

# AICP Exam Prep Resources

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(<http://planning.org/certification/examprep/index.htm> )

- Subject matter outline (over)
- Recommended readings
- AICP Exam Prep 2.0
- Exam Candidate Bulletin

Also –

- APA Policy Guides
- AICP Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct

## Timeline of American Planning History (through 2000):

([http://faculty.wvu.edu/zaferan/index%20-%20timeline\\_us\\_planning\\_history\[2\].pdf](http://faculty.wvu.edu/zaferan/index%20-%20timeline_us_planning_history[2].pdf))

## APA Chapter Presidents Council Study Manual

- Order from PDO: <http://nnecapa.org/development/aicp-exam/>

## Online Flashcards

- [www.studystack.com](http://www.studystack.com) (search AICP)

## APA Pennsylvania

- [http://planningpa.org/career\\_aicp.shtml](http://planningpa.org/career_aicp.shtml)

## Planetizen

- [www.planetizen.com](http://www.planetizen.com)

## The law of “takings,” as understood by the US Supreme Court

- The Court’s opinion in *Lingle v. Chevron USA*, 544 U.S. 528 (2005)(written by Sandra Day O’Connor) has a very good summary of takings law. The review of takings law is mostly in Section II.A of the opinion; Section II.B is an introduction to the issues in the case itself. Here: <http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/04-163.ZO.html>.

## AICP Exam Subject Matter Outline

### **I. History, Theory and Law [15%]**

- A. History of planning
- B. Planning law
- C. Theory of planning
- D. Patterns of human settlement

### **II. Plan Making and Implementation [30%]**

- A. Visioning and goal setting
- B. Quantitative and qualitative research methods
- C. Collecting, organizing, analyzing, and reporting data and information
- D. Demographics and economics
- E. Natural and built environment
- F. Land use and development regulations
- G. Application of legal principles
- H. Environmental analysis
- I. Growth management techniques
- J. Budgets and financing options
- K. GIS/spatial analysis and information systems
- L. Policy analysis and decision making
- M. Development plan and project review
- N. Program evaluation
- O. Communications techniques
- P. Intergovernmental relationships
- Q. Stakeholder relationships
- R. Project and program management

### **III. Functional Areas of Practice [25%]**

- A. Community development
- B. Comprehensive or long range planning
- C. Development regulation or administration
- D. Economic development and revitalization
- E. Economic analysis and forecasting
- F. Educational, institutional, or military facilities planning
- G. Energy policy
- H. Food system planning
- I. Growth management
- J. Hazard mitigation and disaster planning
- K. Historic preservation
- L. Housing
- M. Infrastructure
- N. Labor force or employment
- O. Land use
- P. Natural resources and the environment
- Q. Parks, open space and recreation
- R. Planning law
- S. Policy planning
- T. Public services
- U. Social and health services
- V. Transportation
- W. Urban design

### **IV. Spatial Areas of Practice [15%]**

- A. Planning at national level
- B. Planning for multi-state or bi-state regions
- C. Planning for state
- D. Planning for sub-state region
- E. Planning at county level
- F. Planning for urban areas
- G. Planning for suburban areas
- H. Planning for small town
- I. Corridors
- J. Neighborhoods
- K. Waterfronts
- L. Historic districts or areas`
- M. Downtowns

### **V. Public Participation and Social Justice [10%]**

- A. Public involvement planning
- B. Public participation techniques
- C. Identifying, engaging, and serving underserved groups
- D. Social justice issues, literature, and practice
- E. Working with diverse communities
- F. Coalition building

### **VI. AICP Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct [5%]**