

Land Use Techniques

- Local Environmental Protection
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- Priority Growth Areas
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- Meeting Housing Needs

Community Decision-Making Techniques

- Consensus Building
- Facilitated Decision-Making
- Interest-Based Negotiation
- Citizen Involvement
- Effective Meetings Management

For More Information

Connecticut LULA

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Connecticut Land Use Leadership Alliance



A Leadership
Program in
Land Use Law,
Consensus
Building, and
Community
Decision-Making

*"Creating communities,
one conversation at a time"*

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What is LULA?

LULA is a training program designed to put needed technical, planning, and process tools into the hands of local leaders to help create the land use patterns that will determine the quality of life, economy, and environment of communities in Connecticut. Beyond the review of land use law, LULA teaches consensus building and community decision-making techniques.

Presentations and written materials introduce participants to land use techniques that shape and control land use patterns and create sustainable communities.

The Land Use Leadership Alliance Program was created in 1995 by the Land Use Law Center of Pace University School of Law. The Connecticut program began in 2005. LULA offers leadership and land use training with unparalleled networking opportunities.

"I know of no safe depository of the ultimate power of society but the people themselves, and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education."

Thomas Jefferson

What LULA Graduates Have Said. . .

"Opens your mind to the power and potential in land use decision-making."

"When I rule the world, LULA training will be available and maybe even mandatory for everyone who serves on a public board, such as a Planning and Zoning Commission professional planners, economic development coordinators, elected or appointed officials and volunteer commissioners, and, yes, developers will benefit greatly by this training."

"Diverse panel presentations, compelling information, real life experiences and solutions to empower our efforts to protect, sustain, and build our communities 'one conversation at a time.'"

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LULA Training Content

The four full day sessions, taught over an eight week period, provide a broad range of land use and consensus building tools and techniques to meet the needs of each participant.

Each session involves relevant case studies, with ample opportunity for interaction, discussion, and learning.

Breakout sessions explore ways to use innovative techniques to prevent or resolve the types of land use controversies associated with development and conservation.

Networks of Effective Leaders

New patterns of development, new building design, and new subdivision layouts that offer alternatives to sprawl are "innovations" that improve on the land use system. When innovations are adopted and a community improves on the pattern of land development, other communities only benefit if they learn about, and act on the new approach. Helping communities learn about and implement local innovations is the foundation of the LULA training program. Over time, graduates form networks of leaders who can work together to encourage sustainable patterns of growth and livable communities.