



GENESEE COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION

GCMPC MEETING

Tuesday, November 7, 2023
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 3, 2023 Regular Meeting (attached)

IV. Opportunity for Individuals to Address the Commission

V. Communications

VI. Committee Reports

***A. Personnel Committee

***B. Consultant Selection Committee

VII. New Business

***A. FOS-09-23-08; Forest Township – Gary and Laura Tilson –
Application for Farmland Agreement (attached)

- ***B. FOS-10-23-09; Argentine Township – Nicholas Satkowiak – Application for Farmland Agreement (attached)
- ***C. FOS-10-23-10; Argentine Township – Nicholas Satkowiak – Application for Farmland Agreement (attached)
- ***D. 2024 GCMPC Meeting Dates (attached)

VIII. Finances

- ***A. Contract, Vouchers and Bills (attached)
- ***B. Commission Expenses and Per Diems (to be distributed)
- ***C. Fund Balance Assignment Adjustment (attached)

IX. Old Business

A. Project Status

- ***1. 3-C Transportation Planning – October 2023 Status Report (attached)
- ***2. Environmental Program – October 2023 Status Report (attached)
- ***3. Community Development Program – October 2023 Status Report (attached)
- ***4. American Rescue Plan Act – October 2023 Status Report (attached)
- ***5. Report of the Director – October 2023 Status Report (attached)

B. Commissioner Comments

X. Adjournment

***Indicates Action Item

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, December 5, 2023

GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 8:00 a.m.

MINUTES

The Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission met at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 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, Gloria Nealy, Jeffrey M. Peake, Lauren Coney, Mike LaPointe, Reggie Smith, Tyler Rossmassler, and William Brandon.

Absent: Dr. Beverly Brown and Martin L. Cousineau.

Others Present: Christine Durgan, Sheila Taylor, Jacob Maurer, and Nichole Odette.

III. MINUTES

A. Minutes of the September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting

Mike LaPointe requested a correction to the minutes. Discussion under item V.A. will now state that "EDF Renewables has secured *approximately 1,500* acres of farmland..."

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** Lauren Coney, to approve the September 12, 2023 regular meeting minutes as amended.

Peake abstained.

Motion passed.

(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

There were no Communications.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no Committee Reports.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

VIII. FINANCES

A. Contract, Vouchers and Bills

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey M. Peake, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve the October Contract, Vouchers and Bills for a total \$65,025.84 and to authorize the proper authorities to sign the checks.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

B. Commission Expenses and Per Diems

Christine Durgan stated that some of the Commissioners received per diem checks today for the fiscal year that just ended, and the rest should have received a direct deposit last Friday.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

(Documents on file with minutes)

C. Financial Update

Christine Durgan reviewed the Financial Update for October 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023. This will be the last financial update for two months due to the fiscal year close-out process. Discussion ensued.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** Mike LaPointe, 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 2023 Status Report

Jacob Maurer stated that the FY 2024 Unified Work Program has been approved and all agreements are in place for the new fiscal year. Staff have been working with our partner agencies to close out the FY 2023 projects, as well as meeting with the transportation agencies to ensure their FY 2024 projects are moving forward.

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 2023 Status Report

Sheila Taylor stated that staff is partnering with the City of Flint to hold a tire collection event on Saturday, October 14th at Environmental Rubber Recycling on Dort Hwy. Staff has been attending training sessions provided by the State regarding the new Materials Management Plan. EGLE is expected to release a Call for Materials Management Plans within a month.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Jeffrey M. Peake, **Seconded by** Reggie Smith, to approve the Community Development Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

3. Community Development Program – September 2023 Status Report

Sheila Taylor stated that all 2023 project contracts have been signed with the subrecipients and projects are underway, except for construction projects that will begin in the spring. The Home Improvement and Urgent Repair Programs are funded annually through the Genesee County Action Plan with approximately \$500,000 in CDBG funding and \$200,000 in HOME funds. A portion of the CARES Act funding was also allocated to the Urgent Repair Program.

Motion: Action: Approve, **Moved by** Reggie Smith, **Seconded by** William Brandon, to approve the Community Development Program report as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

4. Report of the Director – September 2023 Status Report

Christine Durgan stated that staff has been trying to fill two open positions for several months, a Lead Planner in the Transportation Division and a Housing Rehabilitation Specialist I. Staff is working with Human Resources on creating new social media and marketing materials for these positions. Discussion ensued.

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

Motion passed unanimously.

(Original on file with minutes)

B. Commissioner Comments

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

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Himelhoch adjourned the meeting at 8:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Nichole Odette, Program Services Specialist
Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Kristofor Garris, Planner

DATE: November 7, 2023

SUBJECT: FOS-09-23-08; Forest Township – Gary and Laura Tilson – 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 in Forest Township, T-9N, R-8E, Section 17, #09-17-100-003. The parcel is 49.2 acres in size, of which 30 acres are used for agriculture. The parcel borders Irish Road to the West with Farrand Road to the North, E. Vienna Road to the South, and N. Gale Road to the East. The parcel meets the criteria necessary for protection, as it is larger than 40 acres with at least 51% of the land being agriculturally active. The proposed protection length for the parcel is 30 years.

The Forest Township Zoning Map, updated in 2021, has this parcel zoned as RA – Residential/Agricultural. All surrounding parcels share this designation. The Forest Township Land Use Plan, updated in 2002, has this parcel remaining as

Residential/Agricultural as part of the Township's intent to "maintain rural character". The Forest Township Zoning Ordinance, adopted in 2007, also zones the parcel and all surrounding parcels as RA – Residential/Agricultural.

Preserving the parcel is in line with county-wide planning guidance. GCMPC's *Our County, Our Future* notes the significant cash crop production in our county, third in the state of Michigan. The preservation of this parcel aids in maintaining the cash crop agricultural presence in our county. GCMPC's *A Changing Landscape: 2006 Land Use Analysis and Trends* states that "Special attention should be given to local farmland and other open spaces". The preservation of this parcel seeks to aid in addressing the depletion of agricultural resources and wild lands.

The parcel is across the road from a parcel that is already protected by P.A. 116.

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 Forest Township in regards to FOS-09-23-08:

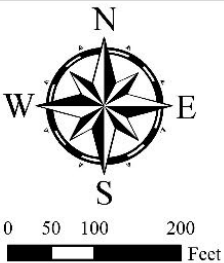
1. This parcel is eligible for Farmland and Open Space Preservation. This parcel meets the necessary criteria due to it being larger than 40 acres with a minimum of 51% agriculturally active land.
2. Preservation of this parcel conforms with local and regional plans. Enrollment of this parcel in P.A. 116 does not contradict the current or future land use in Forest Township or Genesee County.

IV. MAP OF PARCEL

Please see the following page for a map of parcel #09-17-100-003.



FOS REVIEW FOR CASE NO. FOS-09-23-08



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

09-17-100-003
49.2 Acres



Forest TWP.
Unit of Government

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October 6, 2023
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Kristofor Garris, Planner

DATE: November 7, 2023

SUBJECT: FOS-10-23-09; Argentine Township – Nicholas Satkowiak – 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 in Argentine Township, T-5N, R-5E, Section 10, #01-10-200-004. The parcel is 101 acres in size, of which 98 are used for agriculture. The parcel borders Seymour Road to the East and Smith Road to the North, with Lahring Road to the South and Bird Road to the West. The parcel meets the criteria necessary for protection, as it is larger than 40 acres with at least 51% of the land being agriculturally active. The proposed protection length for the parcel is 10 years.

The Argentine Township Zoning Map, updated in 2016, has the parcel zoned as AG – Agricultural. All parcels North and West share this designation. Parcels south for one section also share this designation. Parcels to the East are zoned R-1 Rural

Residential. The Argentine Township Master Plan, updated in 2023, designates the parcel to remain Agricultural in the Future Land Use Map as part of the Township's intent to "maintain the desired rural character of the community" and the thought that "AG activities should be preserved".

Preserving the parcel is in line with county-wide planning guidance. GCMPC's *Our County, Our Future* notes the significant cash crop production in our county, third in the state of Michigan. The preservation of this parcel aids in maintaining the cash crop agricultural presence in our county. GCMPC's *A Changing Landscape: 2006 Land Use Analysis and Trends* states that "Special attention should be given to local farmland and other open spaces". The preservation of this parcel seeks to aid in addressing the depletion of agricultural resources and wild lands.

This parcel does not directly border other parcels protected by P.A. 116 but there are numerous parcels to the East that are also in Section 10 that are protected by P.A. 116.

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 Argentine Township in regards to FOS-10-23-09:

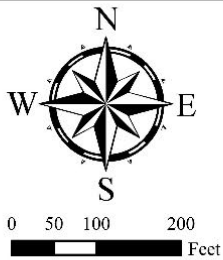
1. This parcel is eligible for Farmland and Open Space Preservation. This parcel meets the necessary criteria due to it being larger than 40 acres with a minimum of 51% agriculturally active land.
2. Preservation of this parcel conforms with local and regional plans. Enrollment of this parcel in P.A. 116 does not contradict the current or future land use in Argentine Township or Genesee County.

IV. MAP OF PARCEL


Please see the following page for a map of parcel #01-10-200-004.



FOS REVIEW FOR CASE NO. FOS-10-23-09



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

 Parcel 01-10-200-004



Argentine TWP.

Unit of Government

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October 13, 2023

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Kristofor Garris, Planner

DATE: November 7, 2023

SUBJECT: FOS-10-23-10; Argentine Township – Nicholas Satkowiak – 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 in Argentine Township, T-5N, R-5E, Section 3, #01-03-300-001. The parcel is 262 acres, of which 236 are used for agriculture. The parcel borders Smith Road to the South with Seymour Road to the East, Duffield Road to the West, and Ray Road to the North. The parcel meets the criteria necessary for protection, as it is larger than 40 acres with at least 51% of the land being agriculturally active. The proposed protection length for the parcel is 10 years.

The Argentine Township Zoning Map, updated in 2016, has the parcel zoned as AG – Agricultural. All parcels North and West share this designation. Parcels south for one section also share this designation. Parcels to the East are zoned R-1 Rural

Derek Bradshaw, Director Christine Durgan, Assistant Director

Residential. The Argentine Township Master Plan, updated in 2023, designates the parcel to remain Agricultural in the Future Land Use Map as part of the Township's intent to "maintain the desired rural character of the community" and the thought that "AG activities should be preserved".

Preserving the parcel is in line with county-wide planning guidance. GCMPC's *Our County, Our Future* notes the significant cash crop production in our county, third in the state of Michigan. The preservation of this parcel aids in maintaining the cash crop agricultural presence in our county. GCMPC's *A Changing Landscape: 2006 Land Use Analysis and Trends* states that "Special attention should be given to local farmland and other open spaces". The preservation of this parcel seeks to aid in addressing the depletion of agricultural resources and wild lands.

The parcel borders another parcel that is already protected by P.A. 116, through a different owner with numerous parcels further East also protected by P.A. 116.

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 Argentine Township in regards to FOS-10-23-10:

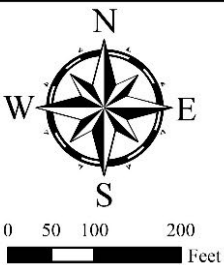
1. This parcel is eligible for Farmland and Open Space Preservation. This parcel meets the necessary criteria due to it being larger than 40 acres with a minimum of 51% agriculturally active land.
2. Preservation of this parcel conforms with local and regional plans. Enrollment of this parcel in P.A. 116 does not contradict the current or future land use in Argentine Township or Genesee County.

IV. MAP OF PARCEL

Please see the following page for a map of parcel #01-03-300-001.



FOS REVIEW FOR CASE NO. FOS-10-23-10



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

Parcel 01-03-300-001



**GENESEE COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING
COMMISSION**

Argentine TWP.

Unit of Government

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GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION 2024 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 Harrison Auditorium, 3rd Floor.

JANUARY 9, 2024*

FEBRUARY 6, 2024

MARCH 5, 2024

APRIL 2, 2024

MAY 7, 2024

JUNE 4, 2024

JULY 9, 2024*

AUGUST 6, 2024

SEPTEMBER 3, 2024

OCTOBER 1, 2024

NOVEMBER 6, 2024**

DECEMBER 3, 2024

*Second Tuesday due to building closure and Fourth of July holiday

**Wednesday due to General Election on Tuesday

Derek Bradshaw, Director Christine Durgan, Assistant Director

**GENESEE COUNTY METROPOLITAN PLANNING COMMISSION
CHECK DISBURSEMENT VOUCHER
November 7, 2023**

A-Frame Awards, Inc.	Commissioner Name Plates	207.84	10348336
AT&T Mobility	Director's County Phone - September	48.75	10347608
Environmental Rubber Recycling	Extra Cost for Tire Recycling Event	507.00	10349085
JP Morgan Chase Bank	Battery Recycling / Air Quality Facebook Boost / Flint Farmers	2,529.42	10348853
	Market Outreach / Michigan Association of Planning Conference		
	Hotel Charge for 3 Planners		
Michigan Recycling Coalition	2023 Fall Recycling Conference	150.00	10349124
Petty Cash		64.80	N/A
Placement Management Center	Temp Worker for Tire Recycling Event	129.53	ACH #46381
Staples, Inc.	Office Supplies	246.08	ACH #45950
		<u>\$3,883.42</u>	



GENESEE COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING
COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Derek Bradshaw, Director

DATE: November 7, 2023

SUBJECT: Fund Balance Assignment Adjustment

At year end, staff reviews vacation and comp time costs to record the current amount. Newer staff have less compensated absences with less costs associated. This has led to a decrease in the compensated absences liability. As a result, staff is requesting to:

- Decrease Genesee County Planning Commission fund balance amount by \$7,089.71 for compensated absences and to increase restricted fund balance by \$7,089.71.
- Assign the fund balance amounts for specific uses in accordance with GASB Statement No. 54. This is a balance sheet item so budgets will not be affected.

Derek Bradshaw, Director Christine Durgan, Assistant Director



GENESEE COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING
COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Jacob Maurer, Division Manager
Transportation Program

DATE: November 7, 2023

SUBJECT: **3-C Transportation Planning – October 2023 Status Report**

Transportation Update

Over the previous two months, staff worked with our local road and transit agencies to adjust approximately \$3.9 million in transportation funding originally allocated to the Flint / Genesee County Transportation Management Area (TMA). This adjustment was required to remain fiscally constrained for federal funding programmed in fiscal years 2024-2026. The larger share (\$3.4 million) is a direct result of shifts in urban population from 2010 to 2020 based on the 2020 Census Urban Boundary changes. Other factors included a statewide reduction in surface transportation block grant (STBG) funds and the addition of a new metropolitan planning organization (MPO).

The contract for the US-23 Corridor Traffic Study received approval from the Board of Commissioners on October 18th. Staff provided the fully executed contract and resolution to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for final authorization. Staff will be meeting with Rowe Professional Engineering Services to discuss the project timeline and to schedule both virtual and in-person outreach meetings over the next several months. We will keep the Commission up to date on the progress of the study. Currently we have an estimated completion date of September 2024.

Derek Bradshaw, Director Christine Durgan, Assistant Director



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Sheila Taylor, Division Manager
Environmental Program

DATE: November 7, 2023

SUBJECT: **Environmental Program Update – October 2023 Status Report**

Solid Waste Program

A tire recycling event was held on Saturday, October 14th from 9AM – 1PM at Environmental Rubber Recycling (ERR) in Flint. In partnership with ERR and the City of Flint, 1,784 tires were collected from 127 vehicles during the event. A total of 4,733 tires were collected from 355 vehicles between the two events held in 2023. Staff is now in the process of applying for the 2024 Scrap Tire Recycling Grant through the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) to hold a tire collection event next year.

Staff is in the process of collecting FY 2023 4th quarter reports from waste haulers, landfills, and transfer stations operating in Genesee County. These reports are required to be filled out per the Genesee County Solid Waste Ordinance and were due October 30th. Currently, staff has received \$117,262.41 in fees from the 4th quarter reports. However, staff is waiting for six companies to submit their quarterly reports and relevant payments. The average amount of quarterly fees collected over the previous four quarters is \$242,654.14. Staff will continue to reach out to these companies to complete their 4th quarter reports.

On October 17th, staff attended a Senior Expo at the YWCA in Flushing and on October 26th, staff attended the BioBlitz Event for students at For-Mar Nature Preserve. During both events, staff shared information and educated attendees about GCMPC's environmental programs.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Sheila Taylor, Division Manager
Community Development Program

DATE: November 7, 2023

SUBJECT: **Community Development Program – October 2023 Status Report**

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

In October, staff began the process of drafting the Program Year 2024 Action Plan. CDBG projects for 2024 were already determined during the 2022-2024 Call For Projects. Staff also announced the 2025-2027 CDBG Call for Projects and began meeting with all local units of government to review the process. Local units of government will hold public hearings during the month of November to obtain input from their communities. Project applications will be submitted through the Neighborly portal, with pre-applications due on December 6th, followed by a full application due by January 10th. The pre-application is used to determine if a project is eligible, and the full application requires additional project details once a project is deemed eligible.

Staff also released the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Call for Projects for 2024. Applications for ESG are also accepted through Neighborly and will be due by December 6th. Local non-profit agencies are eligible to apply for programs in several categories including emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, and homeless management information systems (HMIS).

HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)

During October, staff updated the participating lender agreements and informed the lenders about the increased down payment assistance amount. The down payment assistance program will now offer a maximum of \$10,000 for down payment and closing costs. Currently, Genesee County has six participating lenders that help implement the down payment assistance program. Staff also opened HOME applications for the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program only. The County is accepting applications from non-profit or social service agencies that can operate a rental assistance program for low-income families. TBRA applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 22, 2023.

Derek Bradshaw, Director Christine Durgan, Assistant Director

Home Improvement Program

During October, the Urgent Repair Program completed a roof replacement and a septic replacement, expending \$40,654 in CDBG funding. One Home Improvement Program rehabilitation project was completed and utilized \$22,177 in CDBG funding. Nine homeowner referrals were submitted to the Consumers Energy Helping Neighbors program to receive new furnaces and/or hot water heaters.

Neighborhood Stabilization Program/Neighborhood Purchase/Rehab/Resale

The contract with Fitch Builders to rehabilitate the NSP home located at 4315 Dexel Drive has been signed by all parties. A check for \$35,215.50, or 30% of the total contract amount, is currently being processed for Fitch Builders so that building materials can be purchased. The project is set to begin during November.



GENESEE COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING
COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission
FROM: Christine A. Durgan, Assistant Director
DATE: November 7, 2023
SUBJECT: **American Rescue Plan Act – October 2023 Status Report**

American Rescue Plan Act Local Unit Projects

The Thompson Road Corridor Water Improvements Project was completed and is in the process of being closed out. The City of Linden Water Extension project held a pre-construction meeting for their water extension project. These projects will both have an immense impact and provide improved water access for residents and businesses in the area.

Other projects that finished in October include the City of Clio Butler Street Reconstruct and the City of Flushing Sewer Lining Project. Both projects will improve the service delivery for residents in Clio and Flushing.

GCMPC has managed 30 total projects, of which 14 are complete. Another 4 are scheduled to finish before the end of the year. So far, over \$8 million of County ARPA funding has been spent on GCMPC projects alone.



GENESEE COUNTY
METROPOLITAN PLANNING
COMMISSION

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission

FROM: Derek Bradshaw, Director

DATE: November 7, 2023

SUBJECT: Report of the Director – October 2023 Status Report

Staffing

A Planning Specialist and Planner Position were recently posted. It is our expectation to fill those positions before the end of the year. The positions will assist both the Transportation and Community Development Divisions. We interviewed and offered the Housing Rehab Specialist I position to a candidate, and he accepted. Filling this position will help to expand the Housing Program and provide additional service to our residents.

GLS Region V

During the month of October, staff spoke at the Conversations for Community Developers Community Economic Development Association of Michigan Regional event. Staff provided an overview of the statewide housing plan and talked about the priorities and strategies that Region H plans to implement. In November, staff will be attending a Regional Housing Partnership meeting where we will discuss the next steps for action plan implementation.

The next GLS Region V meeting will be held on November 28, 2023.

Derek Bradshaw, Director Christine Durgan, Assistant Director