

Tri-County Regional Planning Commission

2017 AGENCY-WIDE WORK PLAN- PROPOSED (1/25/17)

The Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC) is a voluntary organization of local governments and agencies organized to foster a cooperative effort in resolving problems, policies, and plans that are common and regional with the greatest benefit to citizens of the Tri-County area while maximizing the efficient use of its resources. **The purposes of the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission are:**

- To prepare and/or coordinate development of plans and aid in the implementation of agreed upon plans and services in programs related to Transportation, Land Use, Environmental Protection, and Economic Development in communities of Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham Counties;
- To furnish general and technical aid to member governments, their organizations, or agencies relative to regional issues and opportunities;
- To encourage and assist in the development of region-wide policies for coordinating land use, transportation, environmental protection, economic development services, and other related physical planning programs among area local governments;
- To review and coordinate federal, state, and local programs of regional importance while providing necessary assistance to local governments, agencies, and individuals in securing federal and state-funded programs that would have regional significance;
- To encourage region-wide cooperation between the public and private sectors that enhances economic opportunity in development, expansion, attraction, and retention of business and industry.

Programs	Program Objectives	2017 Action Steps	Ongoing
Transportation Planning	<p>TCRPC coordinates and facilitates regional planning for federal and state investments in transportation including public transit, surface transportation, and more as a Metropolitan Planning Organization and Rural Task Force.</p> <p>TCRPC carries out metro transportation planning in cooperation with State of MI and of public transit operators.</p> <p>TCRPC's work is per agreements with MDOT, FHWA and FTA per annually adopted Unified Work Program, Regional Work Program, and others.</p>	<p>Complete the federal MPO review and re-certification.</p> <p>Initiate development of the 2045 Regional Transportation Plan with data collection and transportation demand model validations.</p> <p>Modernize TIP amendment procedures with a web-accessible reporting program and new State of MI procedures.</p> <p>Develop a full regional non-motorized transportation plan, bike maps, and congestion management documents.</p> <p>Expand regional data collection-reporting of traffic counts, asset inventories, and facilities functions (HPMS, PASER, etc).</p>	<p>Implement, maintain, and amend the 2040 Regional Transportation Plan activities and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)</p> <p>Provide data, maps, technical assistance to transportation staff..</p> <p>Support/facilitate regional committees/work groups of partners/agencies in Capital Area Regional Transportation Study (CARTS), Transportation Review Committee, and other project groups and sub-committees.</p> <p>Participate with professionals-AMPO, MTPA, GIS Users, etc.</p>

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Environmental Protection Programs	<p>To foster, develop and review plans for growth, development, and conservation of the environment in the region.</p> <p>To provide a multi-jurisdictional forum for coordination and cooperation to help assure adequate quantities and qualities of groundwater are available to meet regional needs. (Groundwater Management Board).</p> <p>To provide a regional forum for coordination and cooperation to assure that the region's surface waters are managed well through storm water pollution prevention and lend support to administrators of municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) as MDEQ permittees (<u>The Greater Lansing Regional Committee for Stormwater Management (GLRC)</u>).</p>	<p>Assist and facilitate successful Phase II stormwater permit applications due in May by the GLRC members.</p> <p>Review and rebuild membership participation in the Groundwater Management Board.</p> <p>Assume administration of the Greater Lansing Clean Cities Coalition and related Dept of Energy grant funded requirements.</p> <p>Assist youth education on water quality with the MSU Science Week.</p> <p>Seek funding to implement the Protection Plans for the Red Cedar River and the Middle Grand River watersheds.</p> <p>Implement Wellhead Protection grants activities (if funded).</p> <p>Seek/secure funding to continue a regional By-Product Synergy Program and related projects (ie.Lime Kiln sludge project).</p>	<p>Provide public education activities for Stormwater and watershed management.</p> <p>Support/facilitate committees and work groups of regional agencies including Groundwater Management Board; Greater Lansing Regional Committee for Stormwater (GLRC); Mid-Michigan Water Authority; and others.</p> <p>Continue to seek and support certifications and recognitions of area water protection programs including Groundwater Guardian, NPDES permits, and etcetera.</p>
Economic Development Program	<p>Provided staff, data and analysis, and facilitate regional planning for economic development. Serve as a resource to improve and support economic developers' practice in the region.</p> <p>An Economic Designated District as appointed by the US Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), TCRPC receives a planning grant from EDA and provides municipalities in the region with EDA.</p>	<p>Finish 2016 projects and implement (if funded) the 2017 Regional Prosperity Grant. These include monthly meetings of ED professionals as well as community and business owner summits and workshops with national consultants.</p> <p>Review-update the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy per EDA procedures. Integrate with regional 5-year Prosperity Plan.</p> <p>Facilitate economic development programs for the region's out-county communities.</p>	<p>Facilitate regional economic development effort- CEDS, GLRPI, ect.</p> <p>Partner for economic development initiatives with LEAP, CAMW!, LRCC, MSU, LCC-Small Business and others.</p> <p>Maintain MICapital Region.com our regional prosperity dashboard.</p> <p>Professional training and certifications from IEDC, MEDA. Share data and best practices.</p>

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Land Use Planning	Engage participation to examine implications for regional land use and other growth trends and implement efforts to implement a shared vision of regional growth that assures improved quality of life, sustainable development, and economic competitiveness.	<p>Establish, facilitate, and support a regional Land Use Programs Committee with a goal of identifying and implementing projects to address regionally shared sustainable land use issues.</p> <p>Host/facilitate training to improve professional practice by the region's land use practitioners such as Planners Brown Bag and other topical training sessions (complete streets, health impact assessment, ect).</p> <p>Assist development of a regional non-motorized transportation plan.</p> <p>Assist in data collection to inform sustainable land use planning.</p> <p>Co-host the Land Use Health Resource Team and build its regional participation.</p>	<p>Review and comment on land use plan amendments including master plans and zoning ordinances for consistency with regionally adopted Choices for Our Future and other sustainable land use plans.</p> <p>Maintain and monitor PA116 farmland preservation agreements.</p> <p>Support/facilitate work groups of regional partners/agencies such as LUHRT (Land Use Health Resource Team) with public health, Growth Trends Steering and Urban-Rural Services Management Committee, Power of We, Greenways Trailways Alliance, and various project groups and sub-committees.</p>
TCRPC Administration	<p>Assure a continuing practical vehicle to promote communication and cooperation for the exchange of information among area governmental units and agencies.</p> <p>Provide a mutual forum to identify, study, discuss, and define regional issues and opportunities by utilizing democratic processes and encouraging citizen participation.</p>	<p>Complete adoption and distribute TCRPC branding materials; expand recognition and understanding of TCRPC role and mission.</p> <p>Review and update the Continuance of Operations Plan.</p> <p>Update our Public Participation Plan to assure it documents current procedures and anticipates future compliance requirements.</p> <p>Explore Commission memberships, appointments processes, and procedures.</p> <p>Compile updated position descriptions; review pay and benefits scales.</p>	<p>Support/facilitate Commission and its committees/work groups including Finance, Program & Grants, Growth Trends Steering committees, and various project teams.</p> <p>Review, revise as needed, and share the Commission's policies and programs.</p> <p>Receive and respond to regional reporting needs (Single Point of Contact communications, street name reviews, Land preservation logs, ect.).</p>