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# News Release

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## Durham Planning Academy Seeks Spring 2020 Applicants

*Free Course to Help Residents Understand Planning Concepts & Procedures; March 1 Application Deadline*

DURHAM, N.C. – Have you ever wondered what zoning can and can't do? Or, how things get built in Durham or why a building or site looks a certain way? Or, what legal basis the City of Durham and Durham County have to regulate land? If your answer is yes, then you should apply now for the next Durham Planning Academy.

Hosted for the seventh time since the course's inception in 2016, the Durham City-County Planning Department is seeking applicants for its [Durham Planning Academy](#), which is designed for residents who want a better understanding of planning issues, how they impact current and future development as well as how to get involved in planning matters.

This interactive four-week course begins on Thursday, March 26, and will meet each Thursday for four weeks (March 26, April 2, April 9, and April 16) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Durham City Hall, located at 101 City Hall Plaza. Food will be provided at each session and the academy is free for all attendees.

Online applications are now being accepted until Sunday, March 1 at 11:59 p.m. at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G6LK3YP>.

For more information about this course, visit the [Durham Planning Academy webpage](#) or contact Senior Planner Kayla Seibel with the Durham City-County Planning Department by email at [Kayla.Seibel@DurhamNC.gov](mailto:Kayla.Seibel@DurhamNC.gov) or at (919) 560-4137, ext. 28271.

### About the Durham City-County Planning Department

The [Durham City-County Planning Department](#) is the planning agency for the City and County of Durham. The department works with the community to develop long-range and special area plans containing policies to direct growth. Guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), the department helps to make Durham a great place to live, work, and play by working to create a strong and diverse economy, and thriving and livable neighborhoods.

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