



MONTCALM COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE/ MASTER PLAN

Destiny 2020 Update
Montcalm County Land Use Coalition
Montcalm Community College
December 7, 2004



Montcalm County Planning Status Overview

- Land Use Coalition Formed – 2001.**
- Ordinance Establishing County Planning Commission Passed by County Board – September, 2003.**
- Seven Commission Members Appointed – November, 2004.**
- First Commission Meeting – January, 2004.**
- Destiny 2020 Community Meeting – February, 2004.**



Montcalm County Planning Status Overview - continued

- Planning Commission Identifies Number 1 Priority – Develop a County Wide Land Use/Master Plan – May, 2004.**
- Planning Commission Issues Request For Proposal (RFP) to 4 Firms – June, 2004.**
- Proposals Received from 4 Consulting Groups – June, 2004.**



Montcalm County Planning Status Overview - continued

- Planning & Zoning Center Inc. (PZC) selected and recommended to Board of Commissioners for approval to provide consulting services – August, 2004.**
- Board of Commissioners approve contract with PZC - September, 2004.**
- Planning & Zoning Center Inc. begin work on Land Use Plan – October, 2004.**



Montcalm County Planning Where Are We Today?

- Consultant has been retained.**
- MSU is providing “build out analysis” thanks to an \$8,000 grant from the University & MSU Extension- Montcalm.**
- Michigan Farmland & Community Alliance has & is providing support – e.g., visual preference survey and discussion which will follow in a few minutes.**



Montcalm County Land Use Plan

Key Work Plan Elements

October, 2004 – March, 2005

- ❑ Conduct survey of local leaders.**
- ❑ Review findings from previous surveys.**
- ❑ Review existing master plans and zoning ordinances of all Local Units of Government (LUG).**
- ❑ Gather and analyze demographic & economic data & identify trends.**



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Key Work Plan Elements-continued

- Creation of a Montcalm County Fact Book**
 - o current conditions in the County**
 - o past and current trends in the County**
 - o placed on the County Information System – www.montcalm.org**
 - o will contain text, charts, illustrations & maps**



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Key Work Plan Elements-continued

April, 2005

- 3 Citizen Visioning Town Meetings – what do you want the county to be like in 20 years?**

May – August, 2005

- Prepare draft vision statement, goals & objectives & memo identifying “issues of concern” for discussion and input from citizens and LUG.**



Montcalm County Land Use Plan Key Work Plan Elements-continued

- Meet with Montcalm County Townships Association & Montcalm Board of Commissioners to discuss “issues of concern”.**

September – November, 2005

- Revise Land Use Rationale Based on Citizen & LUG Input.**
- Draft Future Land Use Pattern & Growth Management Approaches for discussion.**



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Key Work Plan Elements-continued

November – January, 2006

- PZC Will Prepare Draft Land Use/ Master Plan Chapters on:**
 - o population**
 - o development patterns**
 - o community facilities**
 - o public utilities**
 - o natural features**
 - o transportation**
 - o land use**



Montcalm County Land Use Plan Key Work Plan Elements-continued

January – February, 2006

- PZC Will Prepare a Revised Land Use Plan & Map Responding to Public & LUG Input**
- PZC Will Develop Draft Action Strategies to Implement the Vision, Goals, Objectives, & Future Land Use Plan and Map.**
- Meet with Montcalm Townships Association & Montcalm County Board to Obtain Feedback.**



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Key Work Plan Elements-continued

March, 2006

- Draft Remaining Chapters of Plan:**
 - Implementation**
 - Executive Summary**

AND

**Conduct Public Town Meeting for Input on Final
Plan**



Montcalm County Land Use Plan Summary

- ❑ **An 18+ month process (as currently planned)**
- ❑ **Assistance from PZC, MSU & MSU Extension, Michigan Farmland & Community Alliance, Land Use Coalition, local Farm Bureau & others**
- ❑ **Input from all LUG including surrounding counties & contiguous townships to Montcalm.**
- ❑ **On-going opportunity for input from citizens – town meetings & visioning sessions, Countywide Information System & direct contact with Planning Commission Members.**



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**QUESTIONS
&
COMMENTS**



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Final Thoughts

- Need Your Input!**
- Expect on-going communication via the CIS, Newspaper, LUG, etc – the plan will only be as good as your responses!**
- Final product including maps will be available on the CIS.**
- It is our hope that this Plan will provide a vision and roadmap for all to use that will insure that the Montcalm County of 2020 is one that we all can be proud of and desirous of living in.**