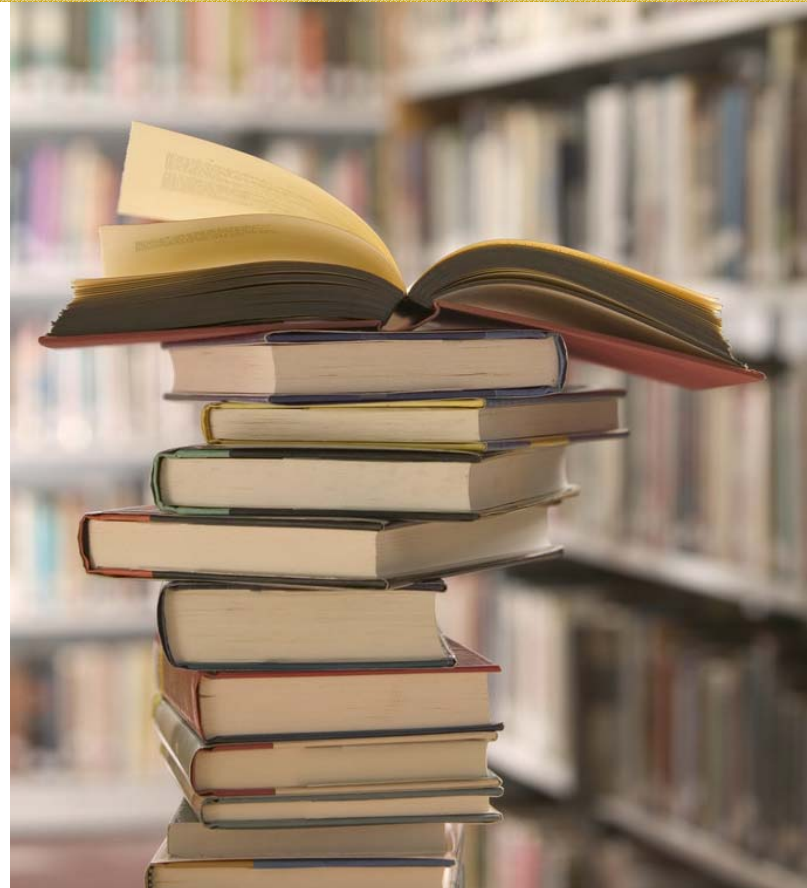


INFORMATION

Every month the *Michigan Planner* magazine is teeming with information and resources that help community planners make better local land use decisions. In November 2006 the *Michigan Planner* expanded from 12 to 16 pages to provide even more information to all segments of our membership. As result of the expansion, new regular features include: the Planning and Zoning Officials Academy, providing local elected and appointed officials with both basic and advanced topics addressing issues that are unique to their role as a local government representative; MAP News, highlighting programs, initiatives, and events of the organization and staff; and APA Buzz, featuring news and resources available from the American Planning Association (APA). The Insider News, Education Update, Leadership Perspectives, and Wanted sections continue to provide inspiration to our members, details about upcoming workshops and conferences around the state, dispatches from the board of directors, and job postings.

MAP's commitment to cover critical issues important to community planners, written by unrivaled experts in the business, is embodied in *Smart Growth Tactics*. This year the publication included relevant coverage of Michigan's hottest land use topics including: affordable housing, community redevelopment, form-based codes, healthy communities, planning for schools, and the regional and state economy. With funding from a People and Land (PAL) grant, two issues of *Smart Growth Tactics* (July 2006, "Green Communities" and November 2006, "Redevelopment Ready") were sent not only to MAP members, but to the highest elected official and planning commission chair of every municipality in the state. The "Green Communities" article was additionally sent to all members of the homebuilders associations in Southeast Michigan, Livingston County, Washtenaw County, Greater Grand Rapids area, and Traverse City area.

The MAP Web page, www.planningmi.org, is continuously upgraded to effectively communicate advocacy, education, and information to members and constituents. This year, along with improved content and user-friendly layout, a new online registration feature was added to allow annual *Planning Michigan* and student



conference attendees self register from the comfort of their computers. Additionally a new survey tool was launched, allowing some of our savviest members—the students—to evaluate the student conference online.

Smart Growth Tactics

2006-2007 issues:

- Issue 24: Green Communities
- Issue 25: Affordable Housing
- Issue 26: Community Redevelopment
- Issue 27: Redevelopment Ready
- Issue 28: Form-based Codes
- Issue 29: Essay: Important Words in Planning
- Issue 30: Healthy Communities—Part 1
- Issue 31: Healthy Communities—Part 2
- Issue 32: Planning for Schools—Part 1
- Issue 33: Planning for Schools—Part 2
- Issue 34: Vital Centers