Comply with natural resource protection laws
- Wetlands
- Flood plains
- Critical areas
- Endangered species
- Enforcement mechanisms

State and Federal Site Contamination Law
- Discovering existing soil and/or groundwater contamination
- Understanding applicable rules and regulations

Brownfield development
- Understanding origin and extent of government power to regulate land use – home rule
- Identifying regulatory bodies
- Obtaining and reviewing existing regulations
- Seeking zoning variances, rezoning and zone text amendments – spot zoning
- Reviewing land use regulatory processes

Complying with Land Use Laws and Regulations
- Understanding and complying with barrier-free requirements in outdoor spaces
- Brief history of anti-discrimination
- Americans with Disabilities Act
- International Building Code
- Accessibility
- Current applications of accessibility
- Future Implications – aging in place

Think Like a Bee: Creating Pollinator Habitat
- Why pollinators matter
- Key pollinator groups
- Specialist bees
- Approaches to pollinator habitat creation
- Keys to success: providing food and nesting sites, reducing pesticide use
- Pollinator habitat can fit into (almost) any design
- Providing bloom throughout the season
- Planting in drifts and masses
- Creating layers
- Weeds as useful forage
- Managing habitat throughout the year
- Options for adding habitat (themes and spaces)
- Special challenges: pesticides, bee hotels, ‘messy’ misperceptions

Learning Objectives
You’ll be able to:
Comply with laws that protect wetlands, floodplains, critical areas and endangered species.

Understand regulations that regulate redevelopment of brownfield sites.

Understand land use laws that regulate development.

Comply with barrier-free requirements in outdoor spaces, including the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Manage pollinator habitat throughout the year.

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