



Lenawee County Planning Commission

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2013 LCPC Annual Report to the County Board of Commissioners

1. **2013 LCPC Membership & Officers.** County Commissioner Karol “KZ” Bolton, Mr. Keith Dersham, Mr. Howard Keller, Ms. Becky Liedel, County Commissioner Ralph Tillotson, Mr. James A. Tipton, and Mr. Jerry Wilson served as Lenawee County Planning Commissioners in 2013. Mr. Tipton and Ms. Liedel served as the Chair and Secretary of the LCPC, respectively.

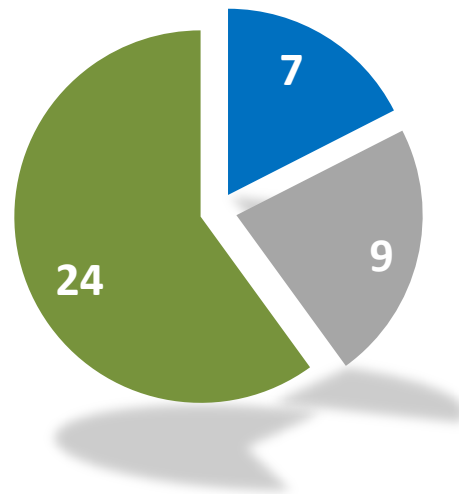
2. **2013 LCPC Accomplishments.** The Lenawee County Planning Commission accomplished a lot over the past year including, but not necessarily limited to:

a. **Coordinated Zoning.** A primary responsibility of the County Planning Commission is to review and recommend action on proposed amendments to township zoning ordinances. The LCPC made recommendations regarding sixteen (16) proposed zoning amendments. The majority of those amendments (n=9) were text amendments while the remainder (n=7) were rezonings (i.e., map amendments).

b. **Farmland Agreements.** Another primary responsibility of the County Planning Commission is to review and make recommendations regarding Farmland and Open Space Preservation (PA 116) applications to a Township Board or the County Board of Commissioners (whichever is pertinent). The LCPC made recommendations on twenty-four (24) applications regarding the preservation of 1,406 acres (i.e., over two (2) square miles) of farmland and open space for periods up to ninety (90) years.

c. **LCPC Annual Dinner.** The 38th Annual Lenawee County Planning Commission Dinner was held at the Lenawee Country Club on April 18, 2013. Approximately forty (40) people attended the event which featured a presentation on the need to plan for non-motorized transportation/recreational facilities made by Mr. Ron Evans of “Connect Lenawee.”

d. **LCPC Bylaws.** The Planning Commission drafted bylaws which—in addition to pertinent provisions of the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MPEA)—will govern its operation. The Commission’s Bylaws were adopted on November 21, 2013.



■ Rezonings (Map Amendments)
■ Text Amendments
■ PA 116 Agreements

3. **2014 LCPC Goals.** The County Planning Commission seeks to coordinate planning throughout Lenawee County while respecting the planning and zoning authority of municipal governments (i.e., cities, villages, and townships). The LCPC will move towards fulfilling that vision by concentrating on the following goals during 2014:
 - a. **LCPC Ordinance.** The Planning Commission intends to update the ordinance creating the LCPC—with the permission of the County Board and Administration—in order to bring it into conformance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act (MPEA) and submit it to the Board of Commissioners for its review and approval.
 - b. **County Master Plan.** The Commission will begin the process of preparing a new edition of the Lenawee County Master Plan. The LCPC will base (in part) its recommendations regarding municipal master plans and township zoning amendments (i.e., rezonings and text amendments) upon the plan. The county plan will also serve as an important resource for local units of government when updating their municipal master plans.
 - c. **Workshops.** The LCPC will host the 39th Annual Lenawee County Planning Commission Dinner and explore—with the permission of the County Board and Administration—the possibility of providing other municipal planning and zoning workshops.
 - d. **Webpage.** The LCPC will investigate—with the permission of the County Board of Commissioners and Administration—the possibility of developing a webpage on <http://lenawee.mi.us> regarding the County Planning Commission for the use of its members and the municipalities they serve.
 - e. **Policies.** The Planning Commission will also develop and promote policies which foster coordination and cooperation among municipalities whenever possible.
4. **Meetings.** The County Planning Commission meets on the third (3rd) Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the 2nd Floor Committee Room of the Old Courthouse, with the exception of the Annual Dinner.

*Submitted on the behalf of the Lenawee County Planning Commission
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