

# RECLAIMING SPACES

## Township/Rural Community Zoning & Code Enforcement Session Track Available on Thursday September 24, 2015 at the 2015 APA Ohio Statewide Planning Conference

The Ohio Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA Ohio) will be holding their 2015 Statewide Planning Conference on Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup> and Friday September 25<sup>th</sup> this year in downtown Toledo, Ohio. Feedback from attendees at the last statewide conference as well as input from the APA Ohio survey of members indicated that townships and rural small town communities desired more sessions that are focused on their educational needs.

Given this input from our township and rural community on their needs, this year's Statewide Planning Conference will have a special session track on Thursday (9/24/15) that will focus on the current issues, challenges, and trends relative to townships and rural small town communities. The conference registration is setup such that you can attend a single day, or if you prefer to take in the entire two-day conference you can also register for the full conference. This one day option allows for a more affordable cost to townships and rural communities, and with being on Thursday, the one day registration also provides attendance at the after conference social event which is an evening at Fifth Third Field (home of the Toledo Mud Hens) where planners, township officials, community leaders, and other various professions from around the State will come together for some fun and to share experiences in a social event setting.

The preliminary agenda for the township and rural community special track session includes:

**7:30a:** Registration Opens

**7:45a-9:00a:** Continental Breakfast

**8:15a-10:00a:**

Opening Plenary Session (single session – no break out tracks)

**10:15a-11:45a:**

Panel Discussion of Zoning and Code Enforcement for Townships, Villages, and Cities in Ohio

**11:45a-1:15p:** Lunch on Your Own at Various Downtown Restaurants

**1:15p-2:45p:**

Planning in Ohio: What is a Comp Plan? Is one necessary (especially for a township)? Do you care? OSU's recent findings on their Township Study regarding comp plans and zoning coverages in relation to the Apple vs. Granger Twp. Case before the Ohio Supreme Court.

**3:00p-4:30p:**

Zoning Solutions for Livable Communities on Policies & Zoning (including townships and small communities)

**5:30p-8:30p:**

Evening Reception at Fifth Third Field (Mud Hens Stadium)

For more information on the full conference and to register visit: [www.ohioplanning.org/Conference](http://www.ohioplanning.org/Conference)

**Early Bird Registration (July 1 – August 5) – Thursday Cost is \$140 (or \$120 if you are an APA Ohio Member)**

**Regular Registration (August 6 – September 11) – Thursday Cost is \$160 (or \$140 if you are an APA Ohio Member)**

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