

## Registration

To register, visit the IFB website, [www.infarmbureau.org](http://www.infarmbureau.org), and look under the Public Policy menu.

Single registration per session is \$80 and includes all meeting materials, morning coffee and lunch. In addition to online payment via PayPal, registrants may also send checks, made payable to **Indiana Farm Bureau**, to BJ Fields at the address below.

Deadline for all registrations and payments is **Friday, July 8, 2011**. Registrants who don't pay online must submit their checks to the address above by the deadline. *No refunds after July 8.*

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### Indiana Farm Bureau Building

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### From I-65 southbound or I-70 westbound

Take the Michigan-Ohio-Fletcher ramp, exit onto Ohio Street. Turn left onto East Street. Building is on the east (left) side of the street.

### From I-65 northbound

Take the Washington Street. ramp, exit left onto Washington Street, then left onto East Street. Building is on the east (left) side of the street.

Free parking is available in front of the building.

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The Nitty Gritty Work of Plan Commissions  
Wednesday, July 13, 2011

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Getting Good Planning in Your Community  
Thursday, July 14, 2011

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# Nitty Gritty Workshops

Nitty Gritty workshops teach citizen planners about problems, challenges and opportunities they may face when making planning decisions. Participants may sign up for either or both of the workshops.

## Presenters

KK Gerhart-Fritz, AICP, is the lead workshop instructor. Gerhart-Fritz is the principal and owner of the Planning Workshop. She has extensive experience in both the public and private sectors. She regularly provides training to citizen planners around the state.

Mark Spelbring, Purdue Extension Parke County director, has extensive experience and training on land-use issues. He has been a member of two county plan commissions for 20 years and is a member of the Purdue Land Use Team.

Jamie Palmer, Indiana University Public Policy Institute, is a professional planner and expert on Indiana planning legislation. She regularly provides technical assistance to local governments.

## Nitty Gritty I: The Nitty Gritty Work of Plan Commissions

Wednesday, July 13

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Program runs 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Nitty Gritty is all about the ins and outs of community planning. This one-day session will cover the legal framework and tools and techniques associated with effective community planning. Local elected and appointed officials, local and state agency staff, and citizens involved or interested in community planning are invited to learn more about this important local function.

The curriculum includes sessions on the basic legal framework of planning, comprehensive planning, zoning, subdivision control and defensible decision-making. Participants also will have extensive opportunities throughout the day to pose real local issues for discussion.

## Nitty Gritty II: Getting Good Planning in Your Community

Thursday, July 14

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Program runs 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Countless citizen planners (elected officials, plan commissioners and BZA members) have gone through Nitty Gritty I training over the years, and after they learn the basics, many still ask, “How do I recognize good planning when I see it?” and “How do we get good planning in our community?” Nitty Gritty II will begin to answer those questions. While there is no “one size fits all” for good planning, there are some proven concepts that good planning projects share. The program will introduce these good planning concepts and help uncover what smart growth, sustainability, growth management, complete streets, farmland protection and other popular planning terms really mean for communities. It will address the tools and techniques that citizen planners can use to really get good planning, with an emphasis on the importance of communicating and educating elected officials and citizens about the issues and setting and implementing a good system of local land use policy.

The workshop will include sections on a variety of topics with plenty of time for discussion of real community issues and problems:

- Defining good planning
- Getting your elected officials and citizens on board
- Creating a system of local land use policy that supports good planning
- Retooling your comprehensive plan
- Updating your ordinances
- Aligning your approval process
- Enforcing the rules
- Evaluating success and revising the land use system as needed.

Both sessions take place at the Indiana Farm Bureau building in downtown Indianapolis. Directions are on the reverse.