

Hanover County

2017

Citizens' Planning Academy



One way to measure the strength of a community is to examine the role of civic involvement and citizen awareness. In communities blessed with a high quality of life, citizen involvement and awareness are self-evident attributes.

THE HANOVER COUNTY CITIZENS' PLANNING ACADEMY, the first academy of its kind in Virginia, represents Hanover County's commitment to civic awareness and citizen involvement. The Planning Academy will provide Hanover County citizens a solid introduction to the community planning process. In so doing, the academy will serve as a forum for discussing how Hanover County's future can be shaped through planning.

The Academy will provide each participant with a planning framework that is Hanover County specific. A primary academy goal will be the enhancement of citizen knowledge regarding the community planning process, the legal foundations of planning, and the role citizens can play in developing a dialogue regarding Hanover County's future.

The Planning Academy will begin in January, 2017. The Academy will feature five two and half hour sessions. Each session will be held in the evening from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Each session, as noted in the brochure, will focus on distinct topics. The goal throughout will be the sharing of information that will positively influence the future of Hanover County.

The Planning Academy will not advocate solutions, nor will it involve political philosophy or ideology. Instead, the Academy will discuss the County's planning process with an opportunity for active dialogue. Class size is limited to thirty (30) individuals. It is important that each class member understands the time commitment involved in the

Academy. A nominal fee of \$30.00 per participant is required to cover the cost of materials and refreshments.

If warranted, Hanover County may hold additional Planning Academies in the coming years to accommodate individuals unable to attend this session. Applications for the Hanover County Citizens' Planning Academy must be received no later than **FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 2017**.

For more information please contact:

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2017 Schedule

● Session # 1

Foundations of Planning

Students will focus on the historical and legal context of Comprehensive Planning. Emphasis will be placed on the linkages between land use planning, public facilities, transportation, and community identity.

Monday, January 30th - 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hanover County Government Bldg. – Board Room

● Session # 2

Planning for the Future and Managing a Changing Community

This session will focus on implementation of the plan including the framework for zoning, subdivision, and the Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

Monday, February 6th - 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hanover County Government Bldg. – Board Room

● Session #3

The Planning Process in Action

This session will build on Session 2, and the process of rezoning property, along with the site development process.

Monday, February 13th - 6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Hanover County Government Bldg. – Board Room

● Session #4

The Planning Commission at Work

During the fourth session, the participants will be attending a Planning Commission meeting. Students will have the opportunity to interact with the instructor, Staff, and Planning Commission Members following the meeting.

Thursday, February 16th - 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hanover County Government Bldg. – Planning Dept.

● Session #5

Planning Participants

In this final session, participants will hear from Staff, Planning Commissioners, Board of Zoning Appeals members, and Supervisors to hear their perspectives on the land use decision making process.

Monday, February 27th - 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Hanover County Government Bldg. – Board Room

Academy Recognition

Participants will be recognized by the Board of Supervisors for the successful completing of the 2017 Citizens' Planning Academy.

Wednesday, March 22nd - 6:00 p.m.

Hanover County Government Bldg. – Board Room

Application

Hanover County Citizens' Planning Academy

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____(H) _____(W)
_____ (C)

E-Mail Address: _____

Magisterial District: _____

Occupation: _____

Employer: _____

Length of Hanover County Residency: _____

Why are you interested in being selected to participate in the 2017 Hanover County Citizens' Planning Academy? _____

Do you have an area of particular concern you wish the Citizens' Planning Academy to address? _____

Please identify three (3) planning issues currently facing Hanover County. _____

Please identify three (3) planning issues likely to face Hanover County in the next five to ten years. _____

If selected, attendance at all sessions is mandatory. Please feel free to attach any additional information you feel pertinent to consideration of your request.

Signed: _____

Date: _____