

Title: Citizen Planner Training Collaborative

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Project Overview

The Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) provides local planning and zoning officials with up-to-date learning tools to make effective decisions regarding their communities' current and future land use. CPTC offers a series of Fall Workshops, an annual Spring Conference and On-Demand Training. Information is also delivered through the CPTC website, and through an innovative web-technology (webinars) that allows users to participate in distance learning programs. The Citizen Planner Training Collaborative (CPTC) is the only comprehensive training option targeted specifically to the citizens (mostly volunteers) that serve on boards in the 351 cities and towns in Massachusetts.

Activity Summary – 2014

- Citizen Planner Training Collaborative Annual Conference(1)
- Fall Workshops for local planning and zoning officials(20)
- Maintain and expand Citizen Planner Training Collaborative website(1)
- On-demand trainings tailored to specific needs(7)

Total Educational Contacts

	Adult Contacts
In Person	625
Indirect Contacts (Print, Web, etc...)	750

Narrative Summary and Impact

The Citizen Planner Training Collaborative provides training workshops statewide. The CPTC website has recently been re-launched to offer online payment of conferences and links to many learning sites. Major programs include:

- Annual Conference
- Fall Workshops
- On-Demand Trainings
- CPTC Website

Recognizing the value of CPTC and its training programs, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has contributed a substantial funding grant to pay for CPTC administration and new initiatives starting in fall 2015. Surveys completed by CPTC participants continue to show that CPTC workshops and conferences provide valuable training that is relevant to the needs of citizen planners and are provided at very accessible locations at an affordable cost.

Collaborating Organizations

- **Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development**