

Utah Land Use Institute  
Spring Conference 2023  
April 6-7 – Marriott Courtyard  
185 S 1470 East, St. George, UT 84770

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**THURSDAY, APRIL 6: LAND USE LAW 101  
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM BROADCAST**

1:00 **Welcome** – Wilf Sommerkorn, Utah Land Use Institute

**Community Character and Open Space Preservation Tools.**

Discussion will include transfer of development rights, open space easements, land trusts, flexible agricultural zones, cluster development concepts and overlay zones.

John Janson, Planning Solutions

Wendy Fisher, Utah Open Lands

Others to be invited

2:30 **Adjourn**

4:00 p.m. **Land Use Basics:** Administrative and Legislative Acts; Compliance with state and local laws. This is a three hour introduction to land use law, the same as has been presented in recent months in Washington, St. George, and Parowan.

Craig Call, Utah Land Use Institute

Wilf Sommerkorn, Utah Land Use Institute

Jordan Cullimore, Office of the Property Rights Ombudsman

5:20 **Break**

5:30 **Land Use Basics:** Subdivisions; Exactions on Development; Non-conforming Uses; Conditional Uses; Land Use Appeals; Land Use Resources

7:10 **Adjourn**

This session is approved for three hours of continuing education credit for attorneys, planners, real estate professionals, and appraisers who are present in person at the event.

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**FRIDAY, APRIL 7 – AS UTAH FACES GROWTH  
IN PERSON AND VIA ZOOM BROADCAST**

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*BREAKFAST, LUNCH AND SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THOSE WHO  
PREREGISTER ONLINE AT [EVENTBRITE](http://EVENTBRITE).*

- 8:25 a.m.    **Welcome** – Craig Call, Utah Land Use Institute
- 8:30        **Legislative Recap – Changes from 2023 General Session.** What significant bills were passed in last month’s general session – how will they affect land use managers and applicants going forward?  
Wilf Sommerkorn, Utah Land Use Institute, Moderator  
Others to be Invited
- 9:15        **Time to Review How We Review Land Use Applications?** Our panel will discuss how local approvals can be expedited while preserving the interests of each community in how we grow.  
Daniel Metcalfe, Tom Stuart Construction  
Jordan Cullimore, Office of the Property Rights Ombudsman  
Others to be invited.
- 10:15       **Break**
- 10:30       **Updating Land Use Ordinances.** What is the best way to ensure that local land use regulations stay current? What are the most common problems with local ordinances and changing state statutes?  
Brent Bateman, Dentons Durham Jones Pinegar  
Ryan Beck, Envision Utah
- 11:30       **Wrap Up – Audience Participation.** Panelists and audience members will explore issues associated with the morning’s conversations.
- 12:00       **Lunch is Served.**

12:15

**Luncheon Address – Don't Let Growth Stop You**

The St. George metropolitan area has been one of the nation's fastest growing for years and is projected to continue its torrid pace. While some worry that projections do not account for such nettlesome things as water, energy, land, and local capacity, one of the nation's leading futurists says "not to worry." Dr. Arthur C. Nelson, presidential professor emeritus of the University of Utah, will reflect on the nature and magnitude of Southern Utah's growth and how it can be sustained.

Arthur C (Chris) Nelson, Presidential Professor Emeritus,  
University of Utah

1:30

**Legislative Efforts to Promote Housing Affordability.** What will be the real effect of this year's legislative changes. What can be done to address Utah's growing housing costs? What must local governments do to promote housing affordability?

Speakers to be Invited

2:40

**Short Term Rentals – Accessory Dwelling Units.** What does the law require in local land use codes? What are the best tools to manage, promote, or discourage them?

John Jansen, Moderator  
Melanie R. Clark. Foley & Lardner, LLP  
Todd Sheeran, Herriman City Attorney

3:50

**Public Participation – What is its Role and When is it Valuable?**

What is the optimal role of public hearings in the process of reviewing legislative zone changes, administrative subdivision approvals and similar applications? How should public hearings be conducted? What are the best practices for presenters, presiding officers, panel members, staff and the public who attend?

Wilf Sommerkorn, Moderator  
Others to be Invited

4:50

**Adjourn**

Seven hours of continuing education credits will be applied for with regard to this day's session for those who are present in person at the event.