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From: Sandi Friel <sandi@rockisland.com>
Sent: Monday, March 6, 2017 10:10 AM
To: Comp Plan Update
Cc: Jamie Stephens; Rick Hughes; Bill Watson
Subject: FW: RE: Land Use Planning Education in San Juan County please!

Dear Erika and County Councilors,

A free resource is available to our county that will assist in the Public Participation Process of the Comp Plan Update: Department of Commerce will come and give a Short Course on planning, open to the general public: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/growth-management/short-course/>

I made the request to Department of Commerce that they come teach this class on both Orcas and San Juan, and they say the request needs to be made by the County (see email exchange below). Looking at the online Dept of Commerce page about the Short Course offered, it appears they will also do longer half-day and full-day workshops, as well as tailor to our requests/needs. Other communities have incorporated a big sustainability element into their comp plan and they give examples of that on their website – we can ask them speak to that. The Short Course was created by a grass-roots non-profit [PAW](#) with the mission to “provide unbiased practical planning education to the citizens of Washington State.” Here’s the outline for the basic 3-hr [Short Course](#):

- An overview of the complex mix of land use planning laws that work together to support land-use decision-making in Washington state;
- Learn about the impact of recent court cases;
- An introduction to comprehensive planning and plan implementation under the Growth Management Act;
- A review of the roles in planning and best practices for public participation; and
- Mandatory training on the Open Public Meetings Act for local government officials.

I ask that the county reach out to the Dept. of Commerce to request this course to be taught on both Orcas and San Juan, and consider adding value to the time by incorporating education on issues of specific local interest that will assist us in updating the Comp Plan.

Thank you!

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From: "Fritzel, Anne (COM)" <anne.fritzel@commerce.wa.gov>

Date: 03/06/2017 8:30 AM (GMT-08:00)

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Subject: RE: Land Use Planning Education in San Juan County please!

Hi Sandi,

Thank you for your interest in land use planning. We are delighted that so many realtors are taking the Short Course on Local Planning, and I recently learned about the Demystifying Local Planning spot on the realtor's web site.

However, all Short Courses must be requested by a city or county. It has been a couple of years since we have been out there, so we will pass your request along to the county. In the meantime, I encourage you and your colleagues to visit our [Short Course web site](#) and view the video series we offer. We also have a manual that provides more detail on these topics.

WATCH: The Videos

New Basic Short Course Videos

[Introduction to the Short Course](#). 5 minutes

[Comprehensive Planning Basics](#). 11 minutes

[Implementing Your Plan](#). 10 minutes

[Updating Your Plan](#). 10 minutes

[Washington's Legal Framework for Land Use Planning](#). 7 minutes

[Constitutional Issues and Other Protections](#). 8 minutes

[Roles and Responsibilities in Planning](#). 7 minutes

[Public Participation and Effective Meetings](#). 7 minutes

[Open Public Meetings Act](#). 27 minutes [OPMA Certificate](#)

[Appearance of Fairness Doctrine](#). 17 minutes

[Short Course Video Study Guide](#)

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Visit the [Short Course Web page](#) for an updated list of upcoming courses, videos and other resources.

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Subject: Land Use Planning Education in San Juan County please!
Importance: High

Hello Anne,

I understand from our Washington Realtors website that the Department of Commerce is offering a free **“Short Course in Local Planning”** open to the public in communities across the state. San Juan County is in the process of updating our Comp Plan and we very much need this course in our community, and soon!

The last Comp Plan Update generated years of litigation and we are hoping to avoid that this time around by getting it right the first time, which involves public participation (and education) to hold our county government accountable for meeting GMA requirements. The county is planning to begin a public process soon, but most of the public is mystified and therefore reluctant to participate.

Please let me know when you can arrange classes on Orcas Island and San Juan Island. I would be happy to assist you in arranging travel and accommodations.

Thank you so much!



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