

# Local Government LINK

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## Local Government Training Events

Registration and links to details about the following can be accessed online at [www.ipa.udel.edu/events.html](http://www.ipa.udel.edu/events.html).

- **Planning Your Community's Future ("Planning 101")**  
Feb. 10, 9 a.m. to noon, UD Paradee Center, Dover
- **You Can Manage Growth: The Local Planning Toolbox**  
Mar. 3, 9 a.m. to noon, UD Paradee Center, Dover
- **Land Development Administration**  
Apr. 12, 9 a.m. to noon, UD Paradee Center, Dover
- **The Power of Leadership: Leadership Development for Women in Public Service (WLDP - Phase I)**  
Apr. 14, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Buena Vista, New Castle
- **Municipal Web Development: Strategies for Success**  
Apr. 25, 9 a.m. to noon, UD Paradee Center, Dover
- **Community Design**  
May 11, 9 a.m. to noon, UD Paradee Center, Dover
- **The Power of Leadership: Leadership Development for Women in Public Service (WLDP - Phase II)**  
May 11-12, Virden Retreat Center, Lewes

## Planning Services Updates

### Updates from the Delaware Office of State Planning Coordination (OSPC)

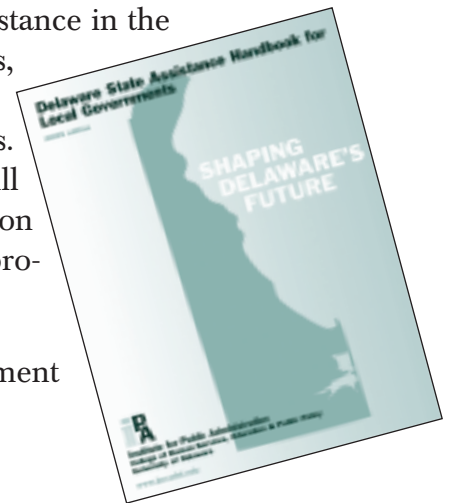
- Municipal officials can contact OSPC for a copy of Better Models for Development in Delaware (302-739-3090).
- OSPC offers technical assistance on planning issues to local governments through county circuit-rider planners:  
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## Handbook Updated

The 2005 edition of the *Delaware State Assistance Handbook for Local Governments* is being updated and soon will be available on the Institute for Public Administration's (IPA) website ([www.ipa.udel.edu/resources/government.html](http://www.ipa.udel.edu/resources/government.html)).

First issued by the Office of State Planning Coordination (OSPC) in 1995, this handbook is an excellent resource for local governments that are seeking funding assistance in the form of grants, loans, technical assistance, and advisory services. The 2005 edition will contain information on sources of funding programs such as:



- Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) Transportation Enhancement Program
- Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) programs for parks, land conservation, and water resources
- State Homeland Security Program grant
- U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development programs
- Brownfields grant and loan programs

IPA graduate assistant Garrett Wozniak and IPA local government specialist Marcia Scott prepared the 2005 edition, with editing and technical assistance from IPA policy specialist Mark Deshon.

## E-Government Resources

IPA fosters the belief that, in this day and age, all 57 municipalities in Delaware are capable of having a web presence (at some level) and that the ability of doing city/town business, or at the very least finding city/town information, “24/7” is something that citizens have come to expect and will value. The 29 Delaware municipalities that are now online should be working to continually improve the services provided to their citizens, while the rest should develop an e-government plan.

In an effort to help address the web-development needs of local government, IPA’s web specialist Mark Deshon has created a page of resource presentations, links, and downloadable documents related to web development and e-government ([www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/training/web/](http://www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/training/web/)). One particular document of interest is “Electronic Government 2004,” the latest survey results from the International City/County Management Association (ICMA).

In October Mark presented an update on Delaware municipal websites at the Institute for Local Government Leaders in Rehoboth Beach. Feedback received indicated the need for more communication about strategies and best practices. To this end, a Local Government Training workshop on April 25 will be devoted to municipal website planning, design, implementation, and maintenance. See [www.ipa.udel.edu/events.html](http://www.ipa.udel.edu/events.html) to register.

Mark Deshon is IPA’s staff resource to local governments as a consultant and/or trainer. Please contact him directly ([deshon@udel.edu](mailto:deshon@udel.edu), 302-831-4954) to discuss your town’s needs.

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## Planning Services

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- Livable Delaware grant funding is available to municipalities for projects supporting comprehensive plan development and implementation efforts.
- Examples of projects eligible for Livable Delaware grant funding include updates and revisions to zoning and subdivision codes, development of a capital improvements program, implementation of a Geographic Information System, and development of a new or updated comprehensive plan.

Contact Dorothy Morris for more information on the availability of Livable Delaware grant funding ([dorothy.morris@state.de.us](mailto:dorothy.morris@state.de.us), 302-739-3090).

## Updates from the Institute for Public Administration

- **Comprehensive Planning:** IPA is currently working on municipal comprehensive plans for Bethany Beach, Clayton, Dewey Beach, Frederica, Lewes, Middletown, and Odessa. Completed comprehensive plans on which IPA has worked can be found at [www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/municipalities/](http://www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/municipalities/).
- **Land-Development Ordinances:** IPA has completed land-development ordinances for the towns of Blades and Clayton and is currently working on similar projects for the towns of Bridgeville and Wyoming.
- **GIS Projects:** IPA has worked with the City of Dover and Town of Smyrna to develop their GIS capabilities. These projects have involved mapping infrastructure and generating unique data sets to assist the municipalities in their daily business.

Contact Martin Wollaston for info about IPA’s planning services ([martinw@udel.edu](mailto:martinw@udel.edu), 302-831-4930).

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