



GENESEE COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

GCMPC MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2024
8:00 A.M.

Commissioners

Alan Himelhoch
 Chairperson

Mike LaPointe
 Vice-Chairperson

Gloria J. Nealy
 Secretary

Dr. Beverly Brown

Cheryl Sclater

Jeffrey M. Peake

Lauren Coney

Martin L. Cousineau

Reggie Smith

Tyler Rossmassler

William Brandon

Genesee County Administration Building
 1101 Beach Street
 3rd Floor - Harris Auditorium
 Flint, MI 48502

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Minutes
 - ***A. Minutes of the October 1, 2024 Regular Meeting (attached)
- IV. Opportunity for Individuals to Address the Commission
- V. Communications
- VI. Committee Reports
- VII. New Business
 - ***A. FOS-09-24-05; Mt. Morris Township – Jeffrey Schlicht – Application for Farmland Agreement (attached)
 - ***B. FOS-09-24-06; Mt. Morris Township –Schlicht Properties– Application for Farmland Agreement (attached)
 - ***C. MPR-10-24-02; Atlas Township Master Plan (attached)

***D. 2025 GCMPC Meeting Dates (attached)

VIII. Finances

***A. Contract, Vouchers and Bills (attached)

***B. Commission Expenses and Per Diems (to be distributed)

IX. Old Business

A. Project Status

***1. 3-C Transportation Planning – October 2024 Status Report (attached)

***2. Environmental Program – October 2024 Status Report (attached)

***3. Community Development Program – October 2024 Status Report (attached)

***4. American Rescue Plan Act – October 2024 Status Report (attached)

***5. Report of the Director – October 2024 Status Report (attached)

B. Commissioner Comments

X. Adjournment

***Indicates Action Item

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, December 3, 2024

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 1, 2024, 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission met at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 1, 2024, in the Harris Auditorium of the Genesee County Administration Building, 3rd Floor, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, Michigan.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Himelhoch called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Alan Himelhoch, Cheryl Sclater, Dr. Beverly Brown, Gloria Nealy, Jeffrey M. Peake, Lauren Coney, Mike LaPointe, Reggie Smith, and William Brandon.

Absent: Tyler Rossmassler, Martin L. Cousineau

Others Present: Derek Bradshaw, Christine Durgan, Sheila Taylor, Jacob Maurer, and Renate Soto.

III. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the September 10, 2024 Regular Meeting

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** William Brandon, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, to approve the September 10, 2024 regular meeting minutes as presented.

Motion passed unanimously. Jeffrey Peake abstained.

(Approved minutes are on file in the GCMPC office)

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR INDIVIDUALS TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION

No one spoke at this time.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Housing Initiative Presentation

Derek Bradshaw gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding a new Genesee County housing initiative, *Our Housing Future*. The initiative includes \$10 million toward a Housing Impact Fund and \$2.8 million toward a Roof Revitalization Fund. With these funds we expect to leverage an additional \$90 million toward new housing opportunities. The Housing Impact Fund will help develop new affordable housing throughout Genesee County and stabilize the current housing stock. Mr. Bradshaw provided data regarding the state of housing in the County, including who would benefit from affordable housing. Mr. Bradshaw gave an overview of the Roof Revitalization Program, a County-wide roofing program that we are partnering with Habitat for Humanity on; available to low to middle income households up to 120% Area Median Income (AMI). Discussion ensued.

Chairperson Himelhoch stated that the next meeting is scheduled for November 6, the day after the 2024 United States election and asked if there is any interest in moving the meeting to the following week on November 12, 2024.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve moving the November meeting to November 12, 2024 at 8:00 am.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Approved minutes are on file in the GCMPC office)

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Election Committee

1. Election of Officers

Reggie Smith stated that the Election Committee met this morning to choose a slate of Officers. The Committee recommends re-electing all current GCMPC Officers for another term by acclamation.

Reggie Smith asked Gloria Nealy if she accepted the nomination to serve as Secretary. Ms. Nealy accepted. Mr. Smith asked if there were any other nominations for Secretary. There were no other nominations.

Reggie Smith asked Mike LaPointe if he accepted the nomination to serve as Vice Chairperson. Mr. Lapointe accepted. Mr. Smith asked if there were any other nominations for Vice Chairperson. There were no other nominations.

Reggie Smith asked Alan Himelhoch if he accepted the nomination to serve as Chairperson. Mr. Himelhoch accepted. Mr. Smith asked if there were any other nominations for Chairperson. There were no other nominations.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Dr. Beverly Brown, **Seconded** Lauren Coney, to approve the recommendation of the Election Committee to re-elect current GCMPC Officers for the upcoming term, those being Alan Himelhoch as Chairperson, Mike LaPointe as Vice Chairperson, and Gloria Nealey as Secretary.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

VIII. FINANCES

A. Contract, Vouchers and Bills

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Contract, Vouchers and Bills.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, to approve the October Contract, Vouchers and Bills for a total \$9,081.07 and to authorize the proper authorities to sign the checks. Recycle b

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

B. Commission Expenses and Per Diems

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, to approve the Commission Expenses and Per Diems.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

C. Financial Update

Derek Bradshaw reviewed the Financial Update ending August 31, 2024.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve the Financial Update as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

IX. OLD BUSINESS

A. Project Status

1. 3-C Transportation Planning – September 2024 Status Report

Jacob Maurer stated that the TIP Call for Projects was closed and over 100 applications were received. Feedback regarding the online application process was very positive. Staff completed our Pavement Condition Reports for Genesee County. New this year, is an interactive dashboard on the GCMPC website sorted by community or commissioner district.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded** Gloria Nealy, to approve the 3-C Transportation Planning report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

2. Environmental Program Update – September 2024 Status Report

Jacob Maurer stated that the demolition of the old McDonald Dairy site, the future site of the Drop-off Recycling and Education Center, continues to make progress. Burnash Wrecking is expecting to finish up the demolition around Thanksgiving.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** Mike LaPointe, to approve the Environmental Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

3. Community Development Program – September 2024 Status Report

Sheila Taylor stated that staff is in the process of closing out the 2023 CDBG projects. 2024 CDBG funding was received from HUD, and staff will be getting 2024 contracts signed by the Board Chairperson and Subrecipients.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** Dr. Beverly Brown, to approve the Community Development Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

4. American Rescue Plan Act – September 2024 Status Report

Chris Durgan stated that many of the ARPA water and sewer projects are on track to be closed out by the end of the year. Staff is working with Otisville and their ARPA project, which has had some delays due to some permitting issues. Later this fall, staff will be conducting monitoring of the ARPA subrecipients to ensure all requirements are completed and all documentation is in order.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey Peake, **Seconded by** William Brandton, to approve the American Rescue Plan Act Report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

5. Report of the Director – September 2024 Status Report

Dr. Beverly Brown spoke about the Genesee County Broadband Initiative, stating that the taskforce is promoting a public survey to gather the necessary data to provide evidence to funding sources the need for increased broadband service. Mr. Bradshaw stated that staff is in the process of updating the *Genesee: Our County, Our Future* combined plan. A steering committee has been created and staff will continue to update the Planning Commission on the progress of the Plan update.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** Jeffrey Peake, to approve the Report of the Director as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

B. Commissioner Comments

Commissioners made comments at this time.

Gloria Nealy gave an update of the Genesee County Parks and Recreation Commission's meetings and events.

Mike Lapointe stated that he will be taking a presentation to the Thetford Township board regarding the Genesee County broadband initiative. The first commercial solar farms in Thetford Township are due to be started soon.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Himelhoch adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Renate Soto, Program Services Specialist
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Daniel Moulton, Planner

DATE: November 12, 2024

SUBJECT: FOS-09-24-05; Mt. Morris Township – Jeffrey Schlicht – Application For Farmland Agreement

I. LEGISLATIVE BASIS FOR GCMPC REVIEW

Part 361 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 Act 451 as amended, more commonly known as P.A. 116, enacted in 1974, establishes the right of a landowner, if all qualifications are met, to enter into a temporary restrictive agreement where the owner and the state agree to jointly hold the right to develop a parcel of farmland. This covenant is an agreement to not develop the property except as specifically stated within the agreement. The covenant runs with the land and is for a jointly agreed upon length of time (at least 10 years). Upon receipt of an application, the local governing body has 45 days to approve or reject the application. Within this 45-day period, the local governing body must seek comment from a number of bodies including "the county or regional planning commission". Any comment received is strictly advisory as "these reviewing agencies do not have an approval or rejection power over the application".

II. STAFF ANALYSIS

The request for comment from the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission was received within the required 45-day period starting at the onset of application.

The parcel is located in Mt. Morris Township, Section 11, T-8N, R-6E. The parcel is 71.25 acres, of which 49.61 are used for agricultural purposes. The remaining 21.64 acres are wooded. The parcel is located between W. Mt. Morris Rd to the north, W. Stanley Rd to south, Neff Rd. to east, and Clio Rd. to west. The parcel does meet the criteria of being 40 acres or larger in size and a minimum of 51% being in agricultural use.

The existing Mt. Morris Township Zoning Map has this parcel zoned as Rural Agricultural Estate, of which farming is an eligible land use. The surrounding parcels are also zoned as Rural Agricultural Estate.

Derek Bradshaw, Director Christine Durgan, Assistant Director

One of the goals in the Mt. Morris Township Master Plan document is to maintain the rural feel of parts of the township and maintain the rich agricultural heritage of the area. Preserving these parcels is in line with local master planning guidance. A parcel located directly south of this one is already protected by P.A. 116.

The Mt. Morris Township Master Plan Future Land Use Map, updated 2021, has this parcel classified as Low-Density Residential. On page 50, the Master Plan states that "Farm operations would not be allowed, and any existing farm operations would become legal nonconforming uses." However, the Mt. Morris Township Master Plan does acknowledge that farming is an important part of the township and should be protected. An additional note is that the plan states Low-Density residential should be introduced in "areas where farming is no longer viable." Farming is viable here, and the demand for low-density residential does not interfere with the protection of this parcel.

Preserving the parcel for agricultural use is consistent with goals set forth by GCMPC. Published in 2020, the Genesee: Our County, Our Future Long Range Plan highlights Genesee County's place among the top cash crop producers in the state. Preserving this parcel will help keep Genesee as one of the best agricultural counties and supplement our manufacturing and service economies.

The requested length of preservation is 90 years.

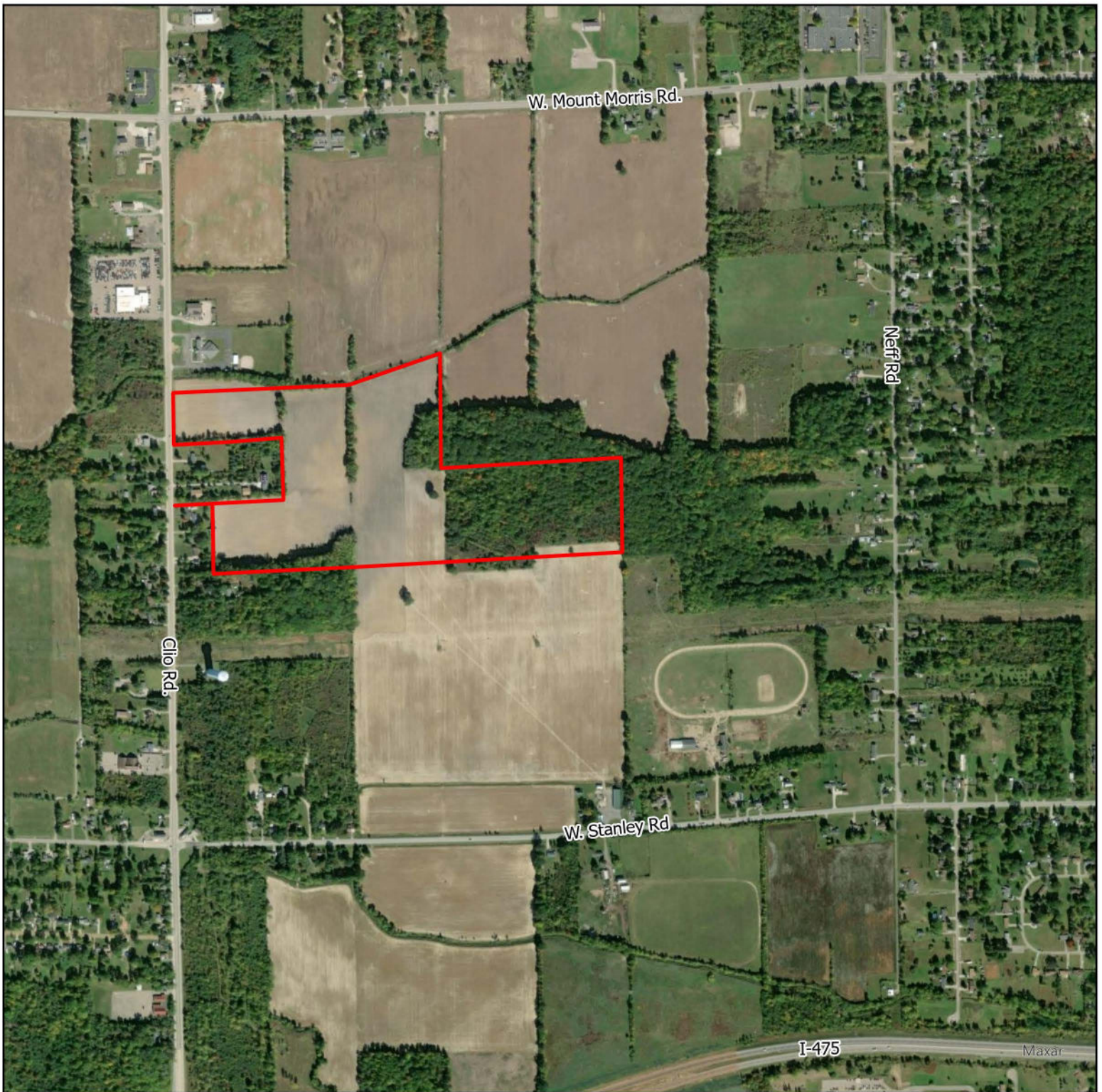
III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 116, staff recommends that the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission submit the following comments to Mt. Morris Township in regards to FOS-09-24-05:

1. This parcel is eligible for Farmland and Open Space preservation. This parcel meets the criteria of being 40 acres or larger in size and a minimum of 51% of the land is used for agricultural purposes.
2. The enrollment of the parcel in P.A. 116 is consistent with the current local land use planning. The Master Plan states that "residential/agricultural classification encompasses those areas of the Township where the principal land use is and should continue to be agricultural and related low density residential uses".

IV. MAP OF PARCEL

Please see the following page for a map of parcel #14-11-300-030.



FOS REVIEW FOR CASE NO. FOS-09-24-05



PARCELS TO BE PROTECTED UNDER P.A. 116
FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

71.25 Acres

Mt. Morris TWP.
Unit of Government

Section 11
Section Number

October 28th, 2024
Date

1 of 1
Map Number



GENESEE COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING
COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Daniel Moulton, Planner

DATE: November 12, 2024

SUBJECT: FOS-09-24-06; Mt. Morris Township – Schlicht Properties – Application For Farmland Agreement

I. LEGISLATIVE BASIS FOR GCMPC REVIEW

Part 361 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 Act 451 as amended, more commonly known as P.A. 116, enacted in 1974, establishes the right of a landowner, if all qualifications are met, to enter into a temporary restrictive agreement where the owner and the state agree to jointly hold the right to develop a parcel of farmland. This covenant is an agreement to not develop the property except as specifically stated within the agreement. The covenant runs with the land and is for a jointly agreed upon length of time (at least 10 years). Upon receipt of an application, the local governing body has 45 days to approve or reject the application. Within this 45-day period, the local governing body must seek comment from a number of bodies including “the county or regional planning commission”. Any comment received is strictly advisory as “these reviewing agencies do not have an approval or rejection power over the application”.

II. STAFF ANALYSIS

The request for comment from the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission was received within the required 45-day period starting at the onset of application.

The parcel is located in Mt. Morris Township Section 3, T-8N, R-6E. The parcel is 66.51 acres, of which 63.6 are used for agricultural purposes. The remaining 2.91 acres are wooded. The parcel is located between W. Frances Rd. to the north, W. Mt. Morris Rd. to the south, Clio Rd. to the east, and N. Jennings Rd. to the west. The parcel does meet the criteria of being 40 acres or larger in size and a minimum of 51% being in agricultural use.

The existing Mt. Morris Township Zoning Map has this parcel zoned as Rural Agricultural Estate, of which farming is an eligible land use. The surrounding parcels are also zoned as Rural Agricultural Estate.

Derek Bradshaw, Director Christine Durgan, Assistant Director

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One of the goals in the Mt. Morris Township Master Plan document is to maintain the rural feel of parts of the township and maintain the rich agricultural heritage of the area. Preserving these parcels is in line with local master planning guidance. There are parcels in the vicinity that are also protected by P.A. 116.

The Mt. Morris Township Master Plan Future Land Use Map, updated 2021, has this parcel classified as Low-Density Residential. On page 50, the Master Plan states that "Farm operations would not be allowed, and any existing farm operations would become legal nonconforming uses." However, the Mt. Morris Township Master Plan does acknowledge that farming is an important part of the township and should be protected. An additional note is that the plan states Low-Density residential should be introduced in "areas where farming is no longer viable." Farming is viable here, and the demand for low-density residential does not interfere with the protection of this parcel.

Preserving the parcel for agricultural use is consistent with goals set forth by GCMPC. Published in 2020, the Genesee: Our County, Our Future Long Range Plan highlights Genesee County's place among the top cash crop producers in the state. Preserving this parcel will help keep Genesee as one of the best agricultural counties and supplement our manufacturing and service economies.

The requested length of preservation is 90 years.

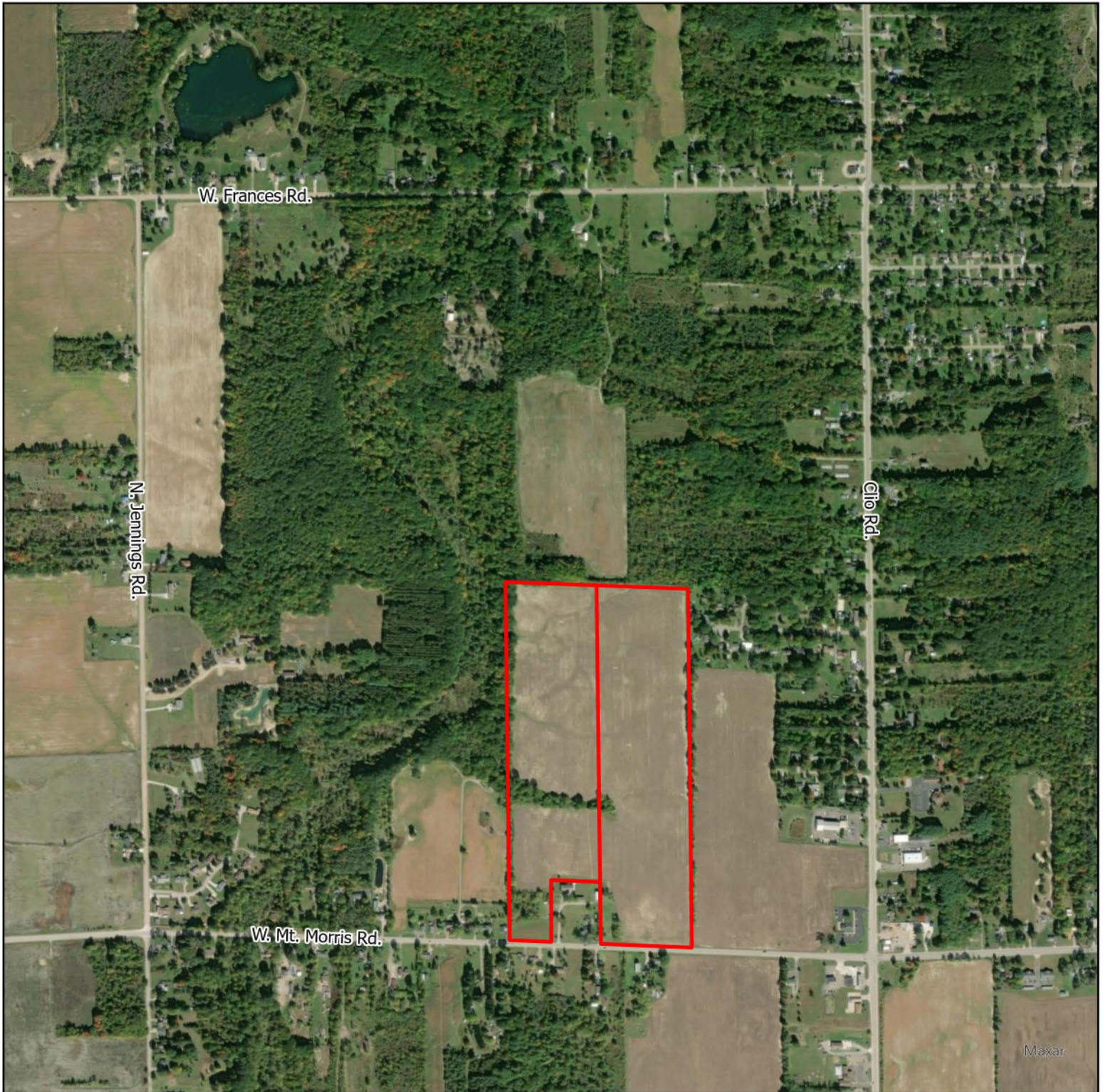
III. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 116, staff recommends that the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission submit the following comments to Mt. Morris Township in regards to FOS-09-24-06:

1. This parcel is eligible for Farmland and Open Space preservation. This parcel meets the criteria of being 40 acres or larger in size and a minimum of 51% of the land is used for agricultural purposes.
2. The enrollment of the parcel in P.A. 116 is consistent with the current local land use planning. The Master Plan states that "residential/agricultural classification encompasses those areas of the Township where the principal land use is and should continue to be agricultural and related low density residential uses".

IV. MAP OF PARCEL

Please see the following page for a map of parcel #14-03-400-021 and 14-03-400-024.



FOS REVIEW FOR CASE NO. FOS-09-24-06



PARCELS TO BE PROTECTED UNDER P.A. 116
FARMLAND AND OPEN SPACE PRESERVATION

66.51 Acres

Mt. Morris TWP.
Unit of Government

Section 3
Section Number

October 28th, 2024
Date

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Map Number



GENESEE COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING
COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Kristofor Garris, Planner

DATE: November 12, 2024

SUBJECT: MPR-10-24-02; Atlas Township Master Plan

I. LEGISLATIVE BASIS FOR GCMPC REVIEW

The Michigan Planning Enabling Act, Act 33 of 2008, as amended, provides the legislative basis for planning commissions to create, adopt, and amend a basic plan. Municipalities shall follow Part 125.38 Section 41, Subsection (2) which states: "...the secretary shall submit a copy of the proposed plan, for review and comment, to all of the following: (c) the county planning commission... The secretary of the planning commission shall concurrently submit to the county planning commission, in the manner provided in section 39(3), a statement that the requirements of subdivision (a) have been met or, if there is no county planning commission, shall submit to the county board of commissioners, in the manner provided in section 39(3), a statement that the requirements of subdivisions (a) and (d) have been met. The statement shall be signed by the secretary and shall include the name and address of each planning commission or legislative body to which a copy of the proposed master plan was submitted under subdivision (a) or (d), as applicable, and the date of submittal."

Additionally, as part of these procedures, Part 125.38, Section 41, Subsections (3) and (4) specify that: "An entity described in subsection (2) may submit comments on the proposed master plan to the planning commission in the manner provided in section 39(3) within 63 days after the proposed master plan was submitted to that entity under subsection (2). If the county planning commission or the county board of commissioners that receives a copy of a proposed master plan under subsection (2)(e) submits comments, the comments shall include, but need not be limited to, both of the following, as applicable: (a) A statement whether the county planning commission or county board of commissioners considers the proposed master plan to be inconsistent with the master plan of any municipality or region described in subsection (2)(a) or (d). (b) If the county has a county master plan, a statement whether the county planning commission considers the proposed master plan to be inconsistent with the county master plan. (4) The statements provided for in subsection (3)(a) and (b) are advisory only."

II. PAST GCMPC ACTION

GCMPC previously reviewed and recommended approval of the 2009 Atlas Township Master Plan.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

The 2024 Atlas Township Master Plan provides a physical and demographic profile of Atlas Township's important assets and characteristics. It serves as a guide for development in Atlas for the next 15 years. The Plan utilizes maps, various tables, images, and charts illustrated throughout the document to help create a clear vision and complement the content and narrative of the plan. It outlines detailed goals and objectives for the future of Atlas Township. Genesee County does not have a Notice of Intent to Prepare a Master Plan from Atlas Township on file.

Atlas Township's 2024 Master Plan update was developed with significant input from community members, through the formation of a citizen Advisory Committee, hosting an online survey in the Summer of 2023, and an interactive Town Hall Meeting in the Fall of 2023.

The input received through the planning process provided a foundation to help achieve Atlas Township's vision through clearly defined goals and objectives. All goals and objectives are categorized in seven major themes: Character and Quality of Life, Natural Resources, Agriculture, Residential Areas and Housing, Commercial and Industrial Areas, Transportation, and Community Services. Each theme includes clearly defined goals and objectives. All seven of the themes are organized around and central to the Township Primary Goal: to develop and maintaining sustainable, attractive, pleasant, clean, healthful, and economically stable community environment.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Act 33, Michigan Public Acts of 2008, as amended, the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, staff submits the following comments and recommendations to the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission, for consideration at its meeting of November 12, 2024, regarding the project described as MPR-10-24-02; Atlas Township Master Plan , for the following reasons:

1. The Atlas Township Master Plan serves as a practical and thoughtful policy guide for future land use and decision making, providing data, maps, trends, goals, and policies to help guide development in the Township.
2. The Atlas Township Master Plan provides an adequate zoning and land use plan.
3. The Atlas Township Master Plan appears to be consistent with existing and future land use plans of adjacent local units of government.

4. The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission does not have record of a notice of intent to prepare a Master Plan by Atlas Township. Staff recommends the Township ensure verification of notices required to partner agencies in their planning process, as required under the Michigan Planning Enabling Act.



GENESEE COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING
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GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
2025 MEETING DATES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission members generally meet at 8:00 a.m. on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Genesee County Administration Building, 1101 Beach Street, Flint, MI 48502, in the Harris Auditorium, 3rd Floor.

JANUARY 7, 2025

FEBRUARY 4, 2025

MARCH 4, 2025

APRIL 1, 2025

MAY 6, 2025

JUNE 3, 2025

JULY 1, 2025

AUGUST 5, 2025

SEPTEMBER 9, 2025*

OCTOBER 7, 2025

NOVEMBER 4, 2025

DECEMBER 2, 2025

*Second Tuesday due to Labor Day holiday

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VII D

**GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
CHECK DISBURSEMENT VOUCHER
November 12, 2024**

Advance Local Holdings Corporation	TIP Call for Projects advertising	455.67	ACH # 51977
AT & T	Director's cell phone Aug 7- Oct 7	97.67	10363943
JP Morgan Chase Bank	Drone training, TIP Call for Projects software and MRC conference lodging	1,497.64	10362438
MTA	MTA FY2024 PL funding	32,332.61	ACH # 51377
Michigan Quality Laminating	Waste hauler permits laminating	129.50	10363067
Michigan Recycling Coalition	MRC conference	350.00	10362819
PrintComm	Waste hauler permits	630.00	10363747
Rowe Professional Services	US-23 corridor study consultant services	23,927.67	ACH # 51871
Sparkle Buggy Wash	Car wash	7.00	10363077
SQS Inc	HHW collections for Recycle days	32,000.00	ACH # 51813
Staples	Office Supplies	337.97	ACH # 51880
Uline	Laser printable magnetic sheets	158.95	ACH # 52551
Young's Environmental Cleanup	reimburse duplicate check	260.00	10363606
		<u>\$92,184.68</u>	



GENESEE COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING
COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Jacob Maurer, Division Manager
Transportation Program

DATE: November 12, 2024

SUBJECT: 3-C Transportation Planning – October 2024 Status Report

Transportation Improvement Program

In October, staff received over 160 project applications representing \$129 million for the 2026-2029 TIP Call for Projects. Staff reviewed all TIP applications received and scored the applications based on the metrics decided by the Transportation Systems Management Subcommittee. Staff additionally performed site reviews of each proposed project to verify that the correct fix and need for each project was listed accurately. Meetings with local agencies to review their application scores is underway and staff intends to bring the draft list of projects to the Transportation Systems Management Subcommittee for review in early November.

Transportation Safety Planning

Staff met with the Genesee County Transportation Safety Action Plan consultant, AECOM, on October 2nd for a kick-off meeting. At this meeting, timelines were finalized, and a draft public participation plan was presented. Staff is working with AECOM to finalize the public participation plan in early November. Potential members of the Transportation Safety Action Plan Task Force have been selected and invitation sent out. Task Force member selections were based on recommendations from the consultant and cover a diverse group of stakeholders from all over the County. A virtual Task Force kickoff meeting will be held on November 20th.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Jacob Maurer, Division Manager
Environmental Program

DATE: November 12, 2024

SUBJECT: **Environmental Program Update – October 2024 Status Report**

Solid Waste Program

Staff are currently in the process of determining the Recycle Day event format for 2025. As the county transitions to the permanent Drop-off Recycling and Education Center, staff is determining the format for the intermediate years.

Staff attended a Resource Recovery Educators of Michigan (RREM) meeting at a community recycling center in Coldwater. At the meeting, members discussed successes and difficulties that they face regarding materials management. Staff were able to network and share ideas with fellow RREM members. At the meeting, staff were also able to tour the recycling facility and learn from the processes there. During October, staff also attended Bioblitz at the For-Mar Nature Preserve. The purpose of the event was to provide students with educational, hands-on activities. At the event, staff played a recycling education game with the children. 100 students were reached at this event, ages ranging from 1st grade to 8th grade.

Staff completed reviewing applications to fill 11 positions on the Materials Management Planning Committee (MMPC). The recommendation to appoint 11 representatives to the MMPC to the Board of Commissioners will take place at the November 20th meeting. Once the members of the MMPC are established, the first meeting date will be set.

Staff are in the process of collecting FY 2024 4th quarter Solid Waste Ordinance Reports from waste haulers in Genesee County. Quarterly Reports are required to be filled out per the Genesee County Solid Waste Ordinance. 17 out of 25 reports have been completed. \$257,448.92 has been collected so far for the county surcharge fees. Staff will continue to reach out to the eight companies who have yet to submit their reports.

Recycling and Education Center

Demolition activities continue at the McDonald Dairy site where the Drop-off Recycling and Education Center is planned to be located. Burnash Wrecking, the demolition contractor, has made progress on removing concrete foundations and parking lots through the property.

Derek Bradshaw, Director Christine Durgan, Assistant Director

During this process, Burnash Wrecking uncovered a previously buried parking lot and basement that lay underneath the main building. Due to this discovery, a contract extension and budget adjustment was granted to allow additional time to complete the project. The project is now anticipated to be completed by December 18, 2024. The budget was increased by \$72,000 which was taken from contingency funding previously allocated from the project.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Sheila Taylor, Division Manager
Community Development Program

DATE: November 12, 2024

SUBJECT: **Community Development Program – October 2024 Status Report**

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

In October, funds for Program Year 2024 were released by HUD. Staff began scheduling meetings to review and sign agreements with all 2024 funding recipients.

New low/moderate-income census data was recently published for CDBG recipients to use in qualifying projects. Staff is working to update maps of the low/moderate-income areas. In November, local units of government will be notified of any changes to their projects as a result of the new maps.

Community Development staff will begin working on the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan this fall, which outlines our program goals for the next 5 years. The Consolidated Plan will be developed in conjunction with an update to the county's master plan, Genesee: Our County, Our Future.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Our Housing Future Initiative

In October, staff met with service providers who received Tenant-Based Rental Assistance to review and sign contracts. Staff have also been responding to calls and emails regarding the Genesee County Housing Impact Fund. Meetings will be scheduled with developers who have specific questions about the types of housing projects we would like to see in Genesee County. So far, 52 applicants have begun the pre-application process. These projects include new construction and rehabilitation of single-family and multifamily housing in various parts of Genesee County. The pre-application portal for the Housing Impact Fund opened on October 14, 2024, and will close on December 16, 2024.

Home Improvement Program

During October, a septic replacement and roof replacement were completed under the Urgent Repair Program, utilizing \$44,680 in CDBG funds. Three Home Improvement Program projects were finished and expended \$41,495 in HOME and CDBG funding. Five vendors submitted proposals for the Lead Services Request for Proposals (RFP). Three staff individually scored each proposal and Environmental Testing and Consulting (ETC) received the highest overall score. A contract with ETC is currently going through the

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County Board approval process. The County-wide Roof Revitalization Program was launched on October 14th. Applicants that live outside the City of Flint are applying through the Neighborly software already in place for the Home Improvement Program. Over 200 residents have expressed interest in the Program and staff is working to review 60 pre-applications. Six homeowner referrals were submitted to the Consumers Energy Helping Neighbors program to receive a new furnace and/or hot water heater.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program/Neighborhood Purchase/Rehab/Resale

The NSP property located on Dixel Drive in Burton closed on October 22nd for \$175,000. The home buyer received \$10,000 in down-payment assistance. Proceeds from the sale will be transferred into the NPRR fund balance to be used for future rehabilitation projects. A second round of bids were received on October 24th for the NPRR home on Phyllis Drive in Vienna Township. Two bids were received, with Fitch Builders, LLC. Providing the lowest bid at \$137,037. The contract is currently going through the County Board approval process.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Christine A. Durgan, Assistant Director

DATE: November 12, 2024

SUBJECT: American Rescue Plan Act – November 2024 Status Report

American Rescue Plan Act Local Unit Projects

Staff have been ensuring that projects with contract end dates of December 31 are on track for completion or in a position to have their contracts extended if needed. There are a few Senior Center projects that are not currently under contract due to delays in the Department of Treasury approval process. These will be under contract before the end of the year. Other projects that may require extensions have faced delays, cost increases, and supply acquisition issues.

With the end of the fiscal year, many projects are in the process of completion and final bills are being received. The City of Clio Lead Line identification and remediation project recently sent their final invoice. This project utilized ARPA funding and a state grant to identify and replace lead water lines in the City of Clio. In addition, the Mundy Township LaFontaine Dr. water project is nearing final completion. The project was constructed as part of new economic development activity near Hill Rd. in Mundy Township.

Senior Center projects under contract have begun bidding and selecting contractors for projects. Carman-Ainsworth Senior Center in Flint Township has selected a contractor for their improvement project and Mundy Township has entered into an agreement to purchase their new senior center van. Senior centers including Davison, Eastside, Forest Township and are working on their bid documents now.



GENESEE COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Derek Bradshaw, Director

DATE: **November 12, 2024**

SUBJECT: **Report of the Director – October 2024 Status Report**

Our County, Our Future Master Plan Update

Staff began working on the development of *Genesee: Our County, Our Future*, a comprehensive master plan containing elements of both the 2050 Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) and the Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Genesee County. Staff held the first steering committee meeting on October 29th to begin gathering information and input for the plan development. The first public kick-off meeting was held at Crossroads Village on Wednesday, October 30th. Staff developed a public input survey and a new website for the plan update. Postcards with both the website and survey link were handed out to over one hundred people during the first kick-off event. The second meeting will be held at the Grand Blanc Senior Center on Wednesday, November 6th.

The data collected from our public input survey will be used to develop future visions and actions for Genesee County. Staff also sent over 1,300 email notifications to various local units, schools, governmental agencies, and non-profit organizations from the surrounding area of the *Genesee: Our County, Our Future* plan development.

GLS Region V

The next regularly scheduled GLS Region V meeting will be held on November 26th at 6:00 p.m.

Derek Bradshaw, Director Christine Durgan, Assistant Director