



# Lenawee County Planning Commission

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## 2014 LCPC Annual Report

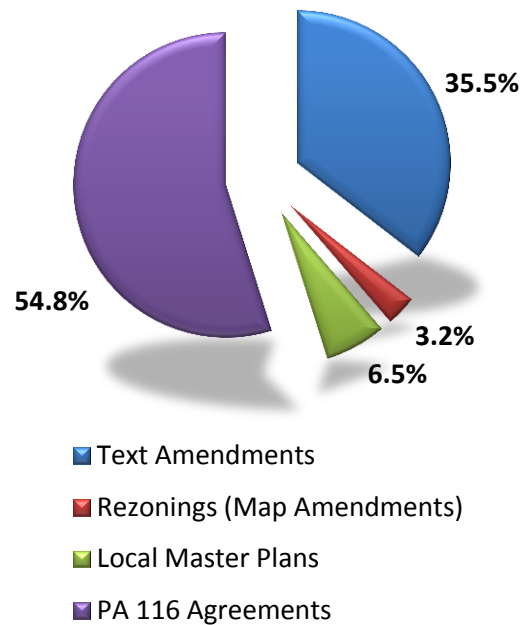
- 2014 LCPC Membership & Officers.** County Commissioner Karol “KZ” Bolton, Mr. Keith Dersham, Mr. Howard Keller, Ms. Becky Liedel, County Commissioner Ralph Tillotson, Mr. James A. Tipton, and Mr. Jerry Wilson served as Lenawee County Planning Commissioners in 2014. Mr. Tipton served as the Chair of the LCPC.
- 2014 LCPC Accomplishments.** The Lenawee County Planning Commission accomplished a lot over the past year including, but not necessarily limited to:

- Coordinated Zoning.** A first 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 twelve (n=12) proposed zoning amendments in 2014. The majority of those amendments (n=11) were text amendments while only one (n=1) was a rezoning (i.e., map amendment).

- Coordinated Planning.** The second primary responsibility of the Commission is to review and provide feedback on the proposed municipal (i.e., city, village and township) master plans within Lenawee County as well as master plans proposed by surrounding counties. The LCPC reviewed and commented upon two (n=2) proposed municipal master plans in 2014.

- Farmland Agreements.** The third 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 seventeen (n=17) applications regarding the preservation of farmland and open space for periods up to ninety (90) years in 2014.

- LCPC Annual Dinner.** The 39th Annual Lenawee County Planning Commission Dinner was held at the Lenawee County Club on April 17, 2014. Approximately thirty-five (35) people attended the event which featured a presentation on solid waste planning by Ms. Tonia Olson and crowdsourcing by Rep. Nancy Jenkins and Mr. Chris Miller.



- e. **Population Projections.** The Planning Commission utilized population projections made by the Michigan Department of Transportation for Lenawee County in 2040 to develop 5-year population projections for the entire county as well as the Clinton-Tecumseh-Adrian Urbanizing Corridor (i.e., the Cities of Adrian and Tecumseh; the Village of Clinton; and the Townships of Adrian, Clinton, Madison, Raisin, and Tecumseh), the Irish Hills-Devils Lake Recreational Area (i.e., the Villages of Addison, Cement City (partial), and Onsted and the Townships of Cambridge, Rollin, Rome, and Woodstock). The projections were used for the 2015-2019 edition of the *Lenawee County Parks and Recreation Plan* and will be used for the 2015 amendment of the *Lenawee County Solid Waste Management Plan* and the next edition of the *Lenawee County Master Plan*.
3. **2015 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 2015:
    - 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 continue 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 40th 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 continue to investigate—with the permission of the County Board 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.

*Submitted on the behalf of the Lenawee County Planning Commission  
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