address long term water, waste management, and energy needs. Some classes may be offered on-site at locations where participants can see principles of sustainability in action.



Planning Basics 101

Participants will learn an overview of urban planning principles and become educated about the land development process

in Orange County. Subjects covered include: Background and Definitions, The Comprehensive Plan, Future Land Use Map and Zoning.

Special Topics

Emergency Management

How does a community prepare for, stay safe during and manage its resources after a disaster strikes? Information about the four phases of the emergency planning process and the National Incident Management System - a protocol used to coordinate and respond to events from the local to federal level—will be featured. This workshop will conclude with an activity involving a mock emergency situation.

Transportation Planning

Our transportation system should provide multiple choices for getting to and from where we live, work and recreate. This workshop will cover some major concepts of transportation planning, provide information about local system and highlight the special field of Context-Sensitive design. At the end of the session, participants will engage in an exercise which uses a local example to demonstrate the relationship between land use and the transportation system.

Capital Structure and Infrastructure Planning

This workshop will focus on the budgeting process in Orange County and the tools that are used to finance and maintain all the major projects that contribute to our quality of life. Topics covered will include types of taxes, impact fees, special district designations and other adequate public facility requirements. Examples of typical and major public projects will be used to explain the concepts covered during workshop.



Neighborhood Planning

Come learn how to build a community's capacity for revitalization, and how small area studies and a visioning process may be used to implement changes to the built environment. This workshop will use neighborhood planning scenarios to help participants identify strategies which could be used to overcome challenges and move toward the creation of prosperous, livable and healthy places.

Urban Design

Urban design gives a "sense of place" and character to groups of buildings, streetscapes, public spaces, neighborhoods and cities. This class will help explain how the arrangement and design of buildings, open spaces, and public amenities contribute towards creating a sustainable, functional and attractive built environment. A walking tour and design exercises will illustrate the practical application of many concepts discussed during the workshop.

Crime Prevention Through Environment Design (CPTED)

Come learn how the proper design and effective use of buildings and public spaces in neighborhoods can lead to a reduction in crime. Learn how to evaluate the environment in your neighborhood and apply theories learned during the workshop to improve your neighborhood.

