

St. Clair County Board of Commissioners
Board of Commissioners' Room
County Administrative Office Building, 2nd Floor
200 Grand River Avenue
Port Huron, MI 48060

February 16, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence, Prayer or Personal Reflection

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Agenda Item 2 - Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda Item 3 - Roll Call

Simasko, Baldwin, Beedon, Torello, Rushing, Vandenbossche, Bohm – Present

Agenda Item 4 – Additions/Deletions/Changes to the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to add Berlin Township Resolution 2023-01 and Riley Township Resolution 2023-13 to the Consent Agenda as items 8I and 8J. Pass by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 5 – Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the agenda as revised. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 6– Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve and file the minutes of the 01/19/23 Workshop, the 01/19/23 Regular Board meeting and the 02/02/23 Standing Committee meetings. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 7 - Proclamations

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Simasko, to approve the proclamation recognizing Stacy Bixler for her years of service. Commissioner Beedon presented the proclamation to Stacy Bixler. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 8– Consent Agenda:

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve items 8A through 8J on the Consent Agenda. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 9 - Reports of Standing and Special Committees

Commissioner Simasko – Parks & Recreation Commission – Oral

Commissioner Baldwin – Metropolitan Planning Meeting –Oral

Commissioner Beedon - Health Department - Oral

Commissioner Bohm – Spongy Moths - Oral

Agenda Item 10 - Citizens Wishing to Address the Board

Alicia Hutson, 9495 Lighthouse Dr., Ira MI 48023
RE: 26 Mile

Tiffany Turke, 4495 Indian Trail, China MI 48054
RE: 26 Mile

Libby Prill, 6177 Tripp Rd., China MI 48054
RE: 26 Mile Rd Corridor

Mary Conlan, 3589 Charles St., Burtchville, MI 48059
RE: 26 Mile Rd Development

David Rivard, 9714 Bryce, Avoca MI 48006
RE: Funding of Internet

Lauren Martin
RE: 26 Mile Rd Corridor (email attached)

Daniel Turke
RE: 26 Mile Corridor (Letter & Exhibits Attached)

Agenda Item 11 – Unfinished Business

Agenda Item 12A: Approval of County Disbursements – January 2023

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the January 2023 County Disbursements in the amount of \$17,717,296.08.

Passed 7-0.

Agenda Item 12B: Water/Sewer Infrastructure – ARPA Projects

Lengthy discussion among Commissioners on what direction each of them would like to go with spending the ARPA funds. No handouts given and no motions made.

Agenda Item 12C: Parks – Recommendation for Mini/Compact Excavator

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to approve the purchase of a Bobcat Compact Excavator, E50 R2 in the amount of \$79,953.31 for Parks and Recreation. Discussion followed. Passed 7-0

Agenda Item 12D: Inmate Pharmaceutical Services Contract

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the contract with Clinical Solutions LLC for pharmacy services at the Intervention Center for a 3-year term in an amount not to exceed \$675,000. Passed 7-0.

Agenda Item 12E: Intervention Center Intercom System Replacement

Moved by Commissioner Baldwin, supported by Commissioner Beedon, to approve the contract with Conti Corporation for the upgrade and repairs to the intercom/paging system at the Intervention Center in the amount of \$513,524. Passed 7-0

Agenda Item 12F: American Rescue Plan Act Funding Request – Port Huron Courthouse Elevator Project

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the contract with Great Lakes Elevator to refurbish two elevators at the Port Huron Courthouse in the amount of \$306,900 using American Rescue Plan Act funds. Passed 7-0

Agenda Item 12G: Drain Advisory Commission Rescission

Moved by Commissioner Torello, supported by Commissioner Rushing, to rescind the Drain Advisory Committee. Discussion followed. Passed by a voice vote

Agenda Item 12H: Port Huron Courthouse Roof Repair

Moved by Commissioner Rushing, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the contract with Lutz Roofing Company for repairs to the Port Huron Courthouse roof in an amount not to exceed \$54,000. Passed 7-0.

Agenda Item 12I: Acceptance of the Marine City Highway Corridor Study

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to receive and file the Marine City Highway Corridor Study. Discussion followed. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12J: Use of ARPA Funds for Broadband Infrastructure

Discussion among Commissioners of the process for Broadband Infrastructure. David Struck and Geoff Donaldson gave a brief update and answered questions. No handouts or motions made.

Agenda Item 12K: FY2023 Marine Safety Program Grant Application Approval

Moved by Commissioner Vandenbossche, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the FY 2023 Marine Safety Program Grant application in the amount of \$340,947. Passed by a voice vote.

Agenda Item 12L: St. Clair County Jail Pods – Building Repairs/Drywall

Work/Painting

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to approve the agreement with Blue Water Painting for bathroom repairs at the Intervention Center in the amount of \$16,600. Passed 7-0.

Agenda Item 13 – Administrator's Report

1. Spongy moth program - Invasive species coordinator has done the surveys and the calls have been way down this year. The surveyed areas are showing signs of significant improvement and there is actually only a very small area that she feels that would benefit from a spray. She will be here next month to give a brief presentation on where we are at this year and what a potential

- spray would look like. The Board will then be asked to make a decision if they would like to move forward with the spray.
2. The challenge to the distribution of Opioid Funds has been settled. The County has received the first round of payments. The internal workgroup has been meeting and it is the plan to bring forward a proposal to the Board on how to start spending those funds next month.

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to accept the Administrator's Report. Passed by voice vote.

Agenda Item 14A – Miscellaneous Business

Commissioner Simasko spoke briefly about stoneflies in the river.

Commissioner Bohm further discussed spongy moths.

Agenda Item 15 – Receive and File

Moved by Commissioner Beedon, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to receive and file packets that were sent to Commissioners, packets at their places and any other information presented. Passed by voice vote.

Agenda Item 16 – Adjournment

Moved by Commissioner Simasko, supported by Commissioner Baldwin, to adjourn at 5:22 p.m.

I would like the following letter to be included in the meeting minutes for 2.16.23.

I am writing in regards to the vote for the 26 Mile Rd corridor improvements. It is my understanding that you will be voting tonight, to approve a \$15 million investment in to the Ira Twp water system, to allow for water/sewer on 26 Mile Rd. Let me ask you, and I want honest answers... Is this really something you think is a logical and beneficial investment for our entire county? Or even a good portion of it? Is this honestly what you believe the majority of people in this area want? If so, please explain how. I would love to hear your justifications for such an egregious project for the county to take on. So many other services in this county are greatly struggling. We have a severe mental health crisis in this county, why aren't you advocating for making (\$15 million worth) substantial changes there? Our Sheriff's department is grossly understaffed and lacking major resources... why not invest in our sheriffs department that so desperately needs it? Or any of our local police departments who also need additional income and resources? Our schools can't even afford adequate police presence, how about you invest some of that money in to them? I think \$15 million could greatly improve our border crisis, and the insane drug problem in this county, that not too many people seem concerned about. While I'm sure many of us could come up with 15 million other ways to spend that money, I really hope you consider how this decision affects EVERYONE in the county. It is your duty to be fiscally responsible with our money, and I expect you to do just that.

It is no secret as to who stands to gain from this development, including ones sitting on this board. I am sick and tired of elected officials making decisions to benefit themselves, and their "friends". It is your DUTY and responsibility to accurately represent We The People. And it's very clear, there are many people in this county who DO NOT want this development. Especially those who live in the surrounding areas, including myself. We can attend meetings, write emails, make phone calls, but time and time again, it falls on deaf ears. Or perhaps, selfish ears, who don't actually care about what the people want.

I live 2 miles from 26 Mile Rd, and I adamantly oppose this development, and the outrageously egregious spending of our tax dollars, to fund this project. It is irresponsible to spend county dollars on this project. I have listed many helpful and useful alternatives to spending OUR money, but if you need more suggestions, I would be happy to give you more.

I hope you take the time to listen to your constituents, and really think about how this effects everyone, including those in the surrounding area, and not just the ones sitting at this table. I look forward to hearing a response from each of you.

Thank you.

Lauren Martin

ST CLAIR COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS — PUBLIC COMMENTARY

FEBRUARY 16TH, 2023

BY: Daniel Turke, Resident, China Township Board Trustee

I, Daniel Turke of 4495 Indian Trail, China Township, Mi respectfully request this Public Commentary be added to the St. Clair County Board Commissioners meeting packets and discussed at the February 16th, 2023 meeting in the Public Comment Forum.

As a past China Township Clerk and current Board Trustee, I want to share some facts surrounding the 26 Mile / Marine City Highway Corridor plans and Wade Trim Study. Each topic will contain a matching exhibit to support its claim.

Topic # 1 - During multiple discussions and meetings I have heard the claim that the County is in need of 100-200 acre parcels for development and the urgency to develop the 26 Mile / Marine City Highway Corridor. I've also heard claims that there are no other "shovel-ready" sites in the County. Exhibit # 1 shows a small sample of the 154 sites in St Clair County listed on the EDA of St Clair Counties website - these range from 60 - 212 acre sites.

Topic # 2 - If the County and Townships follow the Wade Trim Corridor Study we'll find that the recommendation was for development on the "ends" only, and the rest of the Corridor would remain rural, as the survey from the people reflected. The study revealed that no development would take place east of Meldrum Road. Currently, there are six vacant properties on Marine City Highway west of Meldrum Road that have no activity on them and could be developed, none of them fit the 100-200 acre criteria. Exhibit # 2 shows the Times Herald article (highlighted) that supports the West of Meldrum claim and a map showing the 6 available properties.

Topic # 3 - *Water Service* - Currently along Marine City Highway there is municipal water service and fire hydrants from County Line Road to Meldrum Road. In my recent conversation with Cam Trombley, Lenox Township DPW Supervisor, on the opposite side of County Line Road is a 36 inch water main that was installed in the late 1990s to accomodate any development east of County Line along the Corridor. The 36 Inch main is owned by GLWS/Detroit Water and Sewer, which also supplies Wayne, Oakland, and Macomb Counties with water. Exhibit #3 shows the photos of hydrants on Marine City Highway and the Lenox Township water map showing the 36-inch main (highlighted)

Topic # 4 - *Sewer Service* - Most of the Marine City Highway West of Meldrum has been developed into an industrial landscape without the aid of sanitary sewer services. Onsite septic systems and septic fields are currently being used and are a great alternative when services are not available. The users of onsite septic systems are used on larger developments like Consumers Energy, Millstone Pond Trailer Park, Americanna Estates Trailer Park, and as far as the Loves Truck Stop on Wadhams Rd all used on-site septic systems. Exhibit # 4 shows the current users of on-site septic systems aside from septic field users, most are on Marine City Highway.

Topic # 5 - *What are our neighbors doing?* If there was a true burning need for development on the 26 Mile Corridor, wouldn't there be a mirrored effort in Macomb County? No, Macomb County has created a 38-acre nature preserve on 26 Mile on their side of the corridor in 2020. Macomb County is spending its Covid ARPA funds on sensible projects like repairing their jail, **DPW** projects and helping small businesses hit hard by Covid. Exhibit # 5 shows Macombs' use of ARPA funds, as well as the 26-mile Nature Preserve.

Currently, there are no outside reasons why the (6) potential sites west of Meldrum Road cannot be developed, and there is no apparent reason to bring utility infrastructure from Ira Township. I do feel sorry for Ira Township and its desire to expand its services and its willingness to "Pay back" a loan from St Clair County. But if Ira is willing to make "Loan payments" there are other options that most municipalities use as funding mechanisms to achieve their goals. Example: Bonds or USDA loans.

The Covid ARPA funds the County is holding should be used for all the communities. There are small townships like mine that are in dire need of projects we can't afford. In China Township Wadhams from Indian Trail to Fred Moore Highway is downright dangerous; repaving is desperately needed. Streets in Marine City are in need of repaving. On some of these repayment projects; if they get too bad they become costly tear-outs vs a repave. When it comes to the needs of our County, the safety, health, and maintenance of our communities should be our objective and priority.

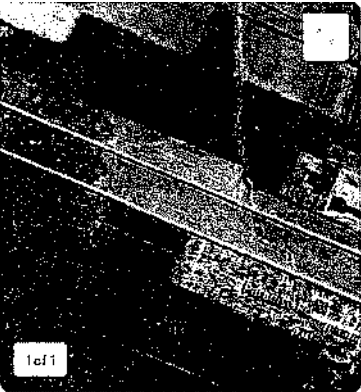
Daniel M. Turke
China Township Board Trustee
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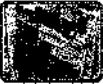
6824 River Rd
6824 River Rd, Marine City, St. Clair County, MI, 48039

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Property Details Transportation

Location	Property Nam	6824 River Rd
	ype	Site
	SubType	Vacant Land
	Address	6824 River Rd
	City	Marine City
	County	St. Clair County
	State	MI
	Zip code	48039
	Latitude	42.6939216
	Longitude	-82.5066563

Contacts Primary EDO Contact dcasey@edascc.com

General Property Source URL <https://www.commercialexchange.com/Lproperty/may/8306334/a/e2/6824-tyn-489>

Sale / Lease	For Lease	No
	For Sale	Yes
	Sale Price	\$850,000

Site	Available Acres	98.55	0	300 mi
	Total Acres	98.55		

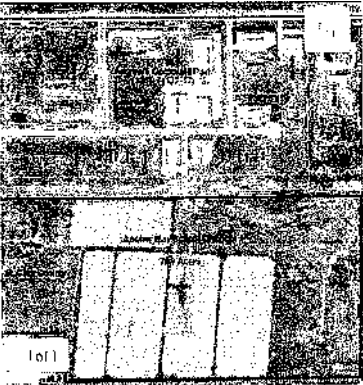
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Anchor Bay School Site
County Line Road, Ira Township, St. Clair, MI, 48023

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Property Details Services / Utilities Transportation

Location	Property Name	Anchor Bay School Site
	Type	Site
	SubType	Industrial, Vacant Land FH
	Address	County Line Road
	City	Ira Township
	County	St. Clair
	State	MI
	Zip code	48023
	Latitude	42.7152
	Longitude	-82.7276

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General	Property Description	This is the extension of the Andrews Industrial Park. An industrial road and water and sewer lines are stubbed into the property. The 194 and 26 Mile Road Interchange is just over 1 mile west. The site also contains heavy power and sits next to a Consumers Energy natural gas distribution center. The site is owned by the Anchor Bay School District and the price is negotiable.
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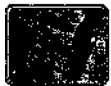


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Location	Property Name	7084 River Rd
	Type	Site
	SubType	Vacant Land
	Address	7064 River Rd
	City	Marine City
	County	St. Clair County
	State	MI
	Zip code	48039
	Latitude	42.689771
	Longitude	-82.518325
Contacts	Primary EDO Contact dcasey@edascc.com	
General	Property Source URL	https://www.commercialexchange.com/property/5c1b28450b316100010e8dbe/7084-river-rd-marine-city-mi-48039
Sale / Lease	For I ease	No
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	Sale Price	\$1,214,000
Site	Available Acres	121.4
	Total Acres	121.4

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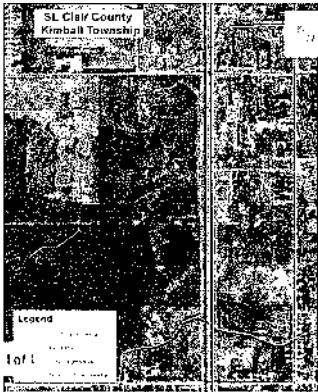
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Drain Commission Property
Kimball Township, St. Clair, MI, 48074

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Location	Property Name	Drain Commission Property
	Type	Site
	SubType	Vacant Land
	City	Kimball Township
	County	St. Clair
	State	MI
	71p code	48074
	Latitude	42.93420
	Longitude	82.51291

Contacts	Primary EDO Contact	dcasey@edascc.com
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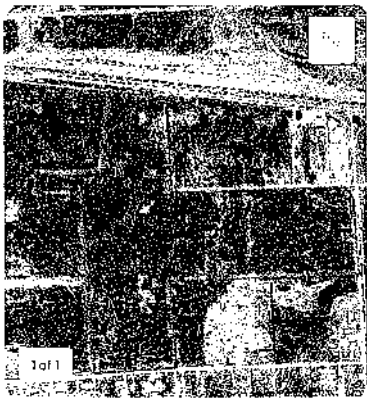
General	Property Description	• Approximately 200+ acres of flat land situated along 1-94 and providing nearby access to 1-69 (U.S.) and Highway 402 (Canada). • The site is less than 10 miles to the International Blue Water Bridge crossing. • In addition, the site is adjacent to St. Clair County International airport (cargo & private flights), and less than 75 minutes to nearby commercial airports serving international and domestic passengers: Detroit Metropolitan Airport (DTW)and Flint Bishop International (FNT).
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195 Acres Dove Road

Dove Road, Port Huron, St. Clair, MI, 48060

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Property Details Services /Utilities Transportation

Location	Property Name	195 Acres Dove Road
	Type	Site
	SubType	Industrial, Vacant Land
	Address	Dove Road
	City	Port Huron
	County	St. Clair
	State	MI
	Zip code	48060
	Latitude	42.9598
	Longitude	-82.4757

Contacts	Primary EDO Contact	deaSey@edaS0C.Com
	Secondary E00 Contact	kjones@edascc.com

General	Property Description	195 Acres bound by CN rail yard to the north and Dove road to the south. Site is adjacent to the Port Huron Industrial Park. 1.5 miles to 194. Owned by CRT Properties. Additional parcels owned by County Drain Commission enable expansion to 300 acres with adjacent parcels connecting Michigan Road and 32nd Street.
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Sale / Lease	For Sale	Yes	0	300 mi
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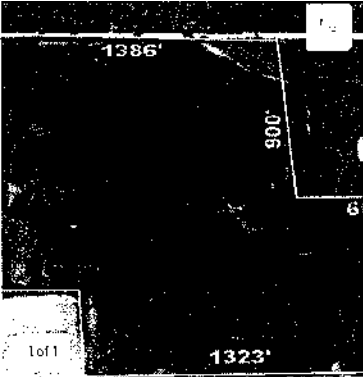
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60 Acres on Capac Road

Capac Road, Capac, St. Clair, MI, 48014

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Location	Property Name	60 Acres on Capac Road
	Type	Site
	SubType	Industrial, Retail, Vacant Land
	Address	Capac Road
	City	Capac
	County	St. Clair
	State	MI
	Zip code	48014
	Latitude	42.99711
	Longitude	-82.93340
Contacts	Primary E00 Contact	dcasey@edascc.com
	Secondary EDO Contact	kjones@edascc.com
General	Property Description	Great location right off major 1-69 Trade Corridor PROPERTY HIGHLIGHTS. All Utilities Available. Perfect for Truck Terminal, Manufacturing or Retailer. Commercial and Industrial Zoning
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Sale / Lease	For Sale	Yes

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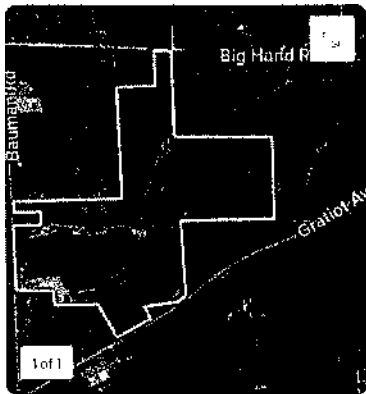
9344 Gratiot Avenue

9344 Gratiot Avenue, Columbus Township, St. Clair County, MI,
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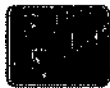


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Location	Property Name	9344 Gratiot Avenue
	Type	Site
	SubType	Vacant Land
	Address	9344 Gratiot Avenue
	City	Columbus Township
	County	St. Clair County
	State	MI
	Zip code	48063
	Latitude	42.833869
	Longitude	-82.688876

Contacts Primary EDO Contact dcasey@edascc.com

General Property Description 3 parcels make up 195.61 acres. Well/septic.
Property Source URL <https://www.edascc.com/Property/5c1b264c0b316100010e8e7f/9344-gratiot-avenue-columbus-township-mi-48063>

Sale / Lease	For Lease	No		
	For Sale	Yes	0	300 mi
	Sale Price	\$978,050		

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3283 Capac Rd, Capac, St. Clair County, MI, 48014

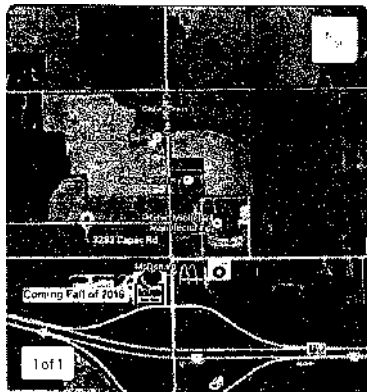
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Location	Property Name	3283 Capac Rd
	Type	Site
	SubType	Vacant Land
	Address	3283 Capac Rd
	City	Capac
	County	St. Clair County
	State	MI
	Zip code	48014
	Latitude	42.9917478
	Longitude	-82.9283277

Contacts Primary 600 Contact dcasey@edascc.com

General Property Description Located near 1-69, zoned Commercial 581 +/- sq/ft of frontage on Capac Rd Located next to Love's Truck Stop.

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Sale / Lease For Lease No

For Sale Yes

Sale Price \$449,000

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Exhibit #2

Times 1

NEWS

St. Clair County unveils early recommendations for Marine City Highway corridor

Jackie Smith

Port Huron Times Herald

Published 1:11 p.m. ET Nov. 11, 2022 | Updated 2:27 p.m. ET Nov. 11, 2022

Be it a roundabout at Marsh Road or additional through lanes, potential traffic improvements may have been a standout for residents weighing long-term options for Marine City Highway this week.

It was the latest step in St. Clair County's push to ready the stretch of the highway, or 26 Mile Road, between County Line and King roads for future economic growth as dozens of residents and local stakeholders got an early look at recommendations from consulting firm Wade Trim Thursday.

The outlook covered a potential shift in land uses and zoning, as well as road and infrastructure improvements — with much of the bigger changes recommended for the corridor's western end and close to where local officials said a shift in economic development has already begun.

"I think there was definitely a theme from both the survey results and public forum that we did," said Adam Young, a senior project manager for Wade Trim. The county board of commissioners first tapped the firm a year ago to spearhead a study and form a redevelopment plan for the corridor.

"Clearly, people are concerned about the rural character and maintaining that and preserving what we have, meaning the reason people moved out here in the first place," Young said. "And we also heard loud and clear the need for road improvements and safety improvements and traffic, so that really weighed in on the team's conversations throughout the project — kind of what we're looking at in terms of recommendations.

"Our approach is looking to manage growth. We don't believe you can stop growth, but you can stop it and control it and direct it to locations where it should go."

Dave Struck, the county's planning director, emphasized that the recommendations were still drafts, meaning they weren't yet finalized proposals, and he expected a complete report to be made available through the county Metropolitan Planning Commission's website early next year.

"They're going to take whatever feedback comes out tonight and they'll do some more tweaking," Struck said of Wade Trim. "Eventually, there will be a draft document that will be presented to the board of commissioners."

Early in 2021, the county board agreed to potentially spend the bulk of the county's American Plan Rescue dollars on the infrastructure to support 26 Mile Road growth.

Board Chairman Jeff Bohm has said commissioners will likely address the corridor and ARP funding use, along with other big-picture subjects, in a workshop at the start of 2023. He wasn't there Thursday, but he agreed the majority recommended changes to Marine City Highway seemed to be the same area where officials are seeing a lot of interest on the western end.

"We're getting a ton of inquiries — big, big projects," he said Friday. "Closer to (Interstate) 94 and that couple-mile stretch."

What did the recommendations look like?

First, it was what the zoning looks like — and what the land could be used for down the road.

Areas farther east on the corridor remained agricultural, while others already zoned industrial west of Meldrum Road were slightly widened north and south of the highway.

Other draft zoning recommendations, particularly on that western end, showed a slight shift and increase in other commercial, residential, and public or recreational uses.

Needed infrastructural improvement recommendations included capacity improvements to two existing Marine City pump stations to support future growth on the eastern end of the corridor, as well as increased capacity at an existing Ira Township pump station near Church Road and a water main extension along Meldrum Road a mile south of an existing main at Arnold Road.

On roadway changes, Lori Pawlik, a Wade Trim traffic engineer, said they evaluated traffic counts around each of the major 26 Mile Road intersections, developing a 20-year projection for how busy those areas would be. They also looked at traffic crashes,.

Like other recommendations, most of the potential changes were on the western end of the corridor, including:

- Additional through lanes for up to a five-lane section from 1-94 to Church Road in the long term
- Additional right-turn lane and signal adjustments at County Line Road
- Updated signals and right-turn lanes around Bethuy Road
- Right- and left-turn lanes at Church
- Sidewalks on both sides of the roadway from County Line to just past Church

Other recommended adjustments were broad shoulder widening along the entire corridor, signal timing adjustments at the King Road intersection, an eastbound right-turn lane at Starville Road, and a westbound right-turn lane at Indian Trail Road.

Pawlik said they recommended a roundabout at Marsh Road for similar reasons the county road commission has elsewhere in the area — for safety. Bill Hazelton, the managing director for the St. Clair}

County Road Commission, said they hadn't evaluated that intersection for a roundabout yet but may take a look in the future.

Pawlik said some of the widening recommendations, particularly where there's already signs of growth, didn't seem to be a surprise to some.

"Changes in development are really on this west end, and all the additional trips are really going to be on the west end," she said. "So, I know, at the beginning of this whole process, that was something that came out repeatedly.

For some residents on Thursday, however, any widening of roads remained a concern even if the current draft recommendations wouldn't affect them.

"I'm all for the intersections being a little bit different for the truckers. Dead against widening the road as you can see. Just (is not) going to work for me. My house, they'll be driving through my front yard," said Kim Demianenko, who lives in Cottrellville.

"But I'm skeptical — that would be a nice word," she said. "Because they are a little bit farther down from us. It depends on the progress. ... I don't understand why they want to come into a small area that we have to try to make it a big area, which is not necessary, and take away a lot of our farming."

Wade Trim also more broadly recommended a uniformity among the townships for a variety of zoning rules, which Young said seemed to pique interest at a feedback event among residents last summer.

Multiple residents on Thursday thought those recommendations, particularly lining up zoning, also made a lot of sense.

"I think the ideas they had as far as trying to come up with almost an average metric with the zoning for everything, whether they can have billboards, whether they can have poles, whether it's industrial, commercial, residential, across the different townships it affects would be a big deal," said resident Adam Duchane. "Getting everybody on the same page. Because like Cottrellville says no to most things, whereas Ira doesn't."

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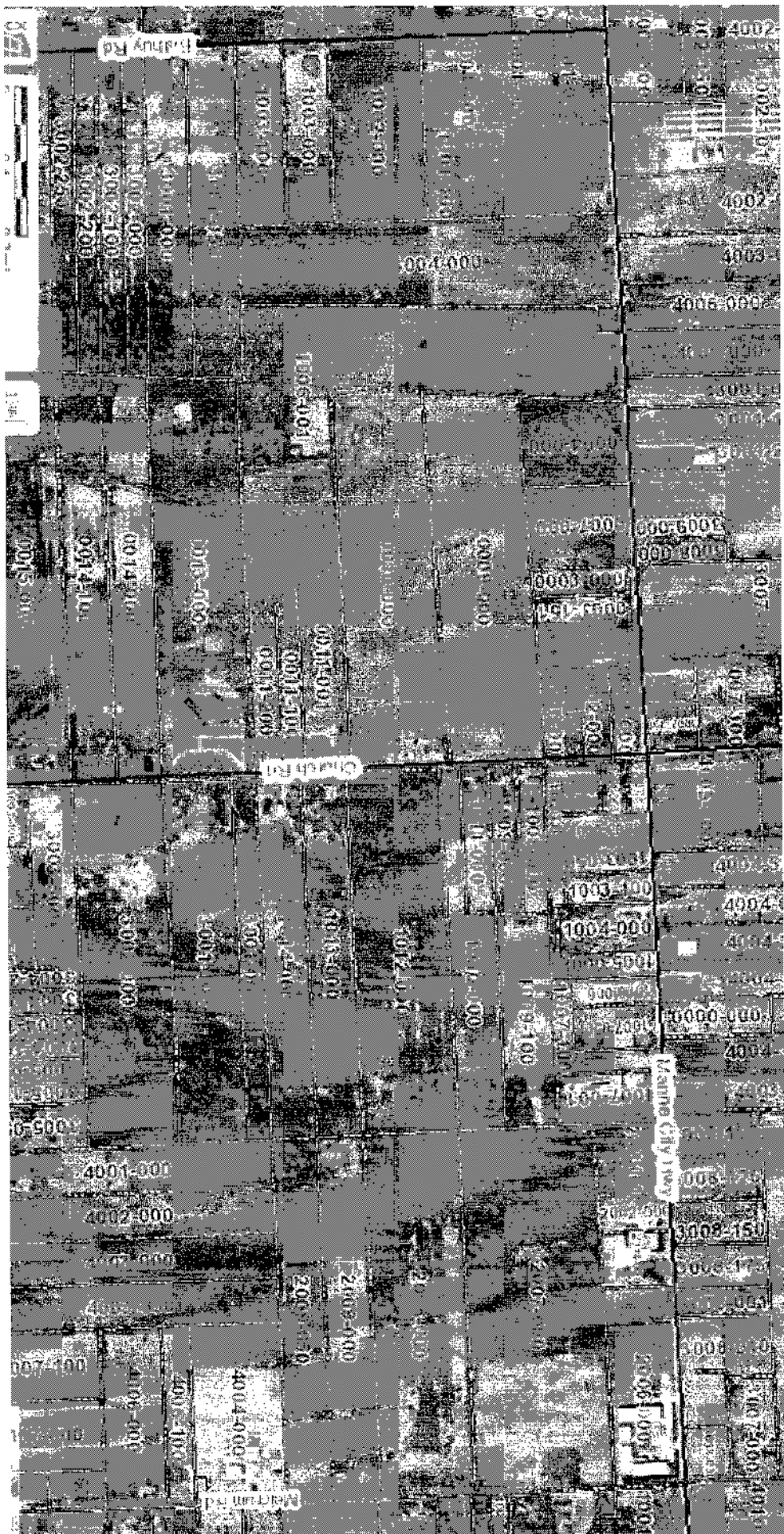


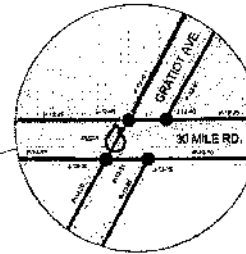
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MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN

WATER MAIN TRUNK SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

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STUDY UPDATED: OCTOBER 2008
STUDY UPDATED: DECEMBER 2013



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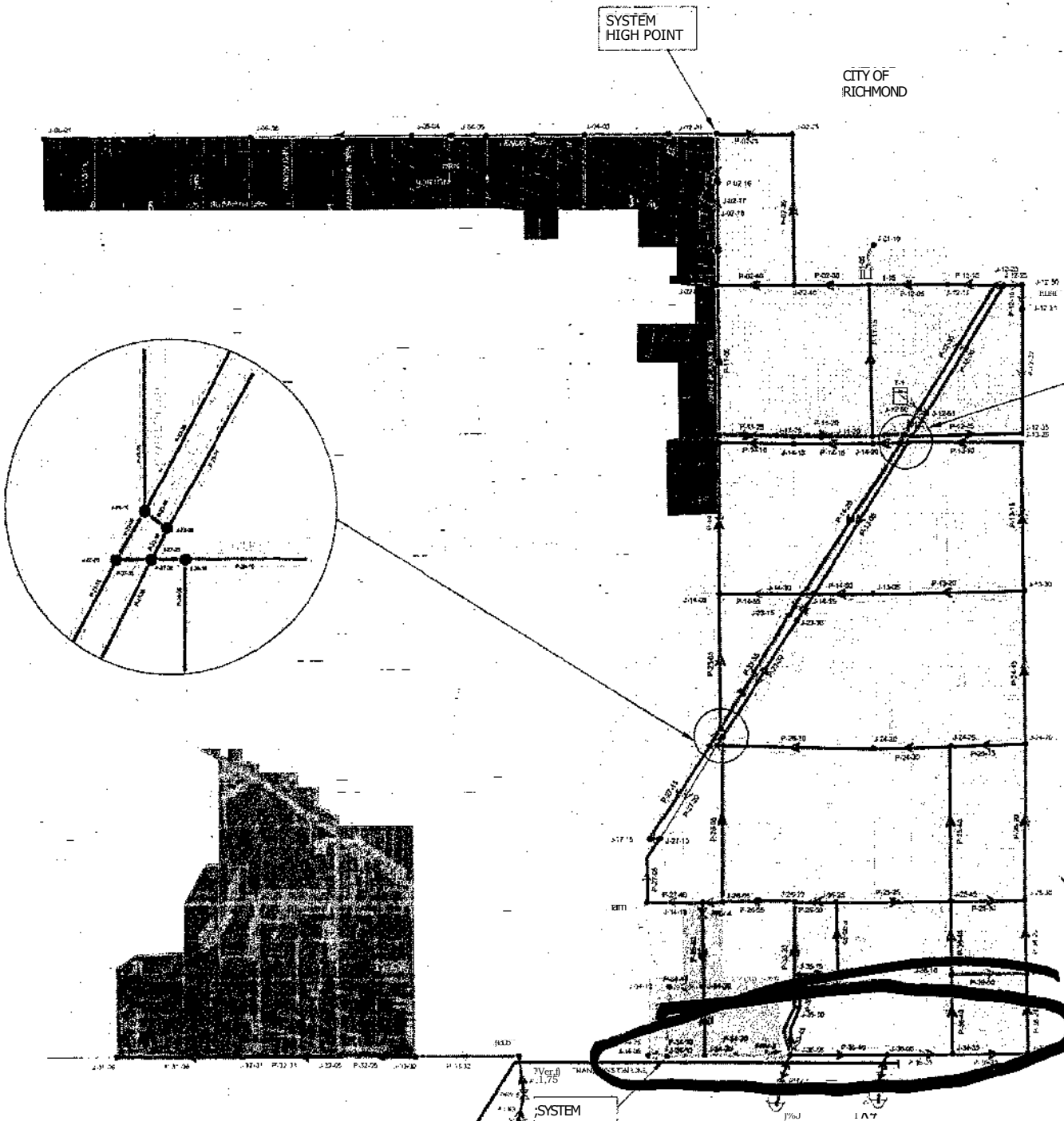
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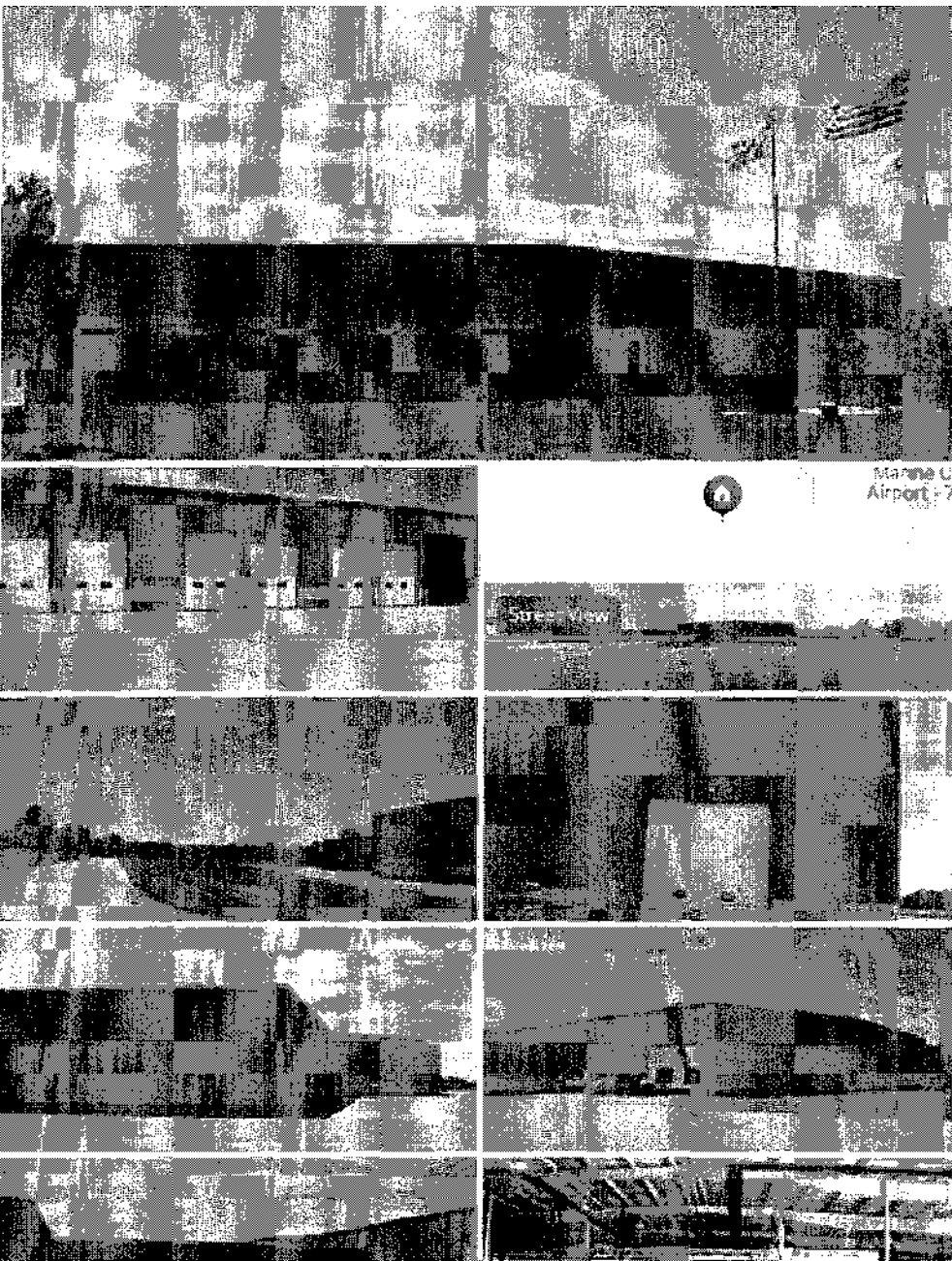
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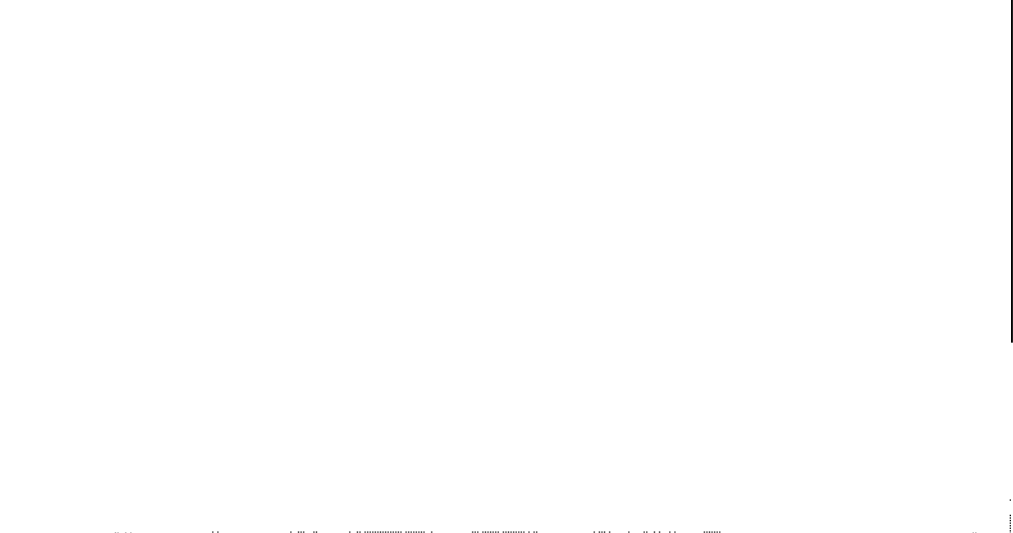
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Overview



ST. CLAIR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION)

300 N. 28th Street, Port Huron, MI 48060 (313) 987-5306

SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM FINAL INSPECTION and AUTHORIZATION FOR USE

This inspection is for determining if the location and construction details and specifications correspond with PERMIT CONDITIONS and ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CODE requirements. It does not necessarily cover grade or fall of the tile system unless, by eye it appears entirely off.

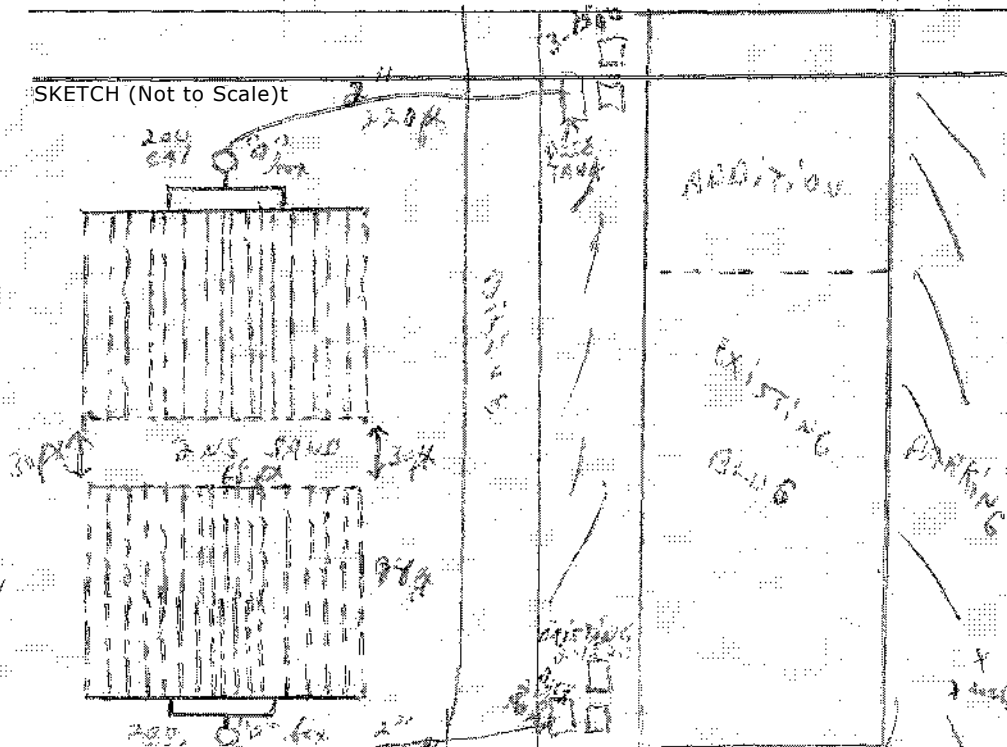
PROPERTY LOCATION 7277 Marine City Hwy. TOWNSHIP CORTLAND
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INSTALLED BY SELF ADDRESS _____

DISPOSAL SYSTEM TYPE: () Trench () 40 sorption Bed () Privy, () Alternate, () Other _____

2. DISPOSAL SYSTEM IS: () New, () Replacement, () Addition, () Alteration: () Septic Tank & Disposal Field, () Septic Tank Only, () Disposal Field Only
3. NUMBER OF SEPTIC TANKS: 2 TANK(S) CAPACITY IN GALLONS: 1500, 1500, 1500 (TOTAL)
4. SEWAGE PUMP/MAKE & MODEL NUMBER: NOT INSTALLED BUT OUTSIDE AT 6000 74- 1032 APRM USED: () VISUAL & AUDIO
5. DISPOSAL TILE TYPE: () Concrete () Clay () Plastic, LASTM# _____
6. SIZE OF ABSORPTION FIELD: 6392 sq. feet. EACH FIELD
7. STONE DEPTH: _____ INCHES: TRENCH WIDTH: _____ INCHES.
8. NUMBER OF TILE LATERALS INSTALLED: 17 LINES 8" CM FIELD
9. WELL INSTALLED ON THIS DATE: 4 YES, () NO UPUBLIC WATER AVAILABLE () OTHER: _____
10. DISPOSAL SYSTEM IS 23 FEET FROM CLOSEST WELL.

PERMISSION TO BACKFILL DISPOSAL TILE GRANTED ON: 6-23-94, 7-20-94.COMMENTS: SUGGEST USE OF LOW VOLTAGE FIXTURES AND ADD 2 MORE
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SKETCH (Not to Scale)



Since many abuses of a disposal system may occur from carelessness or neglect by persons utilizing the system which cannot be by the Health Department, this authorization for use is not to be considered a guarantee of continued successful or trouble free operation, nor as approval to continue using a failing disposal system.

SANITARIAN

DATE SYSTEM APPROVED FOR USE

Table 2. Number of Dwellings. Served by Sanitary Sewers and Septic Systems

	Community	Total Number of Dwellings	Sanitary Sewage Disposal::	
			Public Wastewater Treatment Plant*	Private Onsite Septic System**
Largest # of dwellings ↓ Smallest # of dwellings	Clay Township	4,950	3,046	1,904
	Cottrellville Townshi .	3,175	2,50%	675
		2,225	1,744	485
	China Township	1,301	138	1,163
	Algonac		1,855	0
	Casco Townshi p	1,200t	0	
	Total	11,651	9,279	5,427

*Based on survey of the local communities.

**Estimated based on total number of dwellings in the community minus those served by sanitary sewers.

tDoesn't include Americana Estates Mobile Home Park, which operates a lagoon wastewater treatment system.

1:Including mobile home parks.

There are several NPDES-permitted dischargers of treated sanitary wastewater in the study area as listed in Table 3 (FTC&H 2006a). The entities that discharge treated wastewater to surface waters have a fecal coliform effluent limit of 200 colonies per 100 ml based on a geometric mean of 5 or more samples over 30 days. The MDEQ assumes that *E. coli* WQS are being met when these dischargers met their fecal coliform limit (MDEQ 2002).

Facility Name	Permit #	Receivin Water
Consumers Energy — St. Clair Compressor Station	GW1010168	Groundwater
Millstone Pond Mobile Home Park (MHP)	M10055816	Crapau Creek
Americana Estates of Casco MHP	MI0027073	Marsac Creek
Anchor Bay Schools-Casco	MIG580328	Marsac Creek
MDOT 1-94 WB/SB Rest Area	MIG580027	Marsac Creek
MDOT 1-94 EB/NB Rest Area	M1G580026	Swan Creek
Old Club Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)	M1G570210	St. Clair River
Algonac WWTP	M10020389	St. Clair River

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Macomb Township opened a nature preserve park on Aug. 10. The park is located on 26 Mile Road, east of Card Road. NICOLE TUTTLE FOR THE MACOMB DAILY

By **NICOLE TUTTLE** I

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"People are looking for some type of a nature venue to go to," Macomb Township Supervisor Janet Dunn said.

The park is located on 26 Mile Road, east of Card Road in Macomb Township. It is open 9 a.m. until dusk daily, and there is no cost to utilize the park.

"The park has a 7/10 of a mile walking path," Macomb Township Parks and Recreation Director Salvatore DiCaro said. "It has a pond. It is very scenic. It's like being up north, right here in Macomb Township."

DiCaro said that signs posted throughout the park detail the park's rules and regulations.

"Dogs must be on a leash. The path is for walking. No swimming or fishing," DiCaro said.

Dunn said she received information from the township's facilities and grounds manager, Jason Gelle, that an Audubon Society member recently located 33 different bird species in the park.

In May, the Macomb Township Board of Trustees approved a resolution authorizing submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (MNRTF) grant application for the 26 Mile Road property in the amount of \$1.8 million.

Six Rivers Land Conservancy is a private, non-profit land conservation organization based in Rochester. Dunn confirmed that last year the conservancy acquired the land, and had a purchase agreement with the township to hold the land in the township's behalf. The purchase agreement between the township and the conservancy was to pay \$1.2 million for the property, Dunn confirmed. Dunn also confirmed that the township applied for the \$1.8 million grant, agreeing to commit a 30 percent local match to it, with Six Rivers absorbing half of the local match if the grant is awarded.

The township's interest in the property stemmed from the county interest in providing more connected trails, Dunn said. The first grant application to the MNRTF was not successful, but this year, the conservancy reapplied on the township's behalf, Dunn confirmed.

"Six Rivers came back with an offer to write the grant, rewrite the grant, and see if we could come up with the extra points, which is how they (MNRTF) rate whether

Dunn also said that on Aug. 19, Macomb Township Planning Director Josh Bocks gave a presentation to the state Department of Natural Resources, which offers the MNRTF grant. Follow up emails from the presentation were positive, Dunn said.

"Now we are waiting for them to do the preliminary scoring," Dunn said, adding that the final decision on the grant award is expected in December.

Nicole Tuttle

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LOCAL NEWS

Macomb County officials putting most of \$170M16 rescue-plan money into jail

Other projects put on hold due to expansion, rising costs of jail project

Macomb County Sheriff Anthony Wickersham speaks at a recent news conference. MACOMB DAILY PHOTO

Macomb County Sheriff Anthony Wickersham speaks at a recent news conference. MACOMB DAILY PHOTO

By JAMESON COOK | jcook@medianewsgroup.com | Macomb Daily

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The county executive's administration has decided to use most of the county's \$170 million windfall from the federal government into a new jail intake center instead of also using it to raze the Health Department building and renovate another building.

The revelaton at a recent county Board of Commissioners committee meeting surprised andsiteitSIMMEPAIIMMAI?rs commissioners, saying they have been kept in the dark about county Executive Mark Had

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 e scope of the jail-intake project and nixing a \$77-million, three-pronged plan to demolish the health de.,,,, te the

Verkuilen Building and construct a consolidated health center in the south end.

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While most of the money would go to the jail project, the new plan would maintain \$40 million for three Department of Public Works projects. However, the county may transfer that same amount from its \$100-million fund balance to complete the jail project, thereby putting the total jail project cost at \$170 million, the same amount the county received in federal American Rescue Plan Act dollars.

The changes were met with skeptical responses from board members when Finance Director Stephen Smigiel and Sheriff Anthony Wickersham appeared before them Nov. 15 at a Board of Commissioners committee meeting. Most of the 13-member county legislative branch said they support the jail-intake center but criticized administration officials and Wickersham for not informing them of the changes earlier. Commissioner Don VanSyckel of Sterling Heights said the board has been "backed into a corner" to approve contracts for the projects.

Commissioner Jeff Farrington of Utica said the board "should at least be part of the discussion" after learning the change was made three to four months ago.

"That's how the administration and legislation (sic) should work together," said Farrington, a former state representative.

"We're having that discussion now," Wickersham replied.

"I think that we're having that discussion now, three or four months later, that's ridiculous," Farrington shot back.

Commissioners, in critiquing the administration's decision to alter the plans without consulting them, noted the administration still must gain board approval to spend the money.

Virtually all county officials agree the jail must be replaced or drastically renovated. Located at Groesbeck Highway and Elizabeth Road in Mount Clemens, it was built piecemeal over the past 70 years. Plans for some type of new facility has been in discussion for about four years. The board was ready to place a 0.64 mill request on the 2020 primary ballot to fund a new \$300-million jail, but that was abandoned when the COVID-19 lockdown hit in March 2020.



The Macomb County Jail in Mount Clemens. MACOMB DAILY FILE PHOTO

The county and the jail medical provider, Wellpath, have paid out at least \$3.5 million dollars in recent years over jail deaths as outcomes of some of the many lawsuits filed by estates of inmates.

The jail houses both violent and non-violent criminals and accused criminals. A growing percentage of the inmates are accused of violent acts and held in medium- or high-security cells while awaiting trial, typically for one to two years, occasionally longer. The jail also houses people convicted of crimes that involve incarceration of one year or less. A vast majority of inmates have issues with substance abuse and/or mental illness, and the facilities were not built with those factors taken into consideration.

"What we really need to do is build a whole new jail, knock the things down. There's a ton of problems," Wickersham said.

But in lieu of what would cost several hundred million dollars for an entirely new jail, the county is seeking to build the intake center serving as a "footprint" for the future, the sheriff said.

"We have one shot at this, let's get it right," he told the board in explaining the need to increase beds at the new the facility.

The new plan for the jail is to build an intake center to more effectively process those who have been arrested, including cells for up to 320 inmates on a new third floor in need of mental, physical and/or substance abuse help. Wickersham said this project would be in line with what is happening for incarceration of inmates across the country. The original plan was for two levels with 208 beds.

The jail-intake project would involve demolishing all of the jail facilities except for the highly visible duel tower that houses 750 to 800 inmates, with a capacity of up to 900, and is in the process of receiving \$5.1 million worth of temporary upgrades. When a new tower is built in a few years, after Wickersham is no longer sheriff, there is enough property for it to remain while a new tower is built, he said.

Rising inflation for building materials and labor have contributed to an increased cost of the expanded intake center.

Since the 2020 was nixed, officials have also noted a declining jail population.

Commissioners Joe Sabatini of Macomb Township and Antoinette Wallace of Mount Clemens said while they support the project, they oppose transferring \$40 million from the general fund for it. That transfer would drop the surplus to about \$60 million, which Smigiel said is the lowest he would recommend to keep it at 20% of the \$300 million general fund to help the county maintain its top bond rating.



In recent months, then-commissioner Julie Matuzak of Clinton Township has lobbied to use the surplus for other projects to increase or improve county services. But Smigiel pointed out that while a \$100 million fund balance "sounds like a fair amount of money, if you break it down a little bit, it really isn't. It's not as much as you think on its surface."

Macomb County Commissioner Jeff Farrington of Utica speaks at a recent county board meeting. MACOMB DAILY FILE PHOTO Smigiel said with other capital projects needed, the county

has to come up with another \$80 million, or \$16 million a year, "to do everything on the list."

That money would be raised by issuing bonds, using the surplus and/or reducing the cost of other projects, he added.

Several commissioners questioned the administration's authority to decide how the ARPA funds are to be used and whether the money can be spent on the jail.

Commissioner Mai Xiong of Warren went as far as to question county lawyer John Schapka's opinion the ARPA dollars can go for the jail project.

"Frankly, I'm not convinced this project would be eligible," Xiong said. "It seems like such a huge amount of your ARPA funds are going to the intake center. If you make the case for it, I'd be willing to consider it. It seems like it's been a one-way conversation."

She would prefer to see the money spent on food for the needy, affordable housing, child care and education.

But Commissioner Harold Haugh of Roseville stated the jail project is a top priority.

"This needs to be done; its prioritization," Haugh said. "We can't solve world hunger with one-time money ... with this amount of money."

Xiong said she "would love" to be included and provide input in discussions about options for ARPA funds.

"I look forward to hearing that," Wickersham said.

Matuzak said based on her discussions with many senior citizens groups this year, she believes a millage for an intake center would have voter support.

The administration and/or Wickersham early next year will propose a plan to seek bids to complete the "schematic design" of the project.

Officials face a deadline of Dec. 31, 2024 to allocate the funds or lose them.

Farrington also criticized the cost estimates, noting the rising price of everything.

"It's a flip of the coin on whether those numbers are accurate," he said. "The problem I have with this is I just have zero faith in the numbers."

The \$40 million for Public Works would be spent on the Macomb Interceptor Drainage District sewer rehabilitation to reduce the possibility of any more sinkholes, and combined sewer overflow reduction projects at the Chapaton Pump Station located in St. Clair Shores, which handles the combined flow from all of Eastpointe and about 80% of St. Clair Shores, and at the Martin Drain Retention Treatment Basin, which serves the rest of St. Clair Shores and Roseville, Public Works officials said. The ARPA money will not be enough to complete the projects, but officials have secured federal and state dollars to help pay for them.

Two current commissioners — Farrington and Veronica Klinefelt of Eastpointe — will vacate their seats Jan. 1 as Klinefelt will begin serving as a state senator and Farrington lost his seat in the primary to Sylvia Grot. A third commissioner, Matuzak, resigned within days of the Nov. 15 election to occupy the Clinton Township Board of Trustees post she won in November.

LOCAL NEWS

Dearborn Heights residents encouraged to complete online survey regarding American Rescue Plan Act

Input will be used to help guide the city on the best use of \$24.3 million



In this shot of the city's southwest corner, major Ecorse Creek choke points are noted south of Powers and east of Inkster in several locations. This flood-prone area is where the creek first enters Dearborn Heights. Plans are in the works to build a retention basin north of Powers in the area formerly occupied by the city's incinerator. (Photo courtesy City of Dearborn Heights)

By **ROBERT ANKRAPP I I**

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Dearborn Heights is receiving \$24.3 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, and is seeking input from residents on how to best use it.

In 2021, Congress passed ARPA, which established the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund. The fund is designed to help local governments provide COVID-19 recovery assistance specific to their community needs.

"These funds provide an extraordinary opportunity for our city to make some significant improvements in both our existing services, as well as providing the opportunity to provide new, needed services that will enhance our residents' quality of life," Mayor Bill Bazzi said. "I encourage all residents to voice their opinions on the most desirable improvements we should pursue by taking a few moments to complete this short survey."

Dearborn Heights will receive more than \$24 million in federal funding, which is available for use through 2024. The city is allowed to use the funds within any of the following major categories areas:

- Water and sewer infrastructure: Increase access to clean drinking water, support vital wastewater, and improve stormwater systems
- Broadband connectivity: Faster speeds, more affordable options, and reliable connections
- Public health and well-being: Fund COVID-19 mitigation and prevention, medical expenses, behavioral health care, and prevent and respond to violence
- Public sector revenue: Improve buildings and support facility construction projects
- Essential worker compensation: Providing premium pay to workers in in-person, key economic sectors who fall below a wage threshold

An online survey has been created that gives residents the opportunity to voice their opinions on how - among these categories - the city could best use these funds.

The [link to the survey](https://www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us) is on the main page of the city's website, [ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us](https://www.ci.dearborn-heights.mi.us).

In addition to the survey itself, the site also includes links to a host of background

Plans also are in development for a public meeting, where residents will be able to learn more about the act and complete the survey in person. Information on the meeting date and location will be made available as plans are confirmed.

Robert Ankrapp