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Hello all,

The Board of the Southwest Washington Chapter of the American Planning Association hopes you all are doing well and taking care of yourselves and loved ones during this stressful time. In consideration of the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and associated social-distancing measures to protect public health and safety, the Southwest Washington APA's April Planner's Forum was cancelled. In lieu of the Forum, our Board has compiled a list of resources, including online training opportunities and webinars, that you may find useful working from home. Please see the following list below and stay tuned for upcoming information on our Summer Planner's Forum.

Free Online Training and Resources:

COVID-19 Resources

[APA Advocacy Briefing: CARES Act](#)

[COVID-19 Resources for Local Governments \(MRSC\)](#) (includes two, free, one-hour webinars)

[Webinar: Managing the Impact of COVID-19 on Your Agency \(MRSC\)](#)

[Planning During a Pandemic: 6 Resources for Planners \(APA\)](#)

Public Involvement and Online Meetings

[How to use Zoom Whiteboard](#)

[Online Meetings During an Emergency \(LinkedIn\)](#)

[Podcast: 7 Questions About Digital Inclusion and Online Engagement](#)

[The Digital Divide in Online Resources](#)

[The Golden Circle of Online Engagement](#) (Free for APA members only, \$50 for non-APA members)

MetroQuest offers a number of free webinars on public engagement, and AICP planners are eligible to receive CM credits.

[How SCDOT Engaged 13,000 Residents on a Budget](#)

[Celebrating Brilliant Public Engagement by Women in Transit Planning](#)

[A Formula for Actionable Public Input in Indianapolis](#)

Beyond Fear: Public Views on Emerging Transportation Technologies

From Transit Plans to LRTPs: MDOT's Formula for Engaging Thousands

True Diversity: LA Metro's Surprising Path to Equity in Public Engagement

[Optimizing Online Engagement with MetroQuest](#)

[How Consultants can Optimize Public Engagement to WOW Every Client on Every Project](#)

The Ohio Chapter of the APA offers a webcast schedule (with a hefty archive) of planning trainings and topics- over 50 CM credits available a year.

[Planning Webcast Series](#)

The CNU has also released a number of free webinars centered around urban design and the public realm in the time of COVID-19 (CEU credits available).

[Webinar Series: On the Park Bench](#)

For those of you looking to sharpen your Historic Preservation/Sec. 106 tools while working from home...

The National Park Services offers online training.

[Technical Preservation Services Online Training](#)

And the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation has a number of free courses on NEPA, Section 106, and Tribal Consultation, in addition to some paid options as well.

[Historic Preservation and Sec. 106 e-Learning](#)

Paid Online Training and Resources:

The American Planning Association is offering digital access to NPC20; AICP members can earn over 20 CM credits, including law and ethics credits (\$125 for APA members/\$175 for non-members).

[NPC 20 @ Home](#)

Planetizen offers 120+ online courses in a variety of topics (some are free) and hundreds of CM credits through *Planetizen Courses*. Available for \$24.95 per month or \$199 per year.

[Planetizen Course Catalog](#)

Finally, not all available resources during this time need to focus on planning. **Mental Health America** has an extensive directory of free online resources, trainings, and tools to help us all manage the stress, anxiety, and other challenges we may be facing at home during this time of crisis.

[Mental Health and COVID-19 Information and Resources](#)

Additionally, your employer likely has some sort of Employee Assistance Program (EAP) that can also provide support and information to you and your loved ones during this time (all year actually). Reach out to someone in your Human Resources department for information on if your employer has an Employee Assistance Program and how to access that valuable resource.

Stay healthy everyone!

The Southwest Section Washington APA Board