

# Ann Arbor Township Master Plan Goals Workshop

March 12, 2024



# Agenda

- What is a Master Plan?
- How is it Used?
- Draft Master Plan Goals
- Tonight's Activity
- Next Steps in Master Plan Process



# What IS a Master Plan?

A statement of policy...

written by the Planning Commission and adopted by the Township Board...

describing the desired physical development of the community



ANN ARBOR  
TOWNSHIP  
**2015**  
MASTER PLAN

March, 2015



## The Plan is based on:

- The resources and assets of the community, and the limitations of the land
- The character of the community
- The needs and desires of its residents



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# How is a Master Plan Used?

It is used as the guide for  
Planning Commission and Township Board decisions regarding  
development and redevelopment proposals



# Draft Master Plan Goals



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## Agriculture & Rural Life

- Preserve the Township's Rural Character
- Preserve Farmland and Encourage and Enhance Farming Operations



## Community Identity & Relationships

- Preserve and Enhance the Township's Identity
- Maintain Cooperative Relationships with Neighboring Municipalities

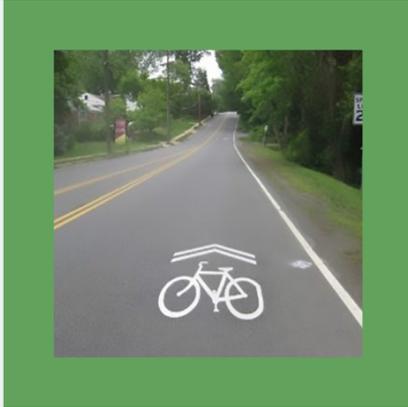


## Environment

- Protect, Preserve, and Restore Natural Features
- Preserve & Protect Groundwater
- Protect the Natural Conditions of Watersheds
- Preserve Open Space



# Draft Master Plan Goals



## Transportation

- Coordinate Transportation Improvements to Support Land Uses
- Support County Transportation Agencies in Developing Non-Motorized Facilities Along Township Roadways
- Develop Off-Road Non-Motorized Trails



## Neighborhoods & Housing

- Protect Existing Residential Areas
- Maintain a Diverse Mix of Housing



## Climate Resilience

- Support Land Use Practices and Techniques that are Environmentally Sustainable and Resilient



# Tonight's Activity

1. **Break into small groups**
2. **Each small group will discuss the goals under one "topic" heading**
  - Review each goal as a group
  - Record your suggestions, ideas, concerns on sticky-notes & adhere to flip chart
  - Planning Commissioner will facilitate a discussion of the sticky-note comments for each goal
3. **Large group reconvenes & spokesperson for each group will report results**



# Questions?



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# Next Steps

- Use input to:
  - Refine Master Plan goals & policies
  - Consider vision for properties identified for special study – update Future Land Use Map
  - Revise implementation techniques
- Finalize Master Plan & proceed with public review & adoption process



# Master Plan Updates...

[AnnArborTownship.org](http://AnnArborTownship.org)

Township Government/Boards and Commissions/Planning Commission



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