

HELP PLAN OUR TOWNSHIP'S FUTURE

What is a Master Plan?

A comprehensive (or master) plan is a policy document prepared by the Planning Commission to guide development in the Township. Townships are given the authority, with the Planning Commission given the specific responsibility to develop a Master Plan by the State Planning Act. State statutes further assert that the Zoning Ordinance should be based on an up-to-date plan.

The purpose of the Pleasantview Township Master Plan is to provide guidelines for future development, while protecting the natural resources and rural character of the Township. This plan will present extensive background information including socio-economic data on the Township; description and maps of natural resources; and inventory of existing community facilities. The background information will be analyzed to identify important characteristics, changes, and trends occurring in Pleasantview Township. Community concerns will be identified based on numerous outreach efforts, including a Property Owner Opinion Survey conducted in the winter 2008, comment cards, previous planning efforts, a goal setting workshop and input received at Master Plan work sessions. Goals and policies will be developed to guide future development based on the background studies, key land use trends and community issues. These goals, plus a detailed map of existing land use, will provide the basis for the Future Land Use Map. This map will specify where the various types of future development ideally will be located in the Township.

The Pleasantview Township Master Plan will also provide suggestions for carrying out the identified goals and policies. The guidance provided by this Master Plan will be utilized in a review of the Township Zoning Ordinance and other measures the Township is authorized to take.

Please complete the Township Survey

and

Provide your INPUT throughout this important planning process.

Comments can be provided to our consultant, Mary Campbell, M.C. Planning & Design, 504 Liberty St., Petoskey, MI 49770, via e-mail: mcampbell@mcplanningdesign.com with "Pleasantview Township Comments" in the subject line, or to any of the Planning Commissioner listed below:

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