



TGA Connection

January 2011

Dear Jennifer,

We are only a week away from the [2011 MTA Annual Educational Conference & Expo](#) taking place Jan. 26-28 at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids. The lineup of speakers, events and entertainment will add up to this year's convention being one of MTA's best ever!



Earn up to **eight Elective credits** simply by attending the Conference, or participate in the pre-Conference event, *Land Use: Defining Your Township's Future* (described below), taking place on Jan. 25 and earn **six Foundations credits**.

Read on for more on upcoming TGA events.

Learn, connect & share at the 58th Annual MTA Conference

Tuesday, Jan. 25 ***Land Use: Defining Your Township's Future***

Explore many of the considerations that must be confronted if your master planning efforts are to be successful. Examine a broad range of day-to-day issues, including nonconforming uses, preserving rural character, managing growth, and infrastructure and roads. We'll also identify emerging zoning issues.



[Learn more...](#)

Wednesday & Thursday, Jan. 26-27 ***Network with Your Peers***

TGA candidates and graduates have access to a special TGA Lounge during MTA's Annual Educational Conference. Stop by the Boardroom on the upper meeting level of DeVos place to network, rest your feet or enjoy a refreshment. The lounge will be open on Wednesday, Jan. 26 and Thursday, Jan. 27 from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Join us when you have a break between classes or want to relax after touring the Expo. Feel free to make the TGA Lounge your "oasis" during the busy days at the Conference.

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2011 TGA Course schedule now available

Upcoming courses and elective credits



Did you know that you can earn your TGA credential in just one year? Registration information on all of our 2011 TGA offerings is available in a convenient "year-at-a-glance" format [here](#).

2011 Course Schedule

For your convenience, the [2011 TGA calendar](#) is available for download to help you plan your path to graduation!

Need more electives?

Your attendance at the MTA 2011 Annual Conference is worth 8 elective credits. Additional credits can be earned by reading continuing education articles in the *Michigan Township News* and completing the Self-Assessment Quiz. Visit the TGA webpage to [download](#) past articles and quizzes.

Now accepting applications for TGA Scholarships

Don't miss out -- apply by March 1

A limited number of scholarships, each up to \$1,000, are available to assist elected officials from MTA-member townships that may not be in a financial position to provide the funding necessary for completion of the Academy.

Simply complete and submit the [one-page application form](#), but hurry, applications must be received at MTA by March 1.



MTA thanks the following sponsors of the TGA scholarship program for their ongoing support:

