



STAFF REPORT: Planning Advisory Board/2007 Annual Workshop

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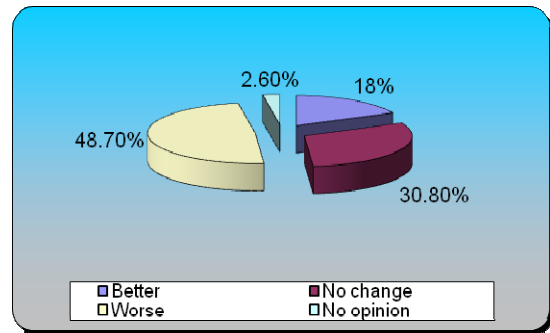
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Discussion Highlights:

Following the ranking question, there were five minute table discussions on the top five Comprehensive plan chapters. The discussions were Economic Development, Transportation, Agriculture, Landscapes, and Housing. The full notes are in the appendices.

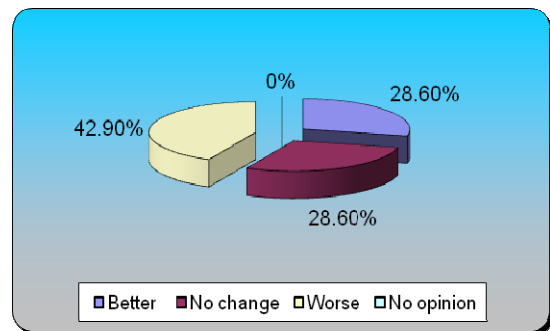
Economic Development

- SPARK is doing its job, but we need to recognize the work of local government.
 - Two tables discussed the need for SPARK to attract “high tech” jobs and manufacturing jobs.
 - We are in a global economy; it is difficult to affect the economic climate.
- Need to build communities that retain young people.
 - Transportation policy was mentioned at two tables as being a critical factor in creating attractive communities.
 - Attracting the “creative class” was mentioned by multiple tables.
- Tax policy was a discussion topic at multiple tables, though the consensus was that it was primarily a state issue.



Transportation

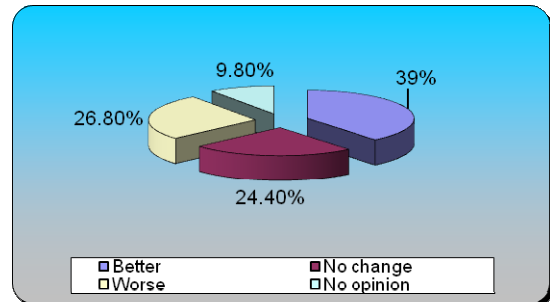
- Non-motorized transportation was mentioned as a critical issue by most of the discussion tables.
- Transit, including light rail, was discussed at multiple tables though no clear consensus emerged.



- The need for more regional transportation planning was an issue; funding was as well.
- The need for better communication with the County Road Commission was discussed at two tables.
- A number of different concerns emerged with regard to road conditions and funding, from the need to pave gravel roads, explore HOV lanes, or to review travel times to manage congestion.

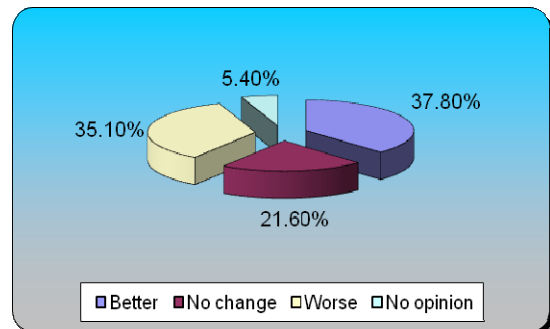
Agriculture

- Overall most tables agreed that there were some positive steps with regard to the Agriculture goal.
- Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) and the Food Systems Partnership (FSEP) were viewed as positive in the community.
- There is a need to continue to promote local growers and capitalize on the growth of organics.
- A few tables discussed the need for greater urban density to slow the growth in rural areas.



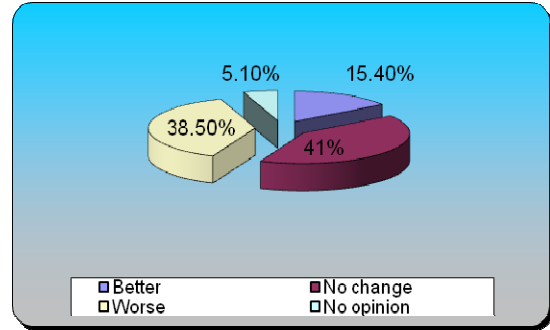
Landscapes

- Most of the tables felt that positive steps had been made for this goal, though in part because the economy has eased development pressure.
- There was discussion regarding the need for greater cooperation.
- Two tables discussed the need to improve the education around land use.
- We should focus development into existing cities and villages and need communities to have "open space" plans.
- Two tables mentioned the need for shared legal support in defense of developer lawsuits.



Housing

- The economy was seen as having a negative affect on housing in the County.
- Affordable housing was discussed at multiple tables including the need to define affordability, the rationale, and the impact of the economy on affordability.
- Mortgage and tax foreclosures were discussed at two of the tables.
- There was also discussion on exploring zoning and regulatory options to address the housing situation.



Background:

The 2007 Planning Advisory Board Annual Workshop was held on Thursday, November 27, 2007. 57 people attended the workshop, including the Planning Advisory Board Members, staff, local representatives and other invited guests. The workshop used an interactive audience voting system supplied by Michigan State University Extension Service.

The workshop was intended as a preliminary review and feedback session for the County's Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Services Division is planning to engage in a five year review and update of the Plan beginning in 2008. Andrea Brown of the Michigan Association of Planning was the keynote speaker for the event.

Following the keynote address by Andrea Brown, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Planning, Brett Lenart facilitated a review of the current Comprehensive Plan accomplishments and areas that need to be addressed. The presentation included sample questions to familiarize the audience with the voting system.

The second half of the presentation, which included the table discussions, was facilitated by Patricia Denig. Participants were asked to identify the jurisdiction they represent (city, township village) and type (suburban, rural etc.). By asking the question, the voting system allowed us to cross tabulate the responses to the prioritization questions by the jurisdiction, while maintaining the privacy of individual respondents. The responses are outlined by jurisdiction in this section and in the appendices.

The participants were heavily weighted toward the Townships, with 24 of the 39 respondents representing Townships. Of the remaining, only four respondents were from a city and two from a village. Nine respondents identified themselves as

representing the county.¹ In addition, 50 percent of the respondents rated their community as either rural or suburban/rural.

The first question asked the participants to rank the top three focus areas of the plan. The results are listed below:

Economic Development	21	19.27%
Transportation	19	17.43%
Agriculture	17	15.60%
Landscapes (land use and development)	13	11.93%
Housing	13	11.93%
Natural Resources	11	10.09%
Sewer and Water Services	8	7.34%
Parks and Recreation	6	5.50%
Solid Waste	1	0.92%
Historic Preservation	0	0%
Totals	109	100%

From the above totals, the rank cross tabulated by jurisdiction:

Rank the top three issues		
Twp	Agriculture	23%
	Economic Development	17%
	Transportation	15%
County	Economic Development	30%
	Transportation	26%
	Housing	17%
Village	Housing	33%
	Natural Resources	17%
	Economic Development	17%
	Transportation	17%
	Parks and Recreation	17%
City	Natural Resources	22%
	Housing	22%
	Transportation	22%
	Landscapes	11%
	Agriculture	11%
	Sewer and Water Services	11%

¹ Staff did not participate in the voting. The County representatives were likely the members of the Planning Advisory Board or Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners.

Participant Feedback/Evaluation:

33 participants completed the session evaluation, below are the composite scores for each question asked. (1 = Strongly Disagree – 5 = Strongly Agree)

1. "Michigan's Planning Future" presented by Andrea Brown, Executive Director, Michigan Association of Planning was provided useful information for the workshop discussion.

Composite Score 3.6

2. Receiving the status update to the Comprehensive Plan for Washtenaw County prior to tonight's workshop informed your table's discussion.

Composite Score 3.1

3. The presentation on Areas of Progress and Areas to be addressed was a helpful primer for the polling and table discussion.

Composite Score 3.8

4. The Audience Polling System was a useful tool for getting input in tonight's discussion.

Composite Score 4.3

5. The table discussions provided opportunity to give more detailed feedback on the selected focus areas.

Composite Score 4.1

6. Overall, this workshop was a valuable feedback opportunity

Composite Score 3.9

Appendix A

Turning Results by Question

Session Name: Current Session

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1.) How many new housing units have been added to Washtenaw County since 2004?

Less than 1,500
 1,501 to 2,000
 2,001 to 2,500
2,501 to 3,000
 3,001 +

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
	7.50%	3
	25%	10
	22.50%	9
	17.50%	7
	27.50%	11
Totals	100%	40

2.) Since 2004, how many communities have amended their master plans to become eligible for State purchase of development rights funding?

Five
 Seven
Nine
 Eleven
 Thirteen

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
	13.64%	6
	13.64%	6
	31.82%	14
	13.64%	6
	27.27%	12
Totals	100%	44

3.) Since 2004, how many local units of government have enacted millages dedicated to preserving open space?

One
 Two
 Three
Four
 Five

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
	0%	0
	22.22%	10
	40%	18
	28.89%	13
	8.89%	4
Totals	100%	45

4.) Are you here representing a...

City
 Village
 Township
 County

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
	10.26%	4
	5.13%	2
	61.54%	24
	23.08%	9
Totals	100%	39

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5.) How do you define the community you represent?

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Urban	6.98%	3
Urban/Suburban	18.60%	8
Suburban	2.33%	1
Suburban/Rural	27.91%	12
Rural	23.26%	10
All of the above	20.93%	9
Totals	100%	43

6.) Practice Session: From the American Film Institute's top ten movie villains of all time, please pick your top three...

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Dr. Hannibal Lecter (The Silence of the Lambs)	30.39%	31
Norman Bates (Psycho)	10.78%	11
Darth Vader (Star Wars)	19.61%	20
The Wicked Witch of the West	10.78%	11
Nurse Ratched (One Flew over the Cuckoos Nest)	8.82%	9
Mr. Potter (It's a Wonderful Life)	5.88%	6
Alex Forrest (Fatal Attraction)	3.92%	4
Phyllis Dietrichson (Double Indemnity)	1.96%	2
Regan MacNeil (The Exorcist)	4.90%	5
The Queen from Snow White	2.94%	3
Totals	100%	102

7.) Part I – Ranking the Focus Areas of the County Comprehensive Plan Please vote on your top three

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Landscapes (land use and development)	11.93%	13
Agriculture	15.60%	17
Natural Resources	10.09%	11
Economic Development	19.27%	21
Housing	11.93%	13
Parks and Recreation	5.50%	6
Historic Preservation	0%	0
Transportation	17.43%	19
Sewer and Water Services	7.34%	8
Solid Waste	0.92%	1
Totals	100%	109

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8.) Economic Development Goal: Provide job opportunities, raise the standard of living of county residents, promote a sense of place and realize a tax base sufficient to provide public services through a comprehensive set of public and private strategies

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Better	17.95%	7
No change	30.77%	12
Worse	48.72%	19
No opinion	2.56%	1
Totals	100%	39

9.) Transportation Goal: Strategically plan for and invest in a transportation network that meets the needs of future residents and businesses while promoting our sense of place and protecting the environment.

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Better	28.57%	12
No change	28.57%	12
Worse	42.86%	18
No opinion	0%	0
Totals	100%	42

10.) Agriculture Goal: Encourage and support programs that maintain the viability of Washtenaw County's agricultural sector.

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Better	39.02%	16
No change	24.39%	10
Worse	26.83%	11
No opinion	9.76%	4
Totals	100%	41

11.) Housing Goal: To provide safe, decent and affordable housing for the County residents focusing on the needs of lower income, work force and special needs populations.

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Better	15.38%	6
No change	41.03%	16
Worse	38.46%	15
No opinion	5.13%	2
Totals	100%	39

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12.) Landscapes Goal: Promote an efficient pattern of development that maintains our sense of place, preserves our natural resources and reduces the effects of sprawl.

	Responses	
	(percent)	(count)
Better	37.84%	14
No change	21.62%	8
Worse	35.14%	13
No opinion	5.41%	2
Totals	100%	37

Appendix B

Turning Demographic Comparisor

Session Name: Current Session
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1.) How many new housing units have been added to Washtenaw County since 2001

	Less than 1,500	1,501 to 2,000	2,001 to 2,500	2,501 to 3,000	3,001 +	Total
City	1	0	0	1	1	3
Village	0	1	0	1	0	2
Township	0	6	7	2	5	20
County	1	2	1	3	1	8

2.) Since 2004, how many communities have amended their master plans to become eligible for State purchase of development rights funding?

	Five	Seven	Nine	Eleven	Thirteen	Total
City	0	1	2	1	0	4
Village	1	0	0	0	1	2
Township	4	3	6	3	7	23
County	0	0	6	1	2	9

3.) Since 2004, how many local units of government have enacted millages dedicated to preserving open space?

	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Total
City	0	1	2	1	0	4
Village	0	1	0	0	1	2
Township	0	6	8	3	1	23
County	0	1	4	3	1	9

4.) Are you here representing a...

	City	Village	Township	County	Total
City	4	0	0	0	4
Village	0	2	0	0	2
Township	0	0	24	0	24
County	0	0	0	9	9

5.) How do you define the community you represent

	Urban	Urban/Suburban	Suburban	Suburban/Rural	Rural	All of the above	Total
City	2	2	0	0	0	0	4
Village	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Township	0	4	1	11	1	1	24
County	0	1	0	0	1	1	9

6.) Practice Session: From the American Film Institute's top ten movie villains of all time, please pick your top three...

	Dr. Hannibal Lecter (The Silence of the Lambs)	Norman Bates (Psycho)	Darth Vader (Star Wars)	The Wicked Witch of the West	Nurse Ratched (One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest)	Mr. Potter (It's a Wonderful Life)	Alex Forrest (Fatal Attraction)	Phyllis Dietrichson (Double Indemnity)	Regan MacNeil (The Exorcist)	The Queen from Snow White	Total
City	2	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	9
Village	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Township	16	5	9	7	5	2	1	3	3	1	54
County	8	2	4	3	2	1	0	2	1	1	24

7.) Part I - Ranking the Focus Areas of the County Comprehensive Plan Please vote on your top three

	Landscapes (land use and development)	Agriculture	Natural Resources	Economic Development	Housing	Parks and Recreation	Historic Preservation	Transportation	Sewer and Water Services	Solid Waste	Total
City	1	4	2	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	9
Village	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	6
Township	6	14	8	10	3	4	0	9	5	1	60
County	3	1	0	7	4	1	0	6	1	0	23

8.) Economic Development Goal: Provide job opportunities, raise the standard of living of county residents, promote a sense of place and realize a tax base sufficient to provide public services through a comprehensive set of public and private strategies

	Better	No change	Worse	No opinion	Total
City	1	2	1	0	4
Village	0	0	2	0	2
Township	5	6	10	0	21
County	1	2	5	0	8

9.) Transportation Goal: Strategically plan for and invest in a transportation network that meets the needs of future residents and businesses while promoting our sense of place and protecting the environment.

	Better	No change	Worse	No opinion	Total
City	2	0	1	0	3
Village	0	0	1	0	2
Township	7	6	11	0	24
County	1	3	4	0	8

10.) Agriculture Goal: Encourage and support programs that maintain the viability of Washtenaw County's agricultural sector.

	Better	No change	Worse	No opinion	Total
City	0	4	0	0	4
Village	0	0	1	1	2
Township	9	5	7	1	22
County	5	1	2	0	8

11.) Housing Goal: To provide safe, decent and affordable housing for the County residents focusing on the needs of lower income, work force and special needs populations.

	Better	No change	Worse	No opinion	Total
City	0	3	1	0	4
Village	0	1	1	0	2
Township	6	8	5	2	21
County	0	2	6	0	8

12.) Landscapes Goal: Promote an efficient pattern of development that maintains our sense of place, preserves our natural resources and reduces the effects of sprawl.

	Better	No change	Worse	No opinion	Total
City	1	1	2	0	4
Village	0	1	1	0	2
Township	9	5	4	2	20
County	4	1	2	0	7

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Landscapes	
Brett's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Locals doing the best within their boundaries – not only considered outside ▪ Development pressure tapered off ▪ Still development pressures – Private Waste Water Systems ▪ County Parks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Purchasing Property ▪ Every time ask for a driveway permit ▪ 120 ft. right-of-way plans big road ▪ MDEQ permits without regard to local planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Bridgewater to Manchester ▪ State doing their own thing ▪ You could house all those people in Ypsi ▪ Facility development ▪ Using infrastructure capacity ▪ Growth planning
Josh's Table (including Tim's notes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Must get planning commissioners/board members educated! – we should be more involved in education ▪ Regional groups help – help coordinate planning efforts ▪ Have a lot, could use more – should think about “use” of open, preserved land ▪ Need to “sell” the Open Space plan to communities ▪ Open Space Plan should try to focus development toward city ▪ Places like Ypsi Twp. Could really use more to help fight sprawl – won't help density development in Ypsi without it ▪ Educate commissions on options – sprawl vs. pedestrian-friendly ▪ Commissioners and officials don't know enough about it ▪ Regional cooperation ▪ Open space preservation – needs purpose – education can help with this ▪ More open space plans to push development toward central cities ▪ Ypsi Township, Superior
Anya's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to encourage developers toward infill • Opportunities for redevelopment • USB: as receiving zone for TDR programs

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for regional approach/cooperation
Mark's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting better (to use?) – infill/Greenfields • Better – preservation ordinances, rain gardens, natural landscapes • Worse – haven't changed our development patterns • Regulations not coming up and incentives • Lack of creative thinking • We always talk to the converted – we need to talk to others – e.g. private sector • Benefit of current economy – take opportunity to update plans and ordinances • Time for analysis • Big County P&E role – disseminating information across jurisdiction • Gravel parking lots
Mike's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Like objective #1 • Objective 3 – sewer services waste water lakes • Objective 1 – very critical • Alameda CA – well thought out • Infill in an urban environment • Accessory dwelling units • Seniors are having a difficult time with (was long?) • Structural issue with taxes • Wrong places • Change structure on placing(?) to keep people here • Bring (?) objective – residential/course mixed use development • Vacant s___? Housing(?)
Melissa's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Getting better in Pittsfield, Dexter, Saline in the frame of mind, better incentives • Resistance from developers to design guidelines • Good Vibes – PUD mixed use at North Territorial and Dexter-Pinckney Road with public input • Not terribly visible to Scio • Need more education to Township planning commissions • Still the feeling of local initiative, not County (Scio) • Better tools available from County staff (Dexter) • County is ineffective – e.g. Sheriff's issue (Lodi)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A feeling of Townships doing it on their own • Lack of legal support in denial of developments and fielding lawsuits – need support from County in defense!!!
Terry's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have not applied the principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hard to implement • Issue is implementing • Legal – defending (with other communities) Master Plan agreements with City of Saline and Pittsfield • Sense of separations • And then defending against other communities • Do need better local cooperation • Bought 800 acres Pittsfield – aggressive purchasing • County Parks also purchasing • County-wide – legal defense funds • Municipal liability cover for defending • Be proactive instead of reactive • Bridgewater Township – plan to have plan • Tend not to be proactive – in situation nobody wanted to make determination
Jeremy's table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to communicate activities of progress to folks • Activity centers need to communicate with Townships more • Hard to get public involvement if not in backyard • Infill -> support, but townships not needed • More County communication • Wireless Washtenaw needs to move faster • Technology assist – but some areas of financial • Installation of fiber optics would assist • Open space – do it well • York Township privately raised funds – PDR – large farms
Housing	
Brett's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ YMCA -> Developer issue ▪ Housing is a symptom of our economic position ▪ Rental unit population <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Glut of rentals? ▪ Some people taking advantage of foreclosures, etc. ▪ More low-income apartments

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Housing difficult to find for prisoner re-entry programs ▪ Outstarts housing – where it's cheaper to develop ▪ Land in center city ▪ Workforce housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1100 square foot houses no longer being built
<p>Josh's Table (including Tim's notes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mortgage foreclosure should be area to emphasize <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with banks for foreclosure prevention • Treasurers program is on the right track • Enough affordable housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plenty of manufactured homes • Affordable housing requires walkability and density • We need infill • We could use density in more "smart places" • Should be more friendly and streamlined toward developments • Accessory dwelling units • Do more with foreclosures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with banks to renegotiate sob-prime mortgages • Education for borrowers • Market programs • Enough affordable housing – manufactured homes vs. trailer parks aren't affordable • Need to focus development • Integrate into all communities • Lack of density is an issue • Density and affordable housing – starts with communication with local governments • Western county not doing well with working with developers
<p>Anya's Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Density needs to include affordable options – we need to encourage more flexibility in zoning and streamlined processes so that developers can still make a profit when planning for a range of price points • Zoning ordinances need to be amended to increase flexibility and mixed use. Walkable communities = more affordable for young and aging population
<p>Mark's Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing model – what are best tools to have a range of housing? • Affordable to whom?

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't just give housing – need to have incentives – e.g. Habitat model • Needs to be market-driven • Planning needs zoning authority
Mike's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some of the affordable housing is being addressed not for the right reasons • Water Street project • Objective 2 – 1 potential answer <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing in dense areas • Tax abatement for residential • Mechanism to give people land • Need to look at taxes
Melissa's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic downturn is creating more affordable housing (soft market), but penalizing those who need to sell and are hobbled by their need to get a certain price • Higher occupancy in apartments due to foreclosures (soft landings) • Low cost housing choices are expanding in diversity – manufactured/apartments/older homes/divided residences (Pittsfield) • Most affordable housing is market rate and market driven – LUGs create zones conducive to development type • Still the push to build condos, even though they are not doing well on the market • Developers are still pushing for new, high profit • Diversity is no all “McMansions” • A lot of the diversity of housing stock is due to local zoning – not County • County is not doing much education on low-cost housing • False perception that manufactured housing is “affordable” (lot rent going up + mortgage = high cost)
Terry's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of progress • 35,000 – big need – being addressed reasonably • Urban County – housing rehab progress – getting better/not good • More homeless (pretty balanced) • Housing more affordable if you have a job • Look at a foreclosure

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zoning incentives in Livingston County as a possibility for addressing
Jeremy's table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Privately driven • Market driven in townships • Mix of housing • Discussion of density with assistance with mixture of housing

Agriculture

Brett's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Type of agriculture being preserved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Productivity ▪ Pesticide – other impacts of agricultural preservation ▪ Urban blob vs. distinct areas – large tracts together ▪ Great preservation activities recently ▪ Making sure of economic viability ▪ Ag innovations counselor success ▪ Collaborative success/leads to change ▪ Missing farmer's perspective in this group (table) ▪ Multi-generational efforts – farms ▪ Why can't Meijer have a local foods section? ▪ Open space is being lost due to development
Josh's Table (including Tim's notes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PDR needs more "selling," education – residential population doesn't see the benefit (No MBY's ? on 2 acre lots) ▪ More funding/programs to develop local markets ▪ Why can't we prepare local foods for schools? ▪ FSEP is doing well ▪ There is a younger generation that is into organic eating, farming – we should capitalize on this ▪ PDR – needs more marketing – people who are already in communities that are non-farming don't see connection to their quality of life ▪ Combine farmers in food systems planning ▪ Educate farmers on how to keep farm in family despite development pressure ▪ Agriculture is economic development ▪ Need to capitalize on popularity of health food and organic food ▪ Interconnection – to kids, health, jobs, education

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<p>Anya's Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional food systems: more farmers markets, local food supply to schools and restaurants • Agricultural impact statement from developers as regular part of project proposal, how this impacts local land use, food system economy, etc. • Scoring based on quality of land, transportation infrastructure, variety of what is produced and role in local economy and food system
<p>Mark's Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Info/not trickling down to local farmers – e.g. FSEP • People want to know more • PDR good • TDR – could be a threat by changing density as intended
<p>Mike's Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal is getting better • More increase awareness • Objective 3 – planning and zoning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PA116 – expanded to support farmers • Protect from improvements from short term • What are the ___? Legislators • PDR – money come from 116 – not effective tax break • Farming not viable • Produce farm/cash crop • Need to help on the bigger end • Large chunks sold, still used as agriculture
<p>Melissa's Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FSEP Program • PDRs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Problems with receiving info/better clarification • Demystifying of incentives • Increase city/urban density to preserve farmland <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • But difficult to market high-density tastes for consumers who want suburbia • Expand municipal sewers to prevent stand-alones • Higher density along corridors like Jackson Road • Work with development to spin it in a controlled fashion, rather than fight it • Increase recreational areas of high density to increase quality of life • Agriculture is endangered • Near-urban agriculture for food systems

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Terry's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More emphasis on buying local • Lake Isabella decision • Lima Township – private systems • *Private systems big gorilla* • Number of building permits is going down • Economy has lessened pressure • Soybean and corn prices are up • Saline Township – small township • Stockpiling land – facing • Elect people to the ____? • TDR/PDR
Jeremy's table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving in the right directions – millage • Washtenaw County – on web no sources for local farmers • More education • Important to purchase local – business local purchasing • Resistance by framers • Other farming choices (crops)/local good <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support different forms of crops – organic/niche • Plot • Farmers asset is land – given right • Funding to compete with developers • Should have right to sell • Zoning plans could hurt farmers • Outside of public funding – need more funding to back up • TDR – regional planning – work • County doing a great job – balance
Transportation	
Brett's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Status quo – roundabouts are a fad? ▪ Washtenaw County Road Commission is doing less with more money ▪ Lots of the same – no approach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ No new ideas ▪ Haven't made progress on rail yet ▪ Easiest places to get around ▪ Any errand less than a 10 minute ride

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rail line ▪ Transportation works relatively well ▪ WATS non-motorized plans ▪ Lack of funding ▪ HOV lanes ▪ Increased mileage efficiency ▪ Train is more viable alternative than buses
<p>Josh's Table (including Tim's notes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Transportation problems are related to rush hour/time ▪ Can we do flexible hours, relieve traffic? ▪ More regional planning for transportation planning! ▪ No wholistic-multi-jurisdictional ▪ Non-motorized – gaps in the system make whole system unstable ▪ Walking to school is unsafe. Opportunities for pedophiles, etc. – need more people walking together ▪ Washtenaw County transit is all directed to popular travel times ▪ Need to focus on traveling at different times ▪ Outside of the box solutions ▪ Regional approach – solutions for one community hurts others ▪ Is non-motorized transportation a serious consideration? ▪ Safety concerns with non-motorized transportation ▪ Not safe for children to walk to school
<p>Anya's Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Could do with more Park and Ride lots <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • move from left column to right – opportunity to improve further • rapid transit, non-motorized • Public education/outreach • Master Plans: need to encourage or require sidewalks and connectivity in new developments • Change ActS1 to say 10%, not "up to 10%" • External factors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Price of gasoline • Decreased funding for transportation • Presence of auto industry eliminated transit infrastructure
<p>Mark's Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both good and bad • Facilitating transportation may not promote a sense of place

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land use pattern – lead to more traffic on the roads • Lack of communication between Township and Road Commission • Fuel costs – historically low – leads to road building • Stop building and start maintaining • Advocacy and education – general public • Add political advocacy
Mike's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objective #3 – alternative transportation • Gravel Road issue – need to be paved • Funding mechanism in place/efficiency • Addressing right issues but it relates to economics • Efficiency of County Road Commission • Priority road maintenance • Connectivity Ann Arbor to Howell Rail • Don't know status • Money • Non-motorized funding • State-wide issue
Melissa's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major roads improved/maintained • Sustained resistance to bikeways/pedestrian paths by property owners • No money for some initiatives • Lack of accountability to Road Commission by BOC/need to address issue head-on • Need for coordinated effort on CIP plans • More clarity on funding/matching funds/apportionment system • Need a higher gas tax • Non-motorized transportation expansion needed – Jackson corridor – but cannot be entirely funded by fares • Road improvements take place without sidewalks/bike paths! • Need a transportation plan by WCRC
Terry's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ridership on AATA – non-motorized improved • Border-to-border trail • Financial support outside Ann Arbor • State Road corridor – upgraded, will improve • Some of the communities have dropped out • Condition of roads is better – new road surfaces – limestone

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving in right direction • High speed internet applications • Congestion is worse • Better job of physical • Rail initiative • Filling in missing sidewalks
Jeremy's table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dexter Township – First, long commute. Second, good place to live. • Lack of communication between community may relieve bottlenecks • Can't build out of it • Public transport – where (?) private • Transportation inconvenient/expensive • Opposed to expansion • Light rail viable • Hou(?) – lanes option • Toll lanes • Light rail interest – but frequency/capacity need to be there • Existing system more efficient • Doing nothing • Density -> gives alternative/need
Economic Development	
Brett's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 49% say worse ▪ No results from organization – Ann Arbor SPARK ▪ No job growth ▪ University of Michigan connection ▪ Quality of life ▪ Aeronova – Pittsfield Township ▪ Toyota Technical center ▪ Making Places – building communities for youth and talent ▪ Creative Class ▪ Housing diversity is critical ▪ Gap – 22 year-old grads, then baby boomers (40+) ▪ Chicago ▪ Lots can't be too small ▪ Transit – Community connections as economic driver ▪ Young creative class – will pick ▪ Create new jobs

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<p>Josh's Table (including Tim's notes)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ We are getting worse ▪ Focus has been on high tech, not enough on manufacturing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Opinion seconded – should keep focus on manufacturing ▪ Milwaukee actually ▪ We need more brains to bring back manufacturing ▪ More young people in agriculture, should have incentives to stay in farming ▪ We can have policies that effect manufacturing here! ▪ Focus areas – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ High tech more than manufacturing ▪ None for lower education levels ▪ Need to keep high-wage manufacturing ▪ Focus should be on both to keep unemployment low ▪ Need to stay competitive with global manufacturing ▪ More focus on agricultural jobs – problem with losing farms to development ▪ Need to focus on manufacturing county-wide
<p>Anya's Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transit options and transportation choice as economic drivers • Need for county-wide wireless internet connection • Creation of attractive centers that will keep people (especially educated groups) in Michigan • Large companies leaving has created place in the market for new, small businesses • Need for more support for these businesses. Ex: incubators
<p>Mark's Table</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How can we be competitive globally or even nationally – payoff hard to see • Seem to be losing some kind of strategy – e.g. tax breaks • Comp. in quality of life • Incentives to draw here – take away from there – general decline • Pfizer, price of fuel • Overloading housing, auto decline • County planning needs to be more than just advisory • Why keep doing the same thing over and over again?

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Mike's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did we answer the question correctly? • Answered on the economic situation in the community • Economic state of the county • Doing better than the rest of the state • Goals are reasonable • County-wide level/limited iwtc(?) org • You can affect it • Need to scream at Lansing • Stop taxing businesses • What would you like to reduce? • Decrease tax on property • Need to change property tax
Melissa's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal is well-written • Good progress in goals – appropriate focus • Pittsfield going well – downturn is not affecting as much • For sale signs going up in Dexter Township due to commuting costs • Saline: key is economic development director <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactive/aggressive staff – attracting businesses with streamlined, less stressful process • Key – make the system friendly for business • Customer service – help with presentation to the board • A lot of initiatives on the ground are done by LUGs, not the county (Scio) • SPARK is helpful • Stick to zoning – the plan
Terry's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pittsfield Township – booming economic development – locate there – SPARK better • Growth – price of gasoline • Planning Commissions • Eastern Washtenaw County initiative • Tax base – prime • Water Street • Ara Noble – Pittsfield • Number of buyup – Pfizer Biotech • County/SPARK working better than ever to attract • Not number • Procedures a success • Working relationship

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity is healthy • Too much emphasis on high tech • Male-oriented
Jeremy's table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Little local government do • Too many competing factors – market driven • County/State issue • High quality of life – communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linked natural resources • Open space • Regional planning Manchester – focus density, preserve outside area • Tax on gas • Tax on services • Urban service district – assist but market driven • Competing interests rural/urban • Shared services assist with economic development
Preliminary Response	
Brett's Table	
Josh's Table (including Tim's notes)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Because of elected officials, things like economy and housing (things officials hear about from ____?) are high on the list
Anya's Table	
Mark's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landscapes covers lots of other chapters • Transportation – huge issue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commute times • Journey to work increase • Volume increase • Can't build way of transportation – congestion • Independent people • Strip commercial – cater to commuter • Homogenization • Separate uses

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Mike's Table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pretty accurate • ED driven others – follow to wrong • Depends on your area • Natural resources • Agriculture – purchased at for development • Bought for development • Housing • Too much housing • Affordable housing
Melissa's Table	
Terry's Table	
Jeremy's table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •

Comments on the Evaluation Form
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Question 7: Using the space below, please indicate the area(s) that is a high priority for your community, which was not addressed this evening.

- Economic stability
- Economic Development
- Transportation
- Agriculture
- I feel we have not had enough discussions in this region about energy issues – both from a money/supply perspective and from a global warming perspective. Ann Arbor is leading on this and we'd like to help other communities come with us.
- Planning/development assistance from Washtenaw County to address "border" developments between townships and cities, specifically in "Urban Growth Areas."
- Solid waste
- Infrastructure development (water/sewer)
- Sewer and water
- Residential development in agricultural areas – was addressed but there's a lot to cover – big issue for us
- Natural resources
- Smart planning
- All topics must be looked at comprehensively. Land use affect all issues discussed and not discussed. Regional planning model is a must to move

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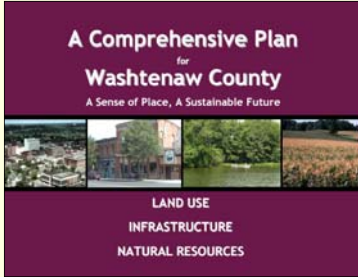
Question 8: Other feedback on tonight's workshop:

- Great!
- The discussion were a great forum and run very competently
- The polling method was a great means of keeping everyone involved
- Enjoyed it very much – thanks!
- Good presentation and exercises on feedback
- The area of the county west of Zeeb Road appeared to be underrepresented
- Thanks – enjoyed it, made me aware of valuable resources
- Too short and too much covered
- I appreciate the opportunity of providing input into our planning future
- While many areas have improved, this is not due to anything the County has done. Our Township has made tremendous strides on its own initiative. I am proud of this, and it is not a regional of County success, it is LOCAL.
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Question 9: Please help us identify a topic for next year's Planning Workshop. Using the space below, give us your ideas on what you think next year's topic should be.

- More joint planning initiative and assistance to communities
- Economic development – knowledge economy – advances in technology and potential impacts of land use/zoning
- How can planning promote physical fitness and social interaction?
- How to redesign transportation and variety of housing options and integrate them.
- Need better transportation system to increase housing density. How can we implement this going forward?
- How to involve the public in their own future
- Fighting the legal battles to enforce the plans
- Transportation funding
- Breaking down barriers to regional planning
- How to get the public involved in planning
- Next year, you could tell us projects the County has implemented in order to reach your goals. I am very disappointment with statements that home rule and local control are unsuccessful. Our taxpayers, our voters, our residents have worked hard for our success and these are not due to anything the County or region has attempted or accomplished. Local government is our greatest success in Michigan.

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Agenda

1. Warm Up Questions
2. Highlights - Areas of Progress & Areas to be Addressed
3. Comprehensive Plan Ranking
4. Focus Area Assessment and Breakout Discussion (4 to 5)
5. Comprehensive Plan Moving Forward
6. Wrap Up – Planning Advisory Board Chair, Commissioner Mandy Grewal

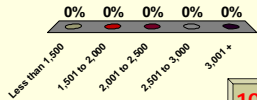
Warm Up Exercises

- We have a few questions to get you started.
- Please take out your electronic key pads.
- Be sure to press down firmly on your choice.
- Your responses are anonymous.
- Start with a few questions on the overall perspective of Washtenaw.



How many new housing units have been added to Washtenaw County since 2004?

- A. Less than 1,500
- B. 1,501 to 2,000
- C. 2,001 to 2,500
- D. 2,501 to 3,000
- E. 3,001 +



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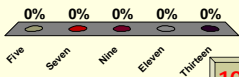
Answer D - 2,501 to 3,000

Based on current SEMCOG Reports 2,721 new housing units were created in Washtenaw County



Since 2004, how many communities have amended their master plans to become eligible for State purchase of development rights funding?

- A. Five
- B. Seven
- C. Nine
- D. Eleven
- E. Thirteen



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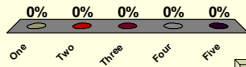
Answer C - 9 communities

While 9 communities have amended master plans since 2004, a total of 10 communities have State PDR-qualified language in their plan (Pittsfield Township's Master Plan met the requirements previously).



Since 2004, how many local units of government have enacted millages dedicated to preserving open space?

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four
- E. Five



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Answer D - 4

The City of Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor Township, Scio Township, and Webster Township have enacted dedicated millages for open space preservation. Pittsfield Township and Superior Township have allocated funding for this purpose through other mechanisms.



Comprehensive Plan Areas of Progress



- Washtenaw Metro Alliance, "A Plan for Coordinated and Connected Parkland and Open Space."
- Preserve Washtenaw Group
- Open space funding established by six local units of government

Comprehensive Plan Areas of Progress

- 13 Townships with established Purchase of Development Rights Programs (PDR)
- Over 3,300 acres of land preserved as open space (since January 2004)
- Over \$4.3 million in state and federal funding leveraged to preserve Washtenaw County Open Space



Comprehensive Plan Areas of Progress

- Agricultural Innovations Counselor
- Over 140 farmers & food systems entrepreneurs assisted with economic ventures.
- Online farm directory
- Over \$70,000 in grants for the Farm to School Pilot Project
- <http://www.fsepmichigan.org>



Comprehensive Plan Areas of Progress

- Environmental Portal – Community Educational tool of Best Practices
- City of Ann Arbor and Pittsfield Township have restricted the use of phosphorus.
- River Safe Homes Project launched.



Comprehensive Plan Areas of Progress

- \$6 million in grants and low interest loans for watershed restoration projects.
- Huron River Watershed Council working on stream buffer ordinances
- Ann Arbor, Pittsfield and Scio Townships approved new wetland ordinances.
- Private On-site Community Sewer System Regulations adopted by the County Board of Commissioners

Comprehensive Plan Areas of Progress



- Ann Arbor Spark/Washtenaw Development Corporation merger
- ETCS – Mega Partnership/Job Training
- Google
- Hyundai \$165 million expansion
- Compendia BioScience new start up from the entrepreneurial boot camps.
- Toyota Technical Center

Comprehensive Plan Areas of Progress

- Tax and Mortgage Foreclose Prevention taskforce working to maintain homeownership.
 - Shared, dedicated position with County Treasurer, Office of Community Development, and MSU Extension.
- Expansion of the Urban County increased the effectiveness and availability of HOME and CDBG funds.

Comprehensive Plan Areas of Progress



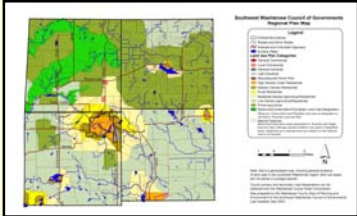
- Border to Border Trail
 - Continuing to add land and/or trail easements for a Huron River, border to border trail.
- Parks and Recreation
 - Since 2004, an additional 450 acres have been acquired by Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation Alone

Comprehensive Plan Areas of Progress

- WATS Completion of County Non-Motorized Plan
- County Road Commission CIP
- Transit Progress
 - WATS Completion of Western Washtenaw Regional Coordination Transit Study
 - Human Services Transit plan provides for access to over \$300,000 in federal funds for transit services.
 - WATS Leading County Transit Study
 - Washtenaw and Livingston (WALLY) and Ann Arbor to Detroit Commuter Rail Lines.

Comprehensive Plan Areas of Progress

- SWWCOG Partnerships for Change Grant
- Manchester Community Joint Planning Commission formed

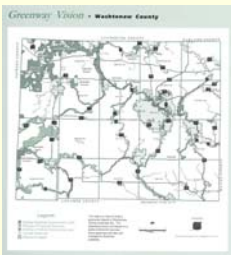


Comprehensive Plan Areas to be Addressed

- Infill Development
 - Suburban and Urban Infill
 - Small City and Village residential infill
 - Obsolete strip centers
 - Infill design criteria
- Urban Service Districts



Comprehensive Plan Areas to be Addressed



- Development of Regional Open Space Systems throughout the County.
- County-wide Greenway and Trail Network



Comprehensive Plan Areas to be Addressed

- Alternative transportation routes
- Residential road design standards
- Regional transit consortium



Comprehensive Plan Areas to be Addressed

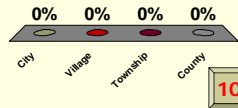
- Economic Development
 - Targeting industries through enhanced university/private sector connections and curriculum development.
 - Vacant manufacturing facility reuse strategies
- Communities of Success Strategy
 - A new public private partnership to improve the regional economic climate.

Audience Polling and Table Discussion Session

- Please note, we interested in the period covering 2004 to present
- Audience Polling System
 - Gather data on what type of community you represent
 - Rank the top areas of the Comprehensive Plan
 - Evaluate progress
- Table Discussion
 - Are the priorities correct?
 - Does anything jump out at you?
 - What external factors have changed and should be considered?
 - What did we miss?

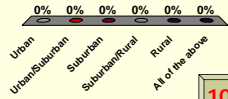
Are you here representing a...

1. City
2. Village
3. Township
4. County



How do you define the community you represent?

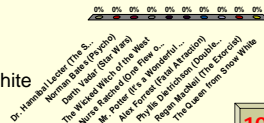
1. Urban
2. Urban/Suburban
3. Suburban
4. Suburban/Rural
5. Rural
6. All of the above



Practice Session:

From the American Film Institute's top ten movie villains of all time, please pick your top three...

1. Dr. Hannibal Lecter (*The Silence of the Lambs*)
2. Norman Bates (*Psycho*)
3. Darth Vader (*Star Wars*)
4. The Wicked Witch of the West
5. Nurse Ratched (*One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest*)
6. Mr. Potter (*It's a Wonderful Life*)
7. Alex Forrest (*Fatal Attraction*)
8. Phyllis Dietrichson (*Double Indemnity*)
9. Regan MacNeil (*The Exorcist*)
10. The Queen from *Snow White*



Part I – Ranking the Focus Areas of the County Comprehensive Plan
Please vote on your top three

1. Landscapes (*land use and development*)
2. Agriculture
3. Natural Resources
4. Economic Development
5. Housing
6. Parks and Recreation
7. Historic Preservation
8. Transportation
9. Sewer and Water Services
10. Solid Waste



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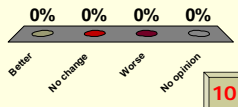
Part II – How are we doing

- Vote on how you think we're doing county-wide on each of the top five ranked areas.
- See the results as selected by all the participants here tonight.
- Discuss each focus area in greater detail for five minutes at your table.

Landscapes Goal: Promote an efficient pattern of development that maintains our sense of place, preserves our natural resources and reduces the effects of sprawl.

Since 2004, is the goal for Landscapes getting...

1. Better
2. No change
3. Worse
4. No opinion



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Landscapes

Areas of progress

- Objective 1 - Infill
 - City of Ypsilanti Urban Infill Atlas and Report
 - Suburban Infill Atlas
- Objective 2 – Activity Centers
 - Developed model master plan language demonstrating benefits and fiscal impacts of alternative land use patterns
- Objective 3 – Rural Landscapes
 - Study to identify housing needs and strategies
 - Assist with development of sewer service near lakes
 - Upgrading the Multi-Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility.
- Objective 4 – Open Space
 - Green Places Open Spaces
 - Space buffer recommendations
 - Lessons from the Land
 - High School curriculum in local schools

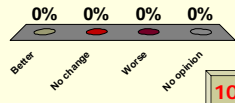
Areas to be addressed

- Objective 1 – Infill
 - Urban Auto Dependent Uses
 - Infill design
 - Infill strip centers
 - Small city and village residential
 - Small city and village infrastructure planning
 - Small city and village road network
 - Small city and village infill design
- Objective 3 – Rural Landscapes
 - State legislation
 - Urban Service Districts
 - Hamlet Plans
 - Lakeside residential design standards

Agriculture Goal: Encourage and support programs that maintain the viability of Washtenaw County’s agricultural sector.

Since 2004, is the goal for Agriculture getting...

1. Better
2. No change
3. Worse
4. No opinion



Agriculture

Areas of progress

- Objective 1 – Viability
 - Food Systems Economic Partnership (FSEP)
 - Economic viability study
- Objective 2 – Preservation
 - Implementation of State PDR
 - Received over 87 applications
 - Model TDR ordinance expected this year

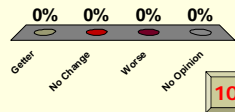
Areas to be addressed

- Objective 1 – Viability
 - New Market Zoning
- Objective 3 – Planning and Zoning Tools
 - Model Agriculture Ordinances
 - State enabling legislation
 - Agricultural impact statement

Natural Resources Goal: To protect, preserve and restore the natural resources of Washtenaw County through a comprehensive approach to water management and preservation of our natural features.

Since 2004, is the goal for Natural Resources getting...

1. Better
2. No Change
3. Worse
4. No Opinion



Natural Resources

Areas of progress

- Objective 1 – Water Quality
 - Huron River Watershed improvements
 - Increased funding
 - Illicit discharges
 - Reduction in phosphorus fertilizer
- Objective 2 – Natural Features Protection
 - HRWC Initiative
 - Border to Border Trail
 - "Green Places and Open Spaces"
- Objective 4 – Public Education
 - Planning ToolKit
 - Water Quality report due this year

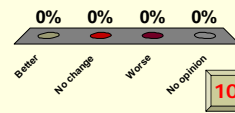
Areas to be addressed

- Objective 1 – Water Quality
 - Treatment facilities
- Objective 2 – Natural Features Protection
 - Natural features overlay
 - Mitigation bank
- Objective 3 – Air Quality
 - Funds for non-motorized transportation
 - Reduction in auto emissions
 - Natural features inventory
- Objective 4 – Public Education
 - Resource protection case studies
 - Natural resource audits

Economic Development Goal: Provide job opportunities, raise the standard of living of county residents, promote a sense of place and realize a tax base sufficient to provide public services through a comprehensive set of public and private strategies to foster and attract emerging industries.

Since 2004, is the goal for Economic Development getting...

1. Better
2. No change
3. Worse
4. No opinion



Economic Development

<p>Areas of progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Objective 1 – Target Industries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Through Ann Arbor Spark, identified targeted industries ■ SPARK/WDC Merger ■ Objective 2 – Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Ongoing work of ETCS ■ Objective 3 – Site Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Brownfield Redevelopment and other funding grants ■ Aerotropolis – development of area around metro airport for regional benefit ■ Objective 4 – Agricultural Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ FSEP – See Agriculture ■ Objective 5 – Tourism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Advanced Heritage Tours ■ Created driving and biking tours in the County 	<p>Areas to be addressed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Objective 1 – Target Industries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Enhance connections with local colleges and universities ■ Objective 2 – Training <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Targeted curricula ■ Training for older residents ■ Objective 3 – Site Development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Manufacturing buildings for reuse
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Housing Goal: To provide safe, decent and affordable housing for the County residents focusing on the needs of lower income, work force and special needs populations.

Since 2004, is the goal for housing getting...

1. Better
2. No change
3. Worse
4. No opinion

Better	No change	Worse	No opinion
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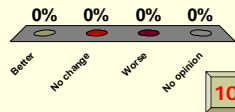
Housing

<p>Areas of progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Objective 1 – Maintain Affordable Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Office of Community Development provided funding for affordable housing opportunities ■ Homeowner rehab program ■ YMCA and Liberty Square developments ■ Objective 2 – Create Affordable Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Rehabilitated nearly 50 new units ■ MSHDA used tax credits for 203 units in 05 and 06. ■ New density incentives in Ann Arbor ■ SWWCOG applying for technical assistance for urban growth boundary ■ Objective 3 – Low Income Housing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Section 8 Voucher program ■ Public housing tenant assistance ■ Barrier Busters Eviction Prevention ■ Objective 4 – Housing for Special Populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tax and mortgage foreclosure prevention task force ■ Ten Year plan to end homelessness ■ Objective 5 – Increase Grant Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Housing Alliance 10 year target of creating 500 new supportive housing units 	<p>Areas to be addressed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Objective 4 – Housing for Special Populations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Tax reverted properties
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Parks and Recreation Goal: Provide adequate and accessible parks and recreation for all residents and develop regional open space systems and a countywide greenway and trail system to promote a sense of place, preserve important natural features and provide non-motorized transportation opportunities.

Since 2004, is the goal for Parks and Recreation getting...

1. Better
2. No change
3. Worse
4. No opinion



Parks and Recreation

Areas of progress

- Objective 1 – Proximity to residents
 - Recreation 2026, evaluation of parkland opportunities in Eastern Washtenaw County
- Objective 2 – Open Space and Greenway System
 - Greenways advisory committee
 - Continue to acquire land for border to border trail
- Objective 3 – Preservation and Acquisition
 - Washtenaw County Parks and Recreation acquired 138 acres in 2006
 - County has protected 940 acres through Natural Areas Preservation Program.

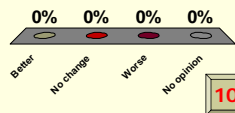
Areas to be addressed

- Objective 1 – Proximity to Residents
 - Encourage local governments to plan for and acquire parks
 - Develop consistent standards for parks
- Objective 2 – Open Space and Greenway System
 - Integrate abandoned railroad right of way and river corridors

Historic Preservation Goal: To protect, preserve and restore the historic resources of Washtenaw County including houses, farmsteads, bridges, schoolhouses, Underground Railroad sites, places of worship, significant landscape features and view sheds.

Since 2004, is the goal for Historic Preservation getting...

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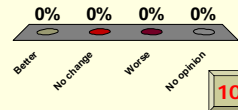
Historic Preservation

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| <p>Areas of progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Objective 1 – Create Historic District Commissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Assisted in the creation of two new historic districts (Delhi Bridge and Exchange Place) ■ Protocol for annual review of local historic districts ■ \$20,000 Grant from the state for Heritage Tourism brochures ■ Objective 2 – Unique Historic Resource Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Develop maps and brochures for local communities ■ Considering One-Room School House Heritage Tour ■ Objective 3 – Historic Resource Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Conduct ongoing Master Plan reviews ■ Annual workshops and education materials are proved to community to reinforce importance of historic resources | <p>Areas to be addressed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Objective 1 – Create Historic District Commissions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Evaluate sites for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places ■ Objective 2 – Unique Historic Resource Protection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Evaluate and facilitate the registration and protection of Underground Railroad sites |
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Transportation Goal: Strategically plan for and invest in a transportation network that meets the needs of future residents and businesses while promoting our sense of place and protecting the environment.

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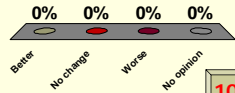
Transportation

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| <p>Areas of progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Objective 1 – Freeways and Interchanges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Addition of park and ride lots ■ BOC passed resolution in support of HOV lanes ■ Road Commission continues to seek new options for funding ■ Developing model master plan language with fiscal impacts of alternative land use patterns ■ Objective 2 – Capacity Maximization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Adopted new Capital Improvements Plan ■ Corridor study completed ■ Transit Oriented Development presentations and education ■ Objective 3 – Connectivity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Human Services Transportation plan increases funding for transit ■ Expanded corridor study and gravel road study ■ Objective 4 – Gravel Road System <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Gravel road studies in Webster and Northfield Townships ■ Objective 5 – Bridges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Replacement of Judd Road and Wilbur Road bridges ■ Historic Bridge Survey ■ Objective 8 – Transit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Western Washtenaw Transit Study ■ Senior Transportation pilot project ■ Washtenaw/Livingston Commuter rail ■ Objective 9 – Non – Motorized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Non-motorized plan | <p>Areas to be addressed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Objective 2 – Capacity Maximization <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Signal Coordination ■ Interconnected access points to disperse traffic ■ Objective 3 – Connectivity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Alternative Transportation Routes ■ Priority improvements ■ Objective 5 – Bridges <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Context sensitive design for rural bridges ■ Objective 6 – Connectivity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Public interconnected roadway network ■ Objective 7 – Road Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Residential design standards ■ Scenic Vista identification ■ Objective 8 – Transit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Regional Transit Consortium ■ Objective 9 – Non-Motorized <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Countywide Trail system ■ Development regulation for sidewalks |
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Sewer and Water Services Goal: To plan and provide sewer and water systems that meet the needs of future residents and businesses while promoting growth management, land use and environmental goals of the comprehensive plan.

Since 2004, is the goal for Sewer and Water Services getting...

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Sewer and Water

Areas of progress

- Objective 1 – Compact Development
 - Assisted Salem and York Townships with land use/water and sewer needs
 - SWWCOG Grant applied for a grant on behalf of Manchester
 - Working with local governments to ensure community waste water systems meet code requirements
 - Full faith and credit reviews
- Objective 2 – Water Protection
 - Work with communities regarding drilling activities
 - Updated well abandonment records
 - Reduce pollutant loading

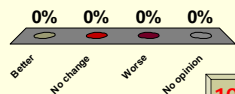
Areas to be addressed

- Objective 1 – Compact Development
 - Infill development capacity
 - Public facilities ordinance
- Objective 2 – Water Protection
 - Reduce pollutant loading
 - Infiltration and inflow
 - Groundwater protection

Solid Waste Goal: To manage solid waste in a sustainable fashion to ensure that current and future generations have adequate disposal facilities, that future generations are not overburdened with the cost of solid waste management and to protect the environment.

Since 2004, is the goal for Solid Waste getting...

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Solid Waste

Areas of progress

- Objective 1 – Landfills
 - Working with state on next round of Solid Waste Plan updates
 - Completed an assessment of current solid waste management systems
 - Implementation of recommendations is under way.
- Objective 2 – Recycling
 - Solid Waste Coordinator improvement of waste diversion rates
 - Expanded current recovery programs
 - Continues to offer comprehensive recycling opportunities

Areas to be addressed

- Objective 1 – Landfills
 - Legislation on out of state waste

Wrap Up

- Complete the Evaluation Form
- Report of Workshop Results
 - Breakdown analysis of polling results
 - Feedback captured by facilitators from table discussions
 - Sent to all Participants in January, 2008
- THANK YOU for Coming Tonight!
