Training course on Urban Planning and Land Use Management for Developers

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Real Estate Institute	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the fundamental principles and strategic importance of **urban planning and land use management** for real estate development.
2. Comprehend the components and implications of **comprehensive plans, master plans, and zoning ordinances**.
3. Master techniques for **strategic site analysis and evaluating development potential** based on land use regulations.
4. Navigate the complex **entitlement, permitting, and approval processes** for various development types.
5. Formulate effective strategies for **managing legal and regulatory risks** in land use planning.
6. Apply robust methodologies for **community engagement and stakeholder management** in the planning process.
7. Understand the role of **environmental regulations and impact assessments** in urban development.
8. Explore various **land use tools and incentives** for value creation (e.g., density bonuses, TDRs).
9. Develop expertise in **negotiating with planning authorities and local governments**.
10. Analyze the interplay between **transportation planning and land use decisions**.
11. Understand the concepts of **smart growth, sustainable urbanism, and resilient communities**.

12. Design a holistic **urban planning and land use management strategy** for a real estate development project.
13. Position themselves as effective advocates for their projects within the urban planning framework.

Target Audience

This course is designed for professionals involved in real estate development and urban land use:

1. **Real Estate Developers:** Seeking a deeper understanding of planning and entitlement processes.
2. **Project Managers:** Navigating the regulatory landscape for development projects.
3. **Land Acquisition Professionals:** Evaluating sites based on land use potential.
4. **Urban Planners (Private Sector):** Collaborating with developers on projects.
5. **Architects & Engineers:** Focusing on the regulatory context of their designs.
6. **Real Estate Investors:** Assessing development risk from a land use perspective.
7. **Real Estate Attorneys:** Specializing in land use, zoning, and development law.
8. **Government Relations Professionals in Real Estate:** Managing relationships with local authorities.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Foundations of Urban Planning & Land Use

- Analyzing the historical context and evolution of urban planning and land use management.
- Understanding the purpose and strategic importance of planning for orderly development.
- Key stakeholders in the urban planning process: government, developers, community, public.
- The legal basis for land use control: police power, zoning, eminent domain.
- The role of comprehensive plans and master plans in guiding future development.

Module 2: Zoning Ordinances & Land Use Regulations

- In-depth analysis of zoning ordinances: districts, permitted uses, setbacks, height limits, density.
- Understanding overlay districts, special purpose districts, and historic preservation.
- Interpreting zoning maps and text for specific property applications.
- The concept of non-conforming uses and variances.
- Navigating building codes, fire codes, and other construction-related regulations.

Module 3: Strategic Site Analysis & Development Potential

- Methodologies for comprehensive site analysis: physical, environmental, socio-economic, regulatory.
- Evaluating development potential based on zoning, infrastructure, and market demand.
- Highest and Best Use analysis from a planning and regulatory perspective.
- Conducting due diligence specific to land use and entitlements.
- Identifying opportunities for value creation through strategic site planning.

Module 4: The Entitlement & Permitting Process

- Step-by-step navigation of the entitlement process: from pre-application to final approval.
- Understanding different types of entitlements: rezonings, conditional use permits, variances, subdivisions.
- Preparing comprehensive entitlement applications and supporting documentation.
- Managing the permitting process: building permits, occupancy permits, special permits.
- Strategies for accelerating the approval timeline and avoiding delays.

Module 5: Environmental Regulations & Impact Assessments

- Overview of key environmental regulations impacting real estate development (e.g., clean water, air quality, hazardous waste).
- The process of Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) and Environmental Impact Statements (EISs).
- Mitigation measures for environmental impacts identified during planning.
- Understanding wetlands, endangered species, and other protected areas.
- Sustainable development as a compliance and value creation tool.

Module 6: Community Engagement & Public Hearings

- The importance of proactive community engagement in the planning process.
- Strategies for effective communication with neighborhood groups, residents, and advocacy organizations.
- Preparing for and participating in public hearings and community meetings.
- Addressing public concerns, negotiating concessions, and building consensus.
- Managing political risks and public opposition to development projects.

Module 7: Development Agreements & Exactions

- Understanding development agreements: negotiated contracts between developers and local governments.
- Types of exactions and impact fees (e.g., park fees, school fees, transportation fees).
- Negotiating fair and equitable exactions and infrastructure requirements.
- Community Benefit Agreements (CBAs) and their role in large-scale projects.
- Legal challenges to development conditions and exactions.

Module 8: Land Use Tools & Incentives for Value Creation

- Exploring planning tools that enhance value: density bonuses, transfer of development rights (TDRs).
- Understanding inclusionary zoning and affordable housing mandates.
- Leveraging tax increment financing (TIF) and other public incentives for development.
- Form-based codes and their impact on urban design and development flexibility.
- Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) and their advantages for mixed-use projects.

Module 9: Transportation, Infrastructure & Land Use Integration

- The reciprocal relationship between transportation planning and land use.
- Understanding transit-oriented development (TOD) principles and benefits.
- Assessing infrastructure capacity: water, sewer, power, roads.
- Planning for multimodal transportation: pedestrian, bicycle, public transit.
- Strategies for integrating development with existing or planned infrastructure.

Module 10: Legal Aspects of Urban Planning & Land Use Law

- Deeper dive into zoning law, constitutional challenges, and takings clauses.
- Understanding property rights, easements, and restrictive covenants.
- Litigation in land use: appeals, injunctions, mandamus.
- Navigating administrative law processes in local government.
- Ethics in urban planning and land use decisions.

Module 11: Smart Growth, Sustainable Urbanism & Resilient Communities

- Principles of smart growth: compact development, mixed-use, walkable communities.
- Applying sustainable urbanism concepts: ecological footprint, resource efficiency, social equity.
- Planning for climate change adaptation and urban resilience.
- Green infrastructure solutions: permeable paving, green roofs, urban forestry.
- Creating healthy, livable, and inclusive communities through planning.

Module 12: Future Trends in Urban Planning & Developer Engagement

- The impact of PropTech on planning and development: GIS, data analytics, visualization tools.
- AI and machine learning for predictive urban growth and policy analysis.
- The role of big data in understanding urban dynamics and development opportunities.
- Citizen engagement platforms and digital public participation.
- Future of urban mobility, autonomous vehicles, and their impact on land use.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

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Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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