

SEVILLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

Seville Township Hall

Regular Meeting

September 10, 2024 at 7pm

Call Meeting to Order

Pledge of Allegiance, Meeting was convened at 7 pm.

Roll call Mike Miller, Brian Balcom and Jason Crites were present. Lenny Cusmano was remote, Ralph Ward was absent.

Mike Miller made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from April 19th 2024, second by Brian Balcom. Approved

Public Comments made by Sherry Root and Dawn Krantz regarding marijuana. Motion by Mike Miller to close public comment, second by Brian Balcom. Approved

Approve Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2024

New Business - None

Current Business

Gratiot County Community-Wide Implementation Plan questionnaire, Motion by Mike Miller, second by Brian Balcom. Approved

Meeting adjourned

Motion by Mike Miller, second by Brian Balcom

Next Meeting November 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm

Gratiot County Community-Wide Implementation Plan

The 2024 Gratiot County Master Plan update builds upon the GREAT (Gratiot Regional Excellence and Transformation) Plan that was completed in 2017, which represented twenty-three jurisdictions and their unique collaborative effort between all the local units of government in the county, originating from “the bottom up” rather than from the “top down.”

Through the current master plan update process, the insight gained from the public input and the team’s data analysis informed the subsequent planning stages. These steps ultimately led to the identification of five priority pillars, or areas of priority development and improvement throughout the County.

The pillar inputs included both technical and intuitive information, to create a balanced set of plan inputs that considered market and community perspectives, as well as best practices and innovation in economic development.

Plan Inputs:

- Steering committee
- Greater Gratiot Development (GGD) economic development board meeting
- Community strengths/weaknesses/opportunities/threats (SWOT)
- Gratiot Young Professionals Network session
- Community vision session
- Public online survey

The five priority pillars are derived from community feedback, market and industry analysis, and serve as the plan's foundation. The long-term intention of the pillars involves implementation of this plan and will rely on the continuation of community participation.

The County-level pillars include:

- Housing, referred to as “Housing Gratiot”
- Childcare and early development, referred to as “Caring for Gratiot”
- Community business and workforce development, referred to as “Gardening Gratiot”
- Industry activities and infrastructure, or “Ready, Set, Invest in Gratiot”
- Tourism/agrotourism, environmental protection, recreation and messaging, or “Protect and Visit Gratiot”

The five priority pillars framed in a mission, future goals and “next step” action items to be implemented, and the organizations that should be involved in the implementation steps. These projects would be developed, initiated, and implemented over the next five to 10 years.

We are asking each Township Planning Commission to do the following two tasks. If you have any questions, or would like GGDI staff to attend a meeting to discuss, please call the office at (989) 875-2083.

Instructions for Communities:

1. **Review Future Land Use Maps:** Please review your future land use maps. If there are land use changes, please indicate what they are and their location. If there are no changes, please indicate “no changes.”
 - a. To access your future land use map, you can do so in two ways:
(Please contact Kasey if you have any issues with this!)
 - i. View the former Master Plan: [Click here](#)
All townships are listed in alphabetical order in the appendix (beginning on page 90). Search for your township, and you will see your future land use map.
OR
 - ii. Use Gratiot County GIS: [Click here](#)
Zoom in on your township and review.

2. **Discuss Future Goals and Projects:** As the county moves through this planning phase, we are requesting individual municipalities to work through this exercise and identify projects that relate to the five pillars outlined above where applicable. These projects may already be underway or can be future projects that the community is planning in an effort of continuous improvement. Please use the template below to identify ideas and projects your community would like to accomplish over the next several years, the project priority, and the responsible parties (you may not have something listed for every area, and that is okay!).

Action/Project	Priority	Responsibility
Housing [fill in municipal name here]		
Goal: To develop all types of housing in [fill in municipal name here]		
Cleaning up blight in community		
Gardening [fill in municipal name here]		
Goal: Solving the disconnect between education and training and job opportunities		
No Changes		

Action/Project	Priority	Responsibility
Caring for [fill in municipal name here]		
Goal: Promote quality and affordable childcare and early education		
Library Programs		
Forest Hill Nature Center		
Ready, Set, Invest		
Goal: For [fill in municipal name here] to become the ideal choice for investment of all industry types (industrial, commercial, and agricultural).		
No Change		
Protect and Visit		
Goal: To Provide access the current opportunities to residents and visitors while protecting the environmental assets to strengthen [fill in municipal name here].		
Clean Pine River		
Make Pine River Navigable		