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Planning & Zoning Webinar Series - Fall 2025

The Center for Land Use Education is offering a Fall webinar series for local planning and zoning officials. The series is designed for new and continuing officials to learn about their roles, responsibilities, tools, and decision-making.

Webinar Sessions

Introduction to the Plan Commission - Monday, October 27th Noon-1pm

Attend this session to learn about roles of the plan commission including legal and procedural requirements. We will introduce three primary tools for decision-making including the comprehensive plan, zoning ordinance, and subdivision ordinance.

Introduction to the Zoning Board - Tuesday, November 4th Noon-1pm

Attend this session to look at how zoning board members act like judges and how their decisions impact communities. We will take a deep dive into variance decisions including how to create a complete record for the courts.

Zoning Fundamentals - Thursday, November 13th Noon-1pm

We will review various forms of zoning and why most Wisconsin communities have adopted zoning. Then we'll cover the roles of different local government bodies in adopting, amending and administering zoning.

Subdivision Regulations - Tuesday, November 18th Noon-1pm

Subdivision regulations provide a legal process for dividing and recording land. In this session, we'll review state requirements for subdivisions, options for local land division ordinances, and the role of local government officials in reviewing plats and certified survey maps.

Comprehensive Planning - Monday, November 24th Noon-1pm

Interested in the future of your community? Join this session to learn about using and updating your comprehensive plan. We'll discuss how to use your plan in local decision-making, potential updates, and available resources.

Cost & Registration

The cost of each session is \$25. Registration is through Eventbrite: <http://bit.ly/3KwLfVy>. Registration ends midnight before each session.

Questions?

Email landcenter@uwsp.edu or phone 715-346-3783



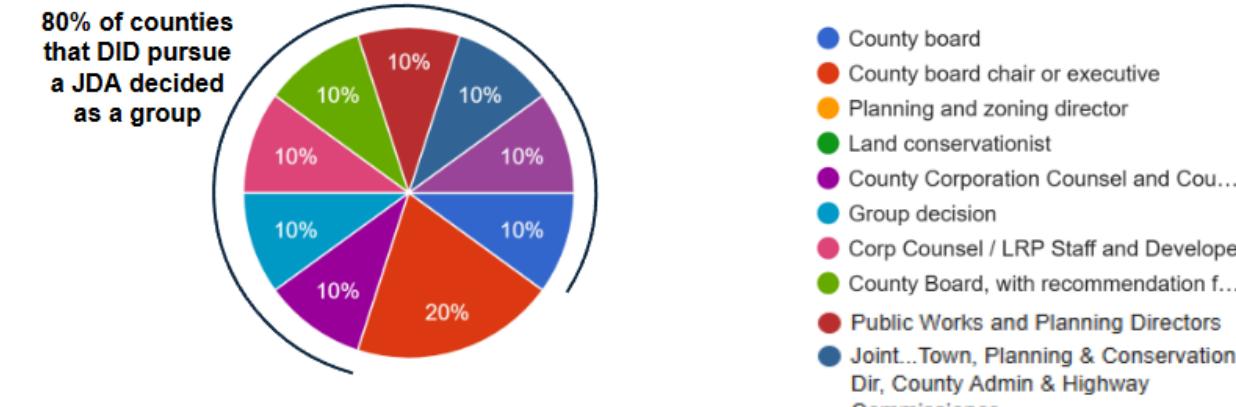
Webinars & workshops

- Zoning committee – Becky Roberts
- Zoning board – Lynn Markham
- Tailored to local needs
- In-person workshops this winter
 - Jefferson/Dodge Co
- Let us know if you'd like a workshop!

Solar JDAs

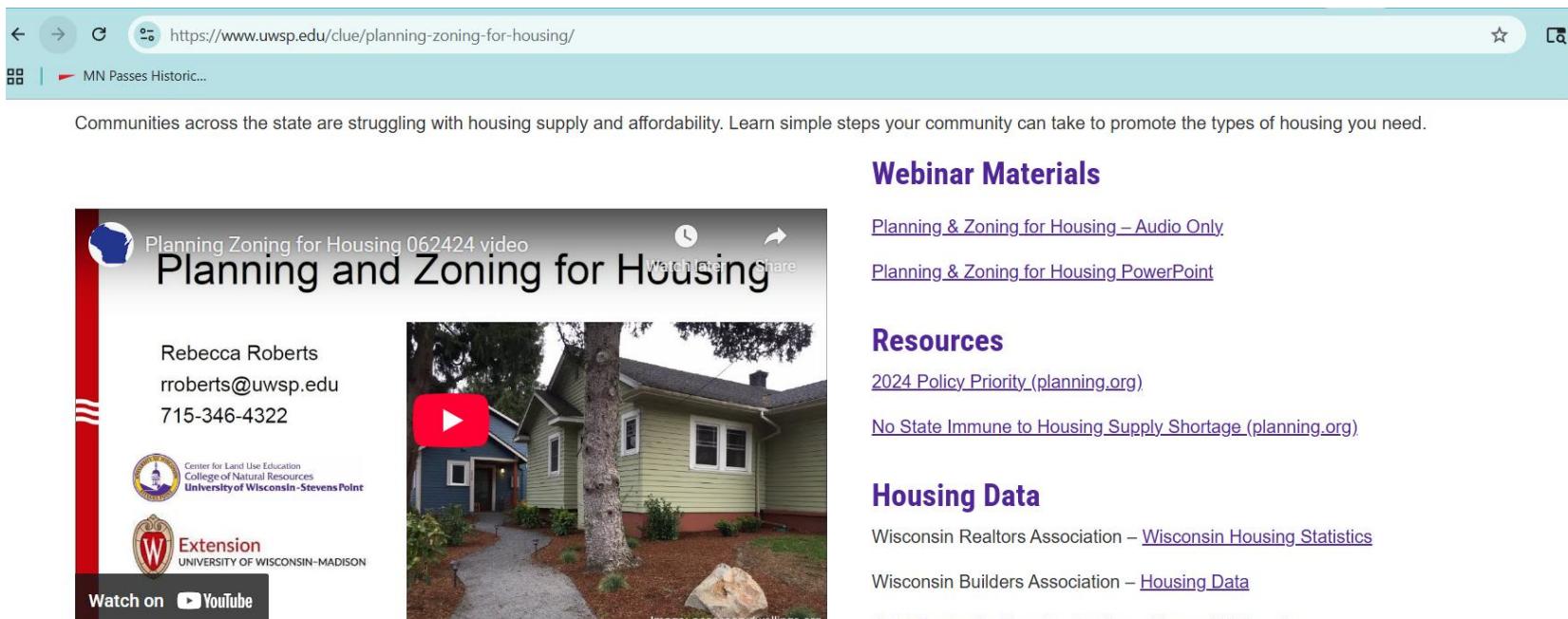
- Thanks to those who completed our JDA survey!!
- Analyzing 12 signed JDAs for projects over 100 MW
- Spring Land+Water conference session:
 - Why fast growth in solar and wind? Projections.
 - Panel of county staff who have developed and negotiated JDAs to discuss process and what JDA language is proving helpful & problematic
 - Survey results
 - CLUE is creating a summary of solar JDAs around the state
- Similar session for WCCA conference?

5. Who decided whether to develop a JDA? for counties who did develop JDAs
10 responses



Housing

- Becky Roberts is looking to create a storymap that highlights local efforts to update planning, zoning, subdivision and other tools to promote housing



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Webinar Materials

[Planning & Zoning for Housing – Audio Only](#)

[Planning & Zoning for Housing PowerPoint](#)

Resources

[2024 Policy Priority \(planning.org\)](#)

[No State Immune to Housing Supply Shortage \(planning.org\)](#)

Housing Data

Wisconsin Realtors Association – [Wisconsin Housing Statistics](#)

Wisconsin Builders Association – [Housing Data](#)

[Joint Center for Housing Studies](#) – Harvard University

Housing Ready Checklist for Wisconsin – [Municipal Housing Solutions](#)

UW-Madison Division of Extension Housing Resources:

- [2022 Wisconsin Housing Symposium](#)
- [Extension Bayfield County, Housing Outreach](#)

Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Association – [Affordable Housing Loan Products](#)



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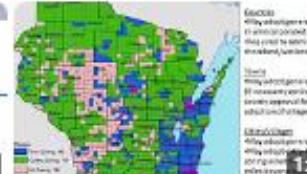
- Civic minded
- Knowledge or interest in planning and related fields
- Open to new ideas, willing to learn
- Critical and objective thinker (able to read maps, assess proposals, analyze impacts, apply standards)
- Long-range perspective



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Previously recorded CLUE webinars

ADVANCED PLANNING & ZONING WEBINARS

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Advanced webinar sessions cover specific zoning topics including conditional uses, variances, shoreland, groundwater, and updating the zoning ordinance. All recordings include the webinar video, audio only, and materials.

FLOODPLAIN WEBINAR SERIES (2024)

This 3-part series introduces participants to basic tools and objectives of floodplain and coastal management and takes a closer look at ordinance adoption and administration in Wisconsin.

[VIDEOS & RESOURCES](#) 

LARGE SCALE SOLAR PROJECT DECISION-MAKERS & CRITERIA

Hear about who decides on large solar projects, and what the process and decision-making criteria are. We'll highlight a few recent examples.

[VIDEO & RESOURCES](#) 

MEETING & HEARING CONDUCT

Examines meeting vignettes to learn how to conduct more effective meetings and hearings. Discusses the difference between legislative and quasi-judicial decision-makers and the importance of creating an effective record of planning and zoning.

[VIDEO & RESOURCES](#) 

NEW RULES FOR CONDITIONAL USES

Reviews new rules that apply to conditional uses. Learn how to apply the new standards, and discuss how to update your ordinance, forms, and procedures.

[VIDEO & RESOURCES](#) 

PLANNING & ZONING FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGERS

Learn how communities across Wisconsin are responding to the quickly growing number of electric vehicles (EVs) and EV chargers, and planning for future increases. Community planning and detailed options for including EV chargers in zoning ordinances.

[VIDEO & RESOURCES](#) 

PLANNING & ZONING FOR HOUSING

Communities across the state are struggling with housing supply and affordability. Learn simple steps your community can take to promote the types of housing you need.

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REFRESHING YOUR ZONING ORDINANCE

From a simple rezone to complex ordinance updates, learn about the process for updating your zoning ordinance. Take a closer look at how communities are addressing new and emerging land uses, replacing long lists of dated uses with use categories, and incorporating graphics and other user-focused features.

[VIDEO & RESOURCES](#) 

SHORELAND ZONING

AS A TOOL TO PROTECT PROPERTY VALUES, FISH, LAKES, AND STREAMS.

See what shoreland zoning standards accomplish. Take a photo tour of waterfront properties and discuss how they are likely to impact the lake or river. We've developed a new graphic to illustrate the benefits to fish, lakes and rivers.

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SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

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TOWN ROLE IN RURAL SUBDIVISIONS

Designed for towns with and without local land division or subdivision ordinances, this session will review the town role in plat review and options for towns to supplement county regulations related to rural land division.

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VARIANCES

Designed for planning and zoning staff and the zoning board of adjustment or appeals, this session will take a closer look at variances. Learn about different types of variances, legal standards for granting a variance, and how to create a complete record for the courts.

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ZONING AS A TOOL TO PROTECT GROUNDWATER

Discusses the strengths and weaknesses of zoning as a tool to protect groundwater. Topics include minimum lot sizes for homes on septic systems, zoning options for high nitrogen uses, and wellhead protection ordinances.

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*Thank You!
Comments?*

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Large-scale solar project process and local government options

