

How to Arrange a Short Course

To arrange a short course for your community, please contact:

Short Course Coordinator

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Municipal Short Courses typically are three hours long and are held in the evening. Speakers usually include a land use attorney and two planning directors or senior planners. All are volunteers dedicated to improving the quality of local land use planning in Washington state.

Topics covered during the Short Course generally include the legal basis of planning in Washington state, comprehensive planning and citizen participation, and plan implementation and the role of the planning commission. Additional topics can be covered in response to your community needs. There is no charge for the course or the handout materials.

PAW is committed to providing regional Short Courses whenever possible, which provide training to larger audiences than the basic municipal course. Regional Short Courses can be half or full day events, and are often held in conjunction with other conferences and workshops. PAW has a policy of providing financial support to communities and organizations wishing to host regional Short Courses.

Please contact the Short Course Coordinator for more information on hosting a regional Short Course.