

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING WASHTENAW/YPSILANTI GIS SERVICE PROJECT PARTICIPANTS ON THEIR HONORABLE MENTION AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT AWARDED BY SEMCOG AND MAC

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

November 7, 2001

WHEREAS, this is the fourth year of the SEMCOG/MAC Joint Public Services Awards Program; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the awards is to honor local units of government, school districts, and private or nonprofit organizations working together to provide outstanding joint public services within Southeast Michigan; and

WHEREAS, proposals are reviewed for at least two of the following- *Costs* – The public service demonstrates cost savings or avoidance of future costs to participate; *Continuing Impact* – The effort increased citizen awareness and appreciation of public services and/or benefits of intergovernmental cooperation. Communication and general collaboration among participating communities/school districts also improved; *Transferability* – The cooperative effort can be replicated by other communities/school districts; and

WHEREAS, the agencies nominated and receiving awards, make contributions to a widespread knowledge of cooperative methods for delivering public services, improving quality of life and conserving limited public funds; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County and the City of Ypsilanti have received an Honorable Mention Award for their efforts with the Washtenaw/Ypsilanti GIS Services Project; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw/Ypsilanti GIS Services Project involved cooperation between Washtenaw County Equalization Department, Washtenaw County GIS Program, Ypsilanti City Assessors Office and the Ypsilanti City Planning Office; and

WHEREAS, the project resulted in development of a parcel-level mapping system for the City of Ypsilanti; and

WHEREAS, participants worked collaboratively to verify existing land descriptions and integrate the county GIS with the city's assessment database to produce a series of map products for the city planning, assessor and community development offices; and

WHEREAS, the collaboration has resulted in increased efficiencies for both the county and city, providing planners, city/county officials and citizens with a more comprehensive view of the physical, economic and cultural resources Ypsilanti has to offer

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby commends the Washtenaw County Planning on their Honorable Mention Award and wishes them continued success on future collaborative efforts