

Planning Advisory Board Regional Planning Group Membership Detail

Chelsea Area Planning Team/Dexter Area Regional Team (CAPT/DART)

Local government representation within the Chelsea Area Planning Team and Dexter Area Regional Team (CAPT/DART) is composed of volunteer elected and appointed officials. The CAPT/DART group chose not to recommend anyone to be their representative on the Planning Advisory Board, but rather encouraged anyone within the group to send a letter of interest to the PAB.

Milan Organization for Regional Excellence (MORE)

In 2000, representatives from the 5 communities of Augusta Township, York Township, City of Milan, Milan Township (Monroe County) and London Township (Monroe County) attended a Saline Community-wide Planning Meeting. From that meeting, the communities identified a goal of collaborating regionally and to develop a plan to embark upon that collaboration. After the Saline Community-wide Planning Meeting, the Milan Organization for Regional Excellence began meeting in June 2000 and began the process to identify how the 5 communities could work together. The members recognized the region was beginning to change more rapidly. Thus, the communities of Augusta Township, London Township, Milan City, Milan Township, and York Township, Milan Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Milan School District formed the Milan Organization for Regional Excellence (MORE). MORE was formed by a group of community leaders concerned about community issues and growth pressures in the Milan area.

The team consists of representatives from the Milan Area Chamber of Commerce, the Townships of Augusta and York in Washtenaw County, London and Milan Townships in Monroe County and the City of Milan, as well as participation from Milan Area Schools. This is one of a kind group that straddles into two counties. The attendees of MORE Meetings have been both representatives of the 5 communities local boards and Milan City Council as well as representatives from the general public. MORE meeting participants help to decide the agenda for each meeting.

To date, there haven't been any actions by any of the four respective Township Boards nor the Milan City Council where they have joined or organized the MORE group. The four Township Boards and the Milan City Council have not made any official appointments to MORE. Meeting participation is open to anyone that attends the meeting. However, meeting participants that are elected board members/Milan City Council members do indicate that they provide reports to their respective Boards and to the City Council from time to time about MORE's activities.

In 2005 the MORE group discussed the possibilities of developing a charter, and having each of the 4 townships, and the City of Milan officially appoint members to the group and adopt the charter for the group. At that time, the members discussed the possibilities of organizing, but generally did not feel it was necessary and thought that the open nature worked the best for the group, so any interested citizen could participate in the group.

MORE didn't take action on the PAB representative. The representative was picked based on who was willing to serve and availability.

Saline Sustainability Circle (S.S.C.)

The Saline Sustainability Circle (SSC) was formed by a group of community leaders concerned about community issues and growth pressures in the Saline area. The team consists of representatives from the Townships of Lodi, Pittsfield, Saline and York and the City of Saline, as well as participation from Saline Area Schools and the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce.

The 5 communities have worked together for several years on different community issues. During the late 1990's and into the year 2000, these five communities, Bridgewater Township, the Coalition for a Quality Community, the Saline Area Schools, the Saline District Library, the Saline Community Hospital, and the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce engaged in the Saline Community Wide Planning effort. This group formed to address both school issues and community issues. That effort cumulated in the passing of a \$125 million bond issue by voters of the Saline Area School District to build new school facilities as well as to fund the CARES program.

The CARES program is focused on cultural, recreational, educational, and social issues in the community. A small portion of the passed school bond millage helps fund programs and projects related to these areas. Members recognized the region was beginning to change more rapidly. Thus, the communities of Lodi Township, Pittsfield Township, Saline City, Saline Township, and York Township, Saline Area Chamber of Commerce, the Saline Area Schools, and the Coalition for a Quality Community (CQC) formed the Saline Sustainability Circle (SSC). In 2000, representatives from the 5 communities, the Saline Area Schools, the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce and the Saline CQC began meeting to discuss land use and community issues from a regional perspective. From those early meetings, the communities identified a goal of collaborating regionally and developed regional planning guidelines to embark upon that collaboration.

In 2005 the Saline Sustainability Circle developed a Group Charter to formally organize its membership. The Townships of Lodi, Pittsfield, Saline, and York, and the City of Saline, as well as Saline Area Schools and the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce adopted the Group Charter, and each community and organization appoints two

members to the SSC. The appointed members are either elected officials or members of the community's respective planning commission, however, at least one should be an elected official. The Saline Area Schools appoints two members and the Saline Area Chamber of Commerce appoints a non-voting member.

The Saline Sustainability Circle appointed the PAB representative by a vote of the SSC voting members at their January 2008 meeting.

SOUTHWEST WASHTENAW COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (SWWCOG)

Established: April 10, 1997, following resolutions from governing bodies

Permanent Membership: Village of Manchester
Bridgewater Township
Freedom Township
Sharon Township
Manchester Community Schools

Invited Membership: Manchester DDA

Representation: Each Permanent Member organization has two representatives.

Each representative may have a designated alternate to act in his or her absence.

Additional representation from member units may be identified for special projects.

SWWCOG may also invite participation from non-member organizations for any activities.

Voting: Each representative shall have one vote. Organizational matters shall be decided by a majority vote. Policy matters, e.g. recommendations to constituent organizations, shall be decided by at least a two-thirds majority. Actions by SWWCOG are non-binding recommendations are purely advisory.

Election of Members: Chief elected officials of participating jurisdictions are automatic members. Chief elected officials appoint the second representative.

SWWCOG elects its officers annually in August. Officers are Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Recording Secretary

Representative to PAB: Elected by SWWCOG membership, based on interest and ability to serve

Washtenaw Metro Alliance (WMA)

The Washtenaw Metro Alliance was formed in 2003 through execution of a charter. The charter identifies the purpose, background, core principles, structure and process elements. The charter is not organized pursuant to any state act, but is rather a voluntary commitment to protect the quality of life in the region.

The representative to the PAB was selected through a process where any member was able to volunteer or nominate a member. Evan Pratt was nominated and approved by voice vote of the WMA group.