

RESOLUTION: Gratiot Countywide Master Plan

WHEREAS, by statute 2008 PA 33 at least every five years, a planning commission shall review a master plan and determine whether to amend the plan, adopt a new plan, or maintain the existing plan; and

WHEREAS, the review period for local units of government within Gratiot County has arrived; and

WHEREAS, there is interest in certain local units of government withing Gratiot County to join efforts together to research and address areas of mutual concern and interest in land use planning; and

WHEREAS, Michigan law authorized local units of government in Gratiot County to utilize shared resources to help adopt master plans; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Washington Township to foster a collaborative effort between these local units of government to join together to exercise this common power jointly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington Township Board supports and authorizes its respective planning commission to jointly initiate the planning process to begin the planning process for the Master Land Use Plan and to appoint a representative to the Gratiot Countywide Master Plan Steering Committee to organize such effort. Such local government agrees to share costs for the development of such plan in the amount of \$1,033.50

The foregoing resolution offered by Board Member, Kevin Whaley

Second offered by Board Member, Barbara Hoffer

Upon roll call vote the following Township Board Members voted accordingly:

Supervisor, Howard Whaley YES NO

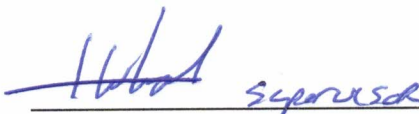
Clerk, Barbara Hoffer YES NO

Treasurer, Kevin Whaley YES NO

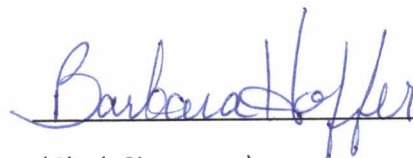
Trustee, Nancy Rogers YES NO

Trustee, Eric Whitford YES NO

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted on August 17, 2023.



(Supervisor Signature)



(Clerk Signature)



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Collaborating to shape a whole community



To: All Gratiot County Cities, Villages, and Townships
From: Jim Wheeler, Gratiot Countywide Master Plan Steering Committee
Date: July 20, 2023
Re: Involvement in the Master Plan Process

It is time again to start the Gratiot Countywide Master Plan process. The last iteration of this plan was an update that was approved by most municipal units in 2017 or 2018. State law requires the Plan be reviewed and/or updated every five years. There are a number of reasons why a new Master Plan is necessary at this time, including new Census data, major economic developments, and ongoing issues related to transportation, broadband access, and state requirements.

The Gratiot Countywide Steering Committee recently selected a consultant to draft a new Master Plan for Gratiot County: Community Image Builders (CIB). This firm showed a great understanding of collaborative planning projects, had relevant past experience, and was cost effective. The total cost will be \$35,000 for the Master Plan.

Gratiot County, as before, will be acting as fiduciary. As agreed, the cost will be allocated amongst all municipal units based on parcel count. We anticipate the cost will be \$1.60 per parcel, full cost per unit is attached.

Each municipal unit interested in participating in the countywide effort will need its legislative body to pass the attached resolution to be a formal participant in the countywide efforts. Once completed, please send a copy to 136 S. Main St., Ithaca, MI 48847 or by email to info@gratiot.org. Once we receive your resolution, the County will send out bills for the Master Plan process.

*emailed
8/22/2023
2:15pm
JW*

CIB will be working with the Steering Committee to determine a timeline of activities, which will include public sessions for citizen feedback. We will forward this on when it is finalized. Each municipal unit is asked to provide a person (with alternate, if needed) to participate on the Steering Committee.

If any unit is interested in pursuing a more in-depth analysis of their area (which can be added as an addendum to the full Master Plan), extra services may be contracted with CIB. Please let us know if your unit would be interested in this, and we will provide you with the appropriate information.

Thank you for your cooperation in continuing the spirit of collaboration in Gratiot County. This saves every unit a considerable amount of time, funds, and effort, while still getting a comprehensive and thorough Master Plan. Gratiot County is still known as a leader in Michigan for our unique and beneficial planning efforts; we are happy to continue this tradition.

If you have any questions, please call (989) 875-2083.

Thank you,

Jim Wheeler, President



5 MICHIGAN CERTIFIED BUSINESS PARKS

Gratiot Countywide Master Plan Costs

Economic Development Strategy (\$10,000) to be covered by GDI

Unit	Parcels	MP Cost per Parcel	Total Cost
City of Alma	3233	\$1.60	\$5,164.30
City of Ithaca	1421	\$1.60	\$2,269.86
City of St. Louis	1554	\$1.60	\$2,482.31
Village of Breckenridge	573	\$1.60	\$915.29
Village of Ashley	284	\$1.60	\$453.65
Village of Perrinton	203	\$1.60	\$324.27
Arcada Township	1060	\$1.60	\$1,693.21
Bethany Township	981	\$1.60	\$1,567.02
Elba Township	657	\$1.60	\$1,049.47
Emerson Township	709	\$1.60	\$1,132.54
Fulton Township	1835	\$1.60	\$2,931.18
Hamilton Township	379	\$1.60	\$605.40
Lafayette Township	558	\$1.60	\$891.33
Newark Township	734	\$1.60	\$1,172.47
New Haven Township	700	\$1.60	\$1,118.16
North Shade Township	605	\$1.60	\$966.41
North Star Township	750	\$1.60	\$1,198.03
Pine River Township	1545	\$1.60	\$2,467.94
Seville Township	1372	\$1.60	\$2,191.59
Sumner Township	1085	\$1.60	\$1,733.15
Washington Township	647	\$1.60	\$1,033.50
Wheeler Township	1026	\$1.60	\$1,638.90
Total	21911		\$35,000.00

*Based on 2022 Parcel Count report from Gratiot County Equalization

RESOLUTION ##-2023

TO BEGIN MASTER PLAN EFFORTS AS PART OF THE GRATIOT COUNTYWIDE MASTER PLAN EFFORTS

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Legislative Body of the Washington Township (City/Village/Township) of Gratiot County supports and authorizes its respective planning commission to jointly initiate the planning process to begin the planning process for the Master Land Use Plan and to appoint a representative to the Gratiot Countywide Master Plan Steering Committee to organize such effort. Such local unit of government agrees to share costs for development of such plan in the amount of \$1,033.50.

The foregoing resolution offered by Kevin Whaley and supported by Barbara Hoffer.

Upon roll call vote, the following voted
"Aye:" Eric Whitford, Nancy Rogers, Barbara Hoffer, Kevin Whaley, Howard Whaley
"Nay:" —

Resolution declared duly adopted.

Signed: Barbara Hoffer

Date: 08/17/2023

Clerk of Washington Township

I, Barbara Hoffer, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Washington Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board (Board/Council/Commission) of Washington Township (City/Village/Township) at the regular meeting of said Township (Board/Council/Commission) held on August 17th, 2023, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as hereinbefore set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Barbara Hoffer
Clerk of Washington Township