

Benefits

- PAW/APA Joint Planning Awards Program
- Enthusiatic, committed, and active membership
- Wide variety of educational opportunities
- Conferences with partnering organizations

PAW presents the **Short Course on Local Planning** throughout Washington State in conjunction with the Dept. of Commerce and other partners. The Short Course manual is available on CD and on the PAW website.

PAW also partners with the Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association and Dept. of Commerce to produce the Planners' Forums, held quarterly in regional locations throughout the state.

The Planning Association of Washington provides an inclusive forum for sharing problems and solutions, developing land use planning knowledge and putting this knowledge into the hands of citizens and elected officials.

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-One representative from any private organization or firm

Student Membership \$20 _____
-All the benefits of an Individual Membership at a reduced rate. A limited number of sponsored memberships are also available to students at no charge; contact the PAW office for more information

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Thank you!

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Goals

- **Provide** high-quality training to local communities to insure a broad understanding of the legal basis of planning in Washington State, including those procedures and protocols which all boards, commissions, and elected bodies need to know in order to do their work legally and effectively.
- **Convey** clearly in Short Courses and related workshops, the logic and components of the comprehensive planning process, and share techniques and strategies through which an adopted community comprehensive plan can be implemented.
- **Increase** understanding of the role of the planning commission, and provide suggestions for improving the working relationships among the planning commission, staff, and elected officials.
- **Advocate** for the necessity of citizen participation in the planning process, and provide examples of successful citizen participation strategies and programs from around the state.
- **Maintain** a stance of political neutrality at all times.

For more information,
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www.planningpaw.org

Mission

The mission of the Planning Association of Washington is to provide practical planning education to the citizens of Washington State, working collaboratively with the state's Department of Commerce.

PAW is a grassroots educational organization serving the needs of planning commissioners, elected officials, tribes, special purpose districts, private sector firms, state agencies, students, and interested citizens.

Unbiased planning education is the reason PAW was formed nearly fifty years ago, and it is still the mission of PAW today. We provide basic planning training to local communities through the three-hour **Short Course on Local Planning**. Additionally, PAW produces Short Courses on specific planning-related topics and organizes special sessions at planning conferences.

The Short Course program is provided free of charge in communities throughout Washington State. Professionals in the law, planning, and related fields generously contribute their time and expertise as Short Course presenters.



History

Though the Planning Association of Washington was formed in 1963, its history began in the 1950s when regional planning associations were formed throughout the state. The Inland Empire Planning Association and the Central Washington Planning Association led the effort to form the PAW when the national meeting of American Society of Planning Officials was held in Seattle in 1963.

Through the 1960s and 1970s, PAW held local conferences throughout the state, providing training and education to land-use decision-makers.

In the 1970s, PAW began to sponsor statewide conferences twice a year and developed the **Short Course on Local Planning**, administered by the Washington State Department of Commerce.

The 1980s and 1990s brought an affiliation with The Western Planner and development of the Joint Planning Awards program with the Washington Chapter of the APA.

Regional Planning Forums were established in the early 2000s, as a problem-solving roundtable open to all land-use decision makers. The forums are held quarterly in partnership with other organizations and State agencies.

Education and training for planners and concerned citizens continue to be the driving force underlying PAW programming as we move into the 2010s.