PLANNING & ZONING TRAINING
Community Planning Program

who needs to ATTEND?
All appointed board and commission members (existing and new), local government staff, and elected officials will benefit from this training.

why is this training IMPORTANT?
Land use issues can be challenging and at times controversial.

The ability to deal effectively with land use issues can have a significant impact on your city or county’s future.

Citizen members of planning commissions, zoning boards of appeals, elected officials, and other boards regulating development are those most familiar with their communities and have a desire to serve. Often, though, there is a lack of training in fundamental concepts for these development groups. This training program develops your knowledge and skills in meeting management, public engagement, and planning for the future.

Prerequisite: Planning & Zoning 101

what is COVERED?
Through the use of case studies, small group work, and role plays, the class will examine

Methods to handle contentious public hearings
- arranging the room
- recognizing and diffusing disruptive behavior
- engaging participants in meaningful dialogue

The decision-making process
- managing meetings
- forecasting future planning needs
- incorporating data and demographics

Register online at: www.cviog.uga.edu/planning-and-zoning-training
NOTE: Any ordinance, rules of procedure or other information provided in this handbook should be reviewed and approved by the local government’s attorney before adoption.