GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



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\$170,834,150 Invested across all programs



\$69 million dollars approved for investment in transportation improvements



146 registered Rideshare users



5,008 residents educated and participated in environmental stewardship



230 tons of waste kept out of landfills

2022 Highlights



40 households assisted through the Home Improvement Program



1104 people received housing and homelessness assistance



\$27,420,000 programmed for ARPA Projects



33 miles of road repaved



Community

45 Years of the Home Improvement Program

Services were expanded under a new Urgent Repair Program, resulting in 18 residents receiving assistance with critical repairs to septic systems, wells, municipal hookups, furnaces, and roofs. The Home Improvement Program also completed 22 rehabilitation projects, which included whole home improvements.

Staff partnered with Consumers Energy to become a referral agency for the *Helping Neighbors* Program and referred 30 homeowners for free energy efficient furnaces and hot water heaters

American Rescue Plan Act

Genesee County received \$78.6 million in federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Of this, GCMPC is administering projects worth \$27,420,000. There are 29 capital projects across 18 different local units of government. Projects include water and sewer infrastructure projects, community building upgrades, and trail projects.

Emergency Solutions Grant

Service providers and emergency shelters in Genesee County received assistance through ESG in the form of operating funds, rent and utility assistance, food and basic needs, help acquiring state IDs, and rapid rehousing and homelessness prevention. \$167,394 was spent, and 1,104 people were assisted-including veterans and children.

Community Development Block Grant

Local units of government throughout Genesee County used CDBG funding to carry out a variety of projects that benefit low/moderate-income residents. Examples of projects completed this year included infrastructure improvements such as road resurfacing, sidewalk replacement, and park improvements. CDBG funds were also used to enhance or sustain community public services. These projects included services for persons with disabilities, senior center operating funds, food pantries, fair housing, and crime prevention/safety programs.

Transportation

MTPA Conference

In July, GCMPC hosted the 2022 Michigan Transportation Planning Association (MTPA) Conference in downtown Flint. Over 130 professionals involved with transportation planning across Michigan participated in the conference. GCMPC staff would like to

Transportation Investment

Staff worked with local transportation agencies to develop and approve the 2023-2026 Genesee County Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Over \$640 million of federal, state, and local funding was programmed towards future projects. The TIP received federal approval and became effective October 1, 2022.

Dort Highway Extension

The multi-year planning and construction efforts undertaken for the Dort Highway Extension reached successful completion in 2022. The project provides improved access to homes and businesses for both motor and pedestrian traffic.

Road Ratings 42% Poor 40% Fair 18% Good 5,502 miles of road were rated in 2022 using the MDOT PASER road rating system – a visual method of rating road conditions. These ratings are used to assist in determining

where funding should be focused.

Region V

The Rural Task Force (RTF) awarded over \$13.7 million in federal, state, and local funding through the 2026 fiscal year to transportation agencies in Lapeer and Shiawassee counties.

The Rural Task Force funds will be utilized to make road improvements in rural communities as well as help the transit agencies purchase new buses.

Roundabout Study Implementation

The Genesee County Roundabout Study identified intersections for conversion to a roundabout. During the year, staff began working with local road agencies to secure funding for projects recommended in the study. Through various grant opportunities, four of the 14 recommended projects have received federal funding for construction.

Environment

Recycle Day and Tire Collection Events

Four Recycle Day events were held this year serving 3,058 residents and collecting a total of 459,304 pounds of waste. An appointment—based system proved to be a great success in decreasing wait times for residents. The majority of the waste collected consisted of electronic equipment and paint. Additionally, 3,595 tires were collected from residents during two tire-only events.

Air Quality

In an effort to educate residents about air quality in the community, staff developed and shared air quality awareness social media posts throughout the year. Staff highlighted the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Air Quality Awareness week and continued to monitor the new Air Quality Awareness webpage hosted on the GCMPC website.

Latex Paint Program

In partnership with Genesee County Habitat for Humanity, this free program allows residents to drop off their old latex paint to Habitat for Humanity to be recycled into new paint by American Paint Recyclers. Approximately 360 gallons of latex paint has been collected so far.

Education and Outreach

Staff participated in events that reached 650 children and families through presentations and activities about recycling. An additional 1,300 people received answers to recycling questions via phone, email, and social media.

Genesee County Solid Waste Plan Amendment

GCMPC began amending the Genesee County Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) in late 2021. All Michigan counties are required to have a SWMP to demonstrate adequate landfill capacity for garbage generated in the county over the next ten years. The final draft will be approved in 2023.

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