

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION



2023

Thank you to the Planning Commission staff for their hard work and for adapting to new challenges and opportunities. Through a good team effort, we continue to work to move Genesee County and the Region forward. It is inspiring to work alongside so many who are committed to achieving positive change.

During 2023, we kicked off the process to develop a permanent recycling facility for Genesee County and we will continue those efforts into the upcoming year, we partnered with a local non-profit to develop a Regional Housing Plan for a seven-county region, and kicked off a study of the U.S. 23 Corridor to prepare for the future development in that area. These are just a few of the new and innovative projects we are proud to be a part of that will impact the county for many years to come. This report provides an overview of accomplishments and the impacts our programs have on the community. To find more information about each of our programs, visit our website at www.gcmnpc.org

**We look forward to continuing to provide quality services to our residents and to a positive and productive 2024.
Looking forward,**



**Derek Bradshaw
Director**

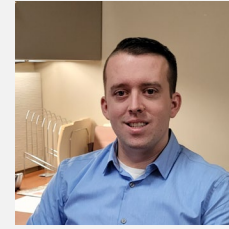


**Christine Durgan
Assistant Director**

GCMPC TEAM



Sheila Taylor
Division Manager



Jacob Maurer
Division Manager



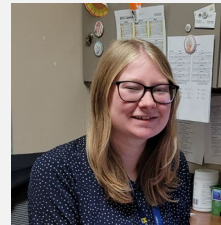
Damon Fortney
Lead Planner



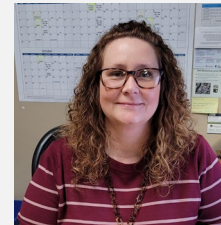
Cody Roblyer
Lead Planner



Anthony Kelly
Planning Specialist



Gwynneth Coselman
Planner



Nichole Odette
Program Services Specialist



Lee Parks
Housing Rehabilitation Specialist II



Weslee Vollweiler



Daniel Moulton
Planner



Kristofor Garris
Planner



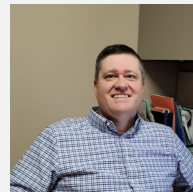
McKenna Dutkiewicz
Planner



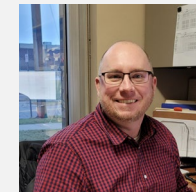
Renate Soto
Secretary



Emily Forbush
Summer Intern



Special thanks to Jason Nordberg for his 22 years of dedicated service in the GCMPC Transportation Division.



Special thanks to Andy Trudeau for his many years of dedicated service to Genesee County's Housing Rehabilitation program.

How GCMPC is Making A Positive Impact For Genesee County

In late 2023, the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, with input from Genesee County staff members, developed a set of common goals and values based on what is important to our community. The goals of the county: healthy, livable & safe communities; long term financial stability; inclusive, collaborative culture; and community growth; are reflected in the projects that the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) completes on an annual basis.

\$211,645,268 invested

Investment Breakdown

\$164,478,214 invested into Genesee County transportation networks

\$42,778,505 of American Rescue Plan Act funding invested into Genesee County

\$2,145,889 invested in community development projects in Genesee County

\$1,169,858 invested in environmental programs in Genesee County

\$1,072,802 invested in housing and home improvements in Genesee County



GENESEE COUNTY
— M I C H I G A N —



Healthy, Livable & Safe Communities



181 tons of waste kept out of landfills through household recycling efforts.



Over 60,000 people were recorded using Genesee County Trails.



2,390 residents participated in environmental stewardship activities and outreach.

Long Term Financial Stability



\$9.9 million in County ARPA funding is programmed towards the construction of the Genesee County Government Center. Genesee County will save \$500,000 annually by consolidating 4 buildings of different departments and government employees into one location. Construction of the new center began in May 2023 and is expected to be completed in early 2025.



Planning for the development of a permanent recycling center in Genesee County will provide a new cost-effective service to residents based on data derived planning.

Inclusive, Collaborative Culture



MDOT, Genesee County, and the City of Flint met with residents to identify the community needs and goals for re-development of the I-475 corridor. Over \$400 million has been secured for the project to date.



Genesee-Lapeer-Shiawassee Region V (GLS Region V) along with local governments across 7 counties, nonprofits, developers, businesses, grassroots organizations and other partners worked together to implement an action plan that addresses the housing needs in the Region.



Genesee County organized a workshop for Genesee, Lapeer, and Shiawassee Counties to work together on deciding new boundaries. This is based on new census guidelines that determine funding.

Community Growth



45 households assisted through the Home Improvement Program with health and safety repairs.



926 people received housing and homelessness assistance to expand help to those in need.



\$3,250,000 in ARPA funding programmed toward Ashley Capital's rehabilitation of Buick City. The project is estimated to bring 3,000 new jobs to the City of Flint.

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT

\$27,700,000 invested into water/sewer infrastructure

\$11,000,000 invested into neighborhood infrastructure

\$70,000 invested into public health

31 projects funded across 21 different local units of government



2023 Thompson Rd. Corridor Water Improvements

The Thompson Rd. Corridor Water Improvements Project in Fenton Township was completed in 2023. Genesee County ARPA funding provided over 5 miles of new water main in areas that previously did not have access to public water. This project will spur economic growth, raise property values, and allow for further expansion.

Land Bank Housing Demolition

The Genesee County Land Bank Authority has been utilizing \$8 million of County ARPA funding to increase the number of demolitions that they can complete. In 2023, 128 demolitions were completed with County ARPA funding.



City of Fenton Water Improvements

Genesee County ARPA dollars funded over 7,000 ft of water mains along State Rd, East St. and S. Oak St. with new hydrants and service lines. Water quality and pressure will improve throughout the City of Fenton. State Road Elementary is also serviced by this project and will be beneficial for students.

Village of Otisville

Genesee County allocated \$36,300 of ARPA funding to the Village of Otisville for the installation of a second well. Increased demand during the pandemic put a strain on the village's water and sewer system and exposed the need for upgrades to the village's aging system. The new well will act as a filter for the existing well. The filter will pull iron and arsenic out of the water supply before it is distributed to residents.

City of Clio Water Improvements

Butler Street in Clio was in need of a complete reconstruction in 2019. The project involved replacing 1,300 ft of sanitary sewer and 1,350 ft of watermain. The original sewer and main were old and susceptible to inflow and infiltration. Work on the project was completed in summer of 2023 and the project has improved service to Butler St. and the surrounding neighborhood.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

\$1,526,968 allocated for public facilities and improvements

\$137,190 invested into emergency shelters and rapid rehousing

Over 19,000 households benefitted from services through CDBG funding

\$307,291 allocated towards public service activities

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Local units of government used CDBG funding to carry out a variety of projects that benefit low to moderate income residents. Examples of projects completed this year include asphalt and gravel resurfacing, drainage improvements, installation of bus shelters and neighborhood signage installation. Approximately \$2,145,889 of CDBG funding was invested into the county.

2023 CDBG Road Improvements

In partnership with the Genesee County Road Commission, many townships used their CDBG funding to improve roads in low to moderate income areas. Improvements included gravel and asphalt resurfacing, intersection paving, and drainage improvements. Approximately \$756,605 of CDBG funds were used towards these projects in 2023, with additional funds provided by the Road Commission.

Village of Goodrich Public Service Project

The Village of Goodrich used CDBG funding to purchase and distribute portable weather radios equipped with hand cranks to be used during power outages or other emergencies. The emergency radios were made available free of charge to senior residents over the age of 62.

Senior Center Improvements

Several communities used funds to purchase equipment or make building improvements to area senior centers. The City of Flushing contributed funds to the Flushing Area Senior Center to purchase new computers and install new ADA-compliant doors with automatic openers.

New computers and technology upgrades were also purchased for the Davison Senior Center and the Swartz Creek Senior Center. A new outdoor pavilion was constructed at the Grand Blanc Senior Center, with work being done by high school students as part of a building trades course.



Flint Township Public Improvement Project

As part of their Clean Streets, Safe Streets program, Flint Township used CDBG funds to do community clean-up events specifically targeted to low to moderate income neighborhoods. Funds were used to purchase supplies for the event such as a dumpster and trash pick-up tools, allowing residents a free way to clean up neighborhoods and reduce blight.



TRANSPORTATION

2023 Transportation Improvement Program

\$151,572,372 allocated to 24 Road & Bridge Projects

\$635,790 allocated to Non-Motorized Trails and Facilities Projects

\$7,067,903 allocated to 8 Transit and Commuter Service Projects

\$5,202,149 allocated to 10 Safety Projects

GCMPC Recognized by Federal Highway Administration for National Best Practice

In early 2023, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) conducted a federal certification review of the metropolitan planning process in Genesee County as administered by GCMPC. GCMPC received an excellent review as the certification report identified zero corrective actions, five recommendations, and four commendations. The first commendation stated that the Genesee County Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) went beyond the requirements by incorporating a strong housing component. The Federal Team concluded that the connection between transportation planning, including micro-transit and affordable housing services serves as a model and best practice for other MPOs across the state and country.

Saginaw Street Reconstruction

After several years of planning, the \$5.8 million reconstruction of Saginaw St. in Downtown Flint officially began in 2023. This is the first major reconstruction in almost 100 years. Improvements will include the new roadway, pedestrian safety enhancements, and utility upgrades. Construction will take place over two years, with the first phase completed in late 2023 and the final phase expected to be complete by mid 2024.

Non-Motorized Trail Counts

In 2023, staff collected data along regional non-motorized trails throughout Genesee County. More than 60,000 pedestrians/cyclists across 20 non-motorized trails were recorded in Genesee County. The Flushing Riverview Trail saw an average of over 400 pedestrian users per day. The data collected will assist in grant applications and provide a better understanding of how residents and visitors are using trails.

Road Ratings

Staff rated the pavement conditions of the entire Genesee County paved non federal-aid road network in 2023. More than 2,800 lane miles were rated. Road ratings are important to inform local units of the condition of their roads and the appropriate fixes required to improve them.

73% Poor

20% Fair

7% Good



US-23 Corridor Traffic Study

Staff began working with Rowe Professional Services on the US-23 Corridor Traffic Study for Genesee County. Currently the corridor experiences intermittent congestion, deficiencies at freeway ramps, and unsafe vehicular movements on adjacent roads. This study will provide solutions to improve operational efficiency, reliability, and safety for all users of the corridor, as well as considerations for future zoning and master plan documents. To be completed in 2024, this study will include a list of the preferred infrastructure alternatives that will be used to develop federal grant applications for implementation.



ENVIRONMENT

266,947 pounds of household hazardous waste and electronics were recycled

4,737 tires collected during tire-only recycling events

1,750 gallons of latex paint recycled through the latex paint program

2,390 residents participated in environmental stewardship education

Genesee County Recycling Drop off Center

GCMPC was awarded \$900,000 from the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy towards the development of a permanent recycling drop-off center in Genesee County. This funding supports infrastructure costs for collecting paper, cardboard, and plastic.

Recycle Day and Tire Collection Events

In 2023, seven Recycle Day events served 1,265 residents and collected 266,947 pounds of household hazardous waste and electronics.

Additionally, 4,737 tires were collected from 355 residents during two tire-only events.

Air Quality

The quality of the air we breathe can have a major impact on our health and the health of the natural environment. To educate residents about air quality, GCMPC maintains a webpage with a variety of resources related to the air quality index, air pollution, and how people can take steps to enhance local air quality.



Small Community Recycling Education Grants

Staff partnered with 17 municipalities in Genesee County on the Small Community Recycling Education Grant program funded through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) and The Recycling Partnership. Communities that qualified for the grant included those with less than 10,000 single-family households. Households in each of these communities were mailed a flyer that described what can and cannot be recycled through their curbside program. This outreach helps to increase recycling participation and reduce contamination in the recycle bin. Over 52,000 households in Genesee County were mailed a recycling educational flyer using this grant.

HOUSING

\$1,072,802 allocated toward housing rehabilitation

45 households repaired through the Home Improvement Program

\$249,660 invested into new-build housing for low & moderate income families

9 households received tenant-based rental assistance



Regional Housing Partnership

Genesee-Lapeer-Shiawassee Region V (GLS Region V) and Communities First Inc. co-lead the Regional Housing Partnership program for Region H. GLS Region V, Communities First, and other local governments and partners worked to create an action plan that is in alignment with Michigan's Statewide Housing plan and addresses the need for housing in Genesee, Lapeer, Shiawassee, St. Clair, Tuscola, Sanilac, and Huron counties. There are four main priorities that are a focus for the Region H action plan. These include housing stock, rental housing, housing communication empowerment, and a focus on housing ecosystems.



Home Improvement Program

2023 saw some important changes in the Home Improvement Program. Additional housing rehabilitation inspectors and contracting firms were added to the program to help address demand for critical health and safety repairs throughout the County. As a result, 14 households were able to receive whole-home repairs and 31 households received urgent repairs that included roof and septic system replacements, municipal water hook-ups, and furnaces. Over 3,100 residents have participated in the Program since 1977.

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSIONERS



Alan Himelhoch
Chairperson



Mike LaPointe
Vice-Chair



Gloria Nealy
Secretary



Dr. Beverly Brown



Lauren Coney



Jeffery Peake



Cheryl Sclater



Martin L. Cousineau



Reggie Smith



Tyler Rossmassler



William Brandon

GENESEE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



Delrico J. Loyd
District 1



Charles H. Winfrey
District 2



Ellen Ellenburg
District 3, Vice-Chairperson



Dr. Beverly Brown
District 4



James Avery
District 5, Chairperson



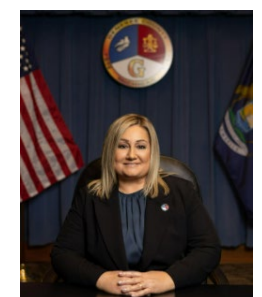
Shaun Shumaker
District 6



Martin L. Cousineau
District 7



Dale K. Weighill
District 8



Michelle Davis
District 9